



**Child Care Resource and Referral Centres
Submitted by the BCLA Information Policy Committee, April 21, 2007**

Whereas, public libraries are strongly connected to the issues of child development and a child's lifelong learning, including literacy promotion;

And Whereas, public libraries have been closely working with Child Care Resource and Referral Centres (CCRRs) to augment opportunities for children, parents, and child care workers to use and access learning resources and programs;

And Whereas, libraries, in turn, rely upon the expertise of CCRRs for child care and development information, resources, and programming;

And Whereas, from January 2007 to present, cuts in provincial funding have directly affected CCRRs resulting in service and collection reduction in varying degrees throughout the province, including the elimination of book based services, and potentially downloading these needed services to local public libraries who may not be able to accommodate the additional services;

Be It Resolved that the BCLA write a letter to Premier Gordon Campbell; Minister of State for Childcare, Linda Reid; Minister of Children and Family Development, Tom Christensen; Minister of Finance, Carole Taylor; Minister of Education, Sheila Bond; and the Federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, Hon. Monte Solberg to protest the cuts;

Be It Further Resolved that BCLA shall ask BCLTA representatives and their member boards to contact their MLAs to encourage their support for maintaining and restoring funding to CCRR.

Be It Further Resolved that BCLA send a press release to local media indicating their concerns about these cuts.

Moved by D. Greyson. Seconded by B. J. May