

REFUGEE RESPONSE TEAM

Thompson Okanagan & Kootenays

Childcare Resources Thompson, Okanagan, and Kootenays

The Refugee Response Fund is a provincially funded-program that supports services and programs for resettled refugees from Afghanistan and displaced Ukrainians arriving in Canada under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel program.

The Refugee Response Team, Thompson, Okanagan and Kootenays is compiled of six multi-service agencies, including Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, Kamloops Immigrant Services, KCR Community Resources, Shuswap Immigrant Services Society, South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services, and Vernon and District Immigrant and Community Services Society.

The team has compiled a list of childcare resources in the Thompson, Okanagan, and Kootenay regions. These include summer camps, day care, after-school care, and preschool services. The information is listed alphabetically by provider name. Ages for eligibility are listed in the second-last column on the right.

Instructions: Please click on the service provider name to be redirected to their website. To learn more about the programs available, or to register your child for service or programming, please connect with the service provider directly.



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Provider	Services	Location	Ages	Service Times
<p><u>JumpStart Individual Child Grants</u></p>	<p>Sometimes, families need financial assistance to get their kids into a sport or physical activity. We're committed to helping all families access a range of activities, from boxing to bowling and skating to skiing, and more.</p>	<p>Province-wide</p>	<p>4-18 years</p>	<p>Please contact the JumpStart centre nearest your location for start and end dates.</p>
<p><u>\$10 a Day ChildCareBC Centres</u></p>	<p>To help families get ahead, the Province is funding thousands of new quality, affordable child care spaces, building better facilities, lowering fees for families and training more people to become early learning professionals.</p>	<p>Province-wide</p>	<p>Centre-specific</p>	<p>Please contact the ChildCareBC centre nearest your location for start and end dates.</p>
<p><u>BC SPCA</u></p>	<p>Summer camps across the Kootenay and Okanagan regions.</p>	<p>Kamloops, BC Kelowna, BC Castlegar, BC, virtual events</p>	<p>For kids born 2011 to 2014, 205 to 2016.</p>	<p>Service and location specific.</p>

<p><u>BC Summer Reading Club</u></p>	<p>Summer programming that supports literacy and literate citizenship, connect children with reading materials, increase children's enthusiasm and confidence in reading.</p>	<p>Libraries province-wide</p>	<p>All children and their families.</p>	<p>Summer, annually.</p>
<p><u>Boys and Girls Club Cranbrook</u></p>	<p>After school care and childcare during non-instructional days when school is not in session.</p>	<p>Cranbrook, BC</p>	<p>Ages 5-11 years</p>	<p>After school care, and care on non-instructional days when school is not in session.</p>
<p><u>Boys and Girls Club Kamloops</u></p>	<p>After school programs, Little Club Kids Daycare, Power Start, First Steps, spring and summer camps.</p>	<p>Kamloops, BC</p>	<p>Ages 5-12 years; ages 0-36 months; ages 3-5 years;</p>	<p>Service specific.</p>
<p><u>Boys and Girls Club Kamloops</u></p>	<p>After school drop-in, connections - Girls and Boys Group, youth outreach, RBC raise the grade, Nights Alive, youth life skills, drop-in wellness, youth necessity nook, after hours (extended) programming, youth leadership council, lead up, creating connections, summer drop-in.</p>	<p>Kamloops, BC</p>	<p>11-18, 13-21, 11-24, 13-18, 13-19.</p>	<p>Service specific.</p>

<u>Boys and Girls Club Okanagan</u>	Preschool, daycare, afterschool care and recreation programs.	Okanagan Region	0-5 years, age 5-12 years, youth and teens	Service specific.
<u>Camp AOC</u>	Overnight faith-based summer camps.	Kelowna, BC	7-13+ years	Service specific.
<u>Camp OC at Okanagan College</u>	Summer camps across the Okanagan region.	Okanagan Collges across the Okanagan Region	Grades 1-12	Service specific.
<u>Castlegar and District Community Services Society</u>	Castlegar Youth Action Network	Castlegar and District	12-19 years.	Weekly meetings.
<u>Castlegar and District Public Library</u>	A to Z Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime, Reading Buddies, Teen Friends of the Library, Kootenay Teen Book Club, Kootenay Teen News,	Castlegar and District	Program specific.	Service specific.

<u>Central Okanagan Family Hub c/o Pearson Road Elementary School</u>	Information and referral, outreach services and support, Parent Learning Hub, Play Zone.	Kelowna, BC	Any parents, grandparents or caregivers in The Central Okanagan, or those who are moving to the Central Okanagan.	Services are available Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
<u>Childhood Connections</u>	Drop-in childcare, workshops, early learning library, story walks, playful healing, ages and stages.	Kelowna, BC	18 months - 6 years	Service specific.
<u>Columbia Outdoor School</u>	Spring and summer camps.	Cranbrook, BC	6-14, 13-14, 15-18 years	Service specific.
<u>Cranbrook Public Library</u>	Baby Laptime, Storytime, Toddler Tuesdays, After-School Program.	Cranbrook, BC	Program specific.	Service specific.
<u>Foundry Kelowna</u>	Foundry Kelowna is a wellness centre where young people aged 12-24 and their families can find hope, help and support, when they need it.	Kelowna, BC	12-24 years	Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

