

## BCFHRC PEER Kindergarten Transition Program: Registration now open!

You are invited to participate in PEER, our Kindergarten transition program at BC Family Hearing Resource Centre this year! PEER is designed for families of deaf and hard of hearing children across British Columbia and the Yukon who will be starting Kindergarten in **September 2024**. There are two parts to the program:

**PEER for PARENTS: Ten evening online parent sessions** that run from October 2023 to April 2024, with a final session in October 2024 after your child has started Kindergarten. Each 90-minute session is accessible to all and will be recorded, to allow for catch-up on any sessions you are unable to attend live. Topics include:

- Learning about the educational options available for your child in BC
- Understanding potential challenges your child may face in school settings, and strategies to address these
- Recognising and advocating for your child's specific communication and access needs in school
- Effectively working with your child's team in school
- Developing your child's confidence and self-advocacy skills

**PEER for KIDS: Two events for children to get together.** A pizza party in the fall (in-person at Surrey, Vancouver and Victoria Centres, and an online option), and our two-day parent-participation children's classroom in April 2024 (in-person at our Surrey Centre or an online option). These events provide opportunities for your child to build their self-esteem and identity while meeting their peers. The children's classroom also gives them practice with self-advocacy skills and strategies for access.

**Schedule:** The program's full schedule is outlined below.

**Cost:** There is no program fee, although there is a \$40 fee for the PEER binder, which is due at registration.

**Registration:** [https://bit.ly/BCFHRC PEER 2023-2024](https://bit.ly/BCFHRC_PEER_2023-2024)

Registration is required to access the PEER for Parents course materials and sessions.

(After registering, you will be invited to sign-up for each of the PEER for KIDS events nearer each date. This will let us know if you and your child will be able to join us.)

**For more information:**

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Sincerely,

**The PEER Team**

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## PEER SCHEDULE

- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 1: NAVIGATING THE KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION (online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 2: EDUCATION FAIR (online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 3: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN IN THE CLASSROOM (online)
- PEER for KIDS:** Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
PIZZA PARTY (in-person, Surrey, Vancouver & Victoria Centres, or online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 4: EDUCATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN WITH DIVERSE ABILITIES (online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 5: ACCESS: WHAT IS IT & HOW IS IT ACHIEVED? (PART 1) (online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 6: ACCESS: WHAT IS IT & HOW IS IT ACHIEVED? (PART 2) (online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 7: SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CHILD SELF-ADVOCACY (online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 8: PARENT ADVOCACY (online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 9: TEAM MEETINGS, INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEP'S) & BEYOND (online)
- PEER for KIDS:** Saturday & Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
PARENT PARTICIPATION CHILDREN'S CLASSROOM (in-person, Surrey Centre or online)
- PEER for PARENTS:** Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Session 10: PEER IN ACTION (online)

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