

# BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE EARLY YEARS



## ALBERTA COALITION GATHERING

**EDi** **March 8 and 9**, LEYC attended the FCSSAA Coalition Gathering for all Alberta ECD Coalitions. Representatives from the Ministry of Human Services, Health and Education shared their ongoing commitment to early childhood development in Alberta. The Early Development Index (EDI) is now being completed in kindergarten classrooms across our city. We look forward to sharing the results in the New Year! [NEW EDI and Early Years Video](#)

## ROVING GYMS

**March 19th** LEYC, in partnership with Sport Council and Lethbridge Public Library, ran Lethbridge's first pilot Roving Gym. It was a huge success with full registration of 40 children. We had a guest speaker who briefly talked about physical literacy and lots of time for participants to try out the age appropriate equipment. One caregiver's feedback form read, "**Great to have an activity where kids and parents can interact as well as FREE!**" Our second pilot Roving Gym will be April 16th.



## LETHBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

**February through March** presentations on the EDI results and "Core Story" were made to a number of Lethbridge Neighbourhood Associations as well as the Council of Lethbridge Neighbourhoods. LEYC has a page of early years' activities included in the City of Lethbridge's Neighbour Day Planning Guide to support Associations and to encourage the inclusion of the early years in all event planning.



## PARENT CAFÉ FACILITATOR TRAINING

**April 7th** LEYC hosted a Parent Café Facilitator Training facilitated by Launa Clark from Motivation in Calgary. Forty-three participants left the training equipped to host Parent Cafés in their communities around the City of Lethbridge.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** LEYC will be hosting a "Parent Café Practice Session" for trained hosts to invite friends, neighbours and colleagues to attend along with them and experience a Parent Café conversation. Mentors will be present to give feedback and support for the hosts.



## SAVE THE DATE!

As a member of our Advisory Council you are invited to join us for an interactive discussion over breakfast on **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am – 10:00am**. A formal invitation with more details will be sent closer to the date.