<u>Foundry Penticton</u>	Mental health and substance support, primary care, peer support and social services.	Penticton, BC	12-24 years	Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-5:00 pm, Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 pm.
<u>Girl Guides</u>	Explore the arts, science. outdoor challenges, global awareness, leadership, and community engagement.	Province-wide	5-17 years	Based on the school-year.
<u>Helios</u>	Ultimate frisbee summer, fall, and winter programming.	Thompson-Nicola Regional District	14-18	Service specific.
<u>Kamloops Community YMCA-YWCA</u>	Playcare, day camps, after school care, kids fitness, youth courses, mental wellness programs, Y Day Care.	Kamloops, BC	Program specific.	Service specific.
<u>Kamloops Immigrant Services</u>	Spring and summer half-day camps.	Kamloops, BC	6-12 years	Service specific.
<u>Kamloops Immigrant Services</u>	On-site childcare, Zoom kids play, park pop up, comfort play teach.	Kamloops, BC	0-6 years	Service specific.
<u>Kees Tae Kwon Do</u>	Martial arts summer camps.	Okanagan Region	3+ years	Service and location specific.

<u>Kelowna Now - Kids Camps and Courses</u>	Camps and courses.	Okanagan Region	Kids and teens	Service specific.
<u>Kids Adventure Camp at College of the Rockies</u>	Kids adventure camps, outdoor recreation, climbing, water sports.	Cranbrook, BC	7-10, 10-14 years, teens, kids	Service specific.
<u>Kootenay Covenant Bible Camp</u>	Summer bible camp.	Nelson, BC	Ages 8-12 years	Summer 2023.
<u>Kootenay Family Place</u>	Summer skateboard coaching.	Castlegar, BC	Youth	July and August, annually.
<u>Kootenay Gallery of Art</u>	Spring break art camp.	Castlegar, BC	8-12 years	Spring break, annually.
<u>Kootenay Kids Family Place</u>	Playgroups, parenting support and education, family support.	Nelson, BC	Program specific.	Service specific.
<u>Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre</u>	Week-long naturalist summer camps.	Creston, BC	4-13 years, 14+	Summer 2023.
<u>Maven Lane</u>	Infant-toddler, ages 3-5 years, Kindergarten programming, school-age programming	Okanagan Region	9-36 months, 24-36 months, 3-5 years, preschool, kindergarten, school age	Service and location specific.

<u>Nelson Public Library</u>	PenPal Club, Family Storytime, Book Babes, Afterschool Activities, Homeschooler Meetup.	Nelson, BC	Program specific	Service specific.
<u>Okanagan Boys and Girls Club - Vernon</u>	Daycare, after school programs, recreation programs, youth recreation programs, drop-in for youth, life skills program, birthday parties, Nobody's Perfect Parenting, Mother Goose programs, Child care Resource and Referral, Ready Set Learn, PALS.	Vernon, BC	Program specific	Service specific.
<u>Okanagan Family Fun</u>	Summer camps across the Okanagan region.	Okanagan Region	3-16, program specific	Service specific.
<u>Regional District of Central Kootenay Recreation</u>	Seasonal recreational programming including skating, swim lessons, teen health and fitness programs, and preschool social programs.	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Program specific	Service specific.
<u>Rossland Museum and Discovery Centre</u>	Summer camp and programs.	Rossland, BC	5-12 years	Service specific.

<u>Scouts Canada</u>	Environment and outdoors, leadership, active and healthy living, citizenship, creative expression, belief and values.	Province-wide	5-26 years	January 1 - December 31, annually.
<u>Silver King Childcare Centre at Selkirk College</u>	Childcare.	Nelson, BC	6 weeks-5 years.	Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 5:15 pm.
<u>STEM Powered Education</u>	After school programming, STEM and coding courses.	Kelowna, BC	6-15 years.	Service specific.
<u>Summer camps and youth programming at UBC Okanagan</u>	STEM camps, engineering camps, Heat sports camps, Indigenous programs.	Kamloops, BC	Youth, ages 5-12 years, ages 12-17 years, grades kK-12, grades 5-12	Service specific.
<u>The Forest Path</u>	Weekly outdoor education programs and camps.	Nelson, BC	0-6, 3-6, 7-12 years	Seasonal programming.
<u>Thompson-Nicola Regional Library</u>	Storytime, Preschool Music Camp, Lego Club, Parent-Child Mother Goose, Craft Club, Story Dog, Youth Hub.	Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Program specific	Service specific.
<u>Thrive Kids Canada</u>	After-school care and day camps during school breaks.	Okanagan Region	Kids K-age 12, ages 13-18 years	After school and during school breaks.

<u>Trail Family and Individual Resource Society</u>	After-school care and day camps during school breaks.	Trail, BC	Program specific	Service specific.
<u>YMCA of Southern Interior BC</u>	Full day child care, preschool, before and after school care, camps, child minding.	Kelowna, BC	0-5, 3-5, 5-12, 3-16 years	Service and location specific.
<u>ZEP MTB Camps</u>	Spring and summer coaching for youth mountain biking.	Okanagan Region	8-12 years	Spring and summer.

This list was compiled in January 2023 by the Refugee Response Team Thompson Okanagan & Kootenays. Email rrt@kcr.ca for more information.