

Have you been wondering what your benefits of your membership are?

As a member you receive:

Meetings and Workshops: You have the opportunity to attend 9 workshops from September to June (excluding December). This is a wonderful networking opportunity with the child care community. All our workshops are available to anyone; non-members pay a nominal fee to attend.

Grievance Committee: Have you ever had a question on how to answer a parent concern/complaint or licensing issue? Ever need help with where/who to write/send your concerns to? Wanted to ask someone questions about licensing regulations or policies? Wanted to respond to bad press but did not know where to start? These and many more issues are what our Grievance Committee is available to our members for. The Grievance Committee handles any and all requests in a professional, private and confidential manner. See your newsletter for the committee listing.

Access to a photocopier and a laminator: As a member you have access to a photocopier and a laminator for a minimal fee. The photocopier and laminator are at Rena Laberge's house at 677 Kent Road (#250-727-6176) and the cost for photocopies is \$0.05 per copy on 8 ½ x 11 paper. The cost for laminating is \$0.75 a foot (18 inches wide). Please phone to make an appointment to use either the photocopier or laminator. Another service that is available to members is you can bring your photocopying or laminating to a meeting and it will be returned to you at the next meeting (no extra cost).

Newsletters: SVIFCCA puts out 5 newsletter issues per year (September, November, January, March and June) that is filled with current information on issues locally and from around the province, workshop opportunities for you and the community (post on your bulletin board), seasonal craft ideas, upcoming field trips and much more.

Field Trips & Special Events: As a member you are able to join in on the planned monthly field trips at a nominal fee (reduced fees charged to large groups and effectively negotiated by our committee members). The Special Events include a Christmas Party, Theme Day in every other May in honour of Child Care Month and Summer Picnic on the other month of May. A list of the upcoming field trips and events are listed in the newsletter or on the website (www.svifcca.com).

Membership with BC Family Child Care Association:

When you are a member with SVIFCCA you also are a member of BCFCCA, which gives you a voice provincially. You receive a newsletter from BCFCCA, which will give you information about what is happening around the province in the child care field. BCFCCA also has items for sale such as record keeping calendar, caregiver contracts and emergency cards. Both of these items are very useful tools in your day-to-day operation. Check out their website at www.bcfcca.ca

Affiliate Membership with Canadian Child Care Federation: With your membership with SVIFCCA you have an affiliate membership with Canadian Child Care Federation, which give you a national voice. CCCF puts out a national newsletter called “Interaction” which you receive with you membership.

Parent Referrals: Did you know that parents can call our Contact Line @391-6556 to get child care referrals. If you have any openings now or in the future please contact either the contact line or email SVIFCCA at childcare@svifcca.com so that we may assist you in filling your vacancy.

Website: SVIFCCA website address is www.svifcca.com and is available with information on upcoming field trips, meetings, committees, etc. There is also many links to various website of interest including the local municipalities where you will find the local bylaws for your area.