

Some Resources for Planting Dreams Teen Daycare Backpacks

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1. Parenting Support for Teen Parents

Ayala Mandolson, Barb Ward and Nancy Dodington. You Make the Difference. (An Aboriginal Adaptation developed in partnership with the Walpole Island First Nation community.) 1998. Toronto: Hanen Early Language Program.

This well-illustrated, easy to read book helps parents respond to the cues their children give them. Available from the Hanen Centre at 416-921-1225 or info@hanen.org or www.hanen.org at @\$20.00 each plus shipping.

Olsen, Sylvia. Girl With a Baby. Sonosis Press, 2003. \$9.95

This novel by Canadian author Sylvia Olsen explores what day to day life for 14 year old Jane, mother of Destiny, is like as she goes back to school.

"Precious Minds" *This joyful video produced by the Ottawa Kiwanis Club for Ontario Early Learning Centres shows children and families of all cultures and backgrounds reading together in many different situations. Distributed by IDS at idssales@sympatico.ca or by calling 613-761-7777. The cost is \$11 per video (1-10 copies) plus \$15 shipping and handling.*

"Fingersplay: FingerPlays and Action Rhymes for Children" by Kevin MacKenzie. *Well-known Saskatchewan storyteller Kevin MacKenzie shows parents of children as young as 2 (and up to age 7) how to share action rhymes and delight in a world of play, words and laughter. This video is also available on CD-ROM. Video is \$24.95 each. Contact Kevin at 1-866-255-7525 or at kevin@storiesbykevin.com*

2. For Those Working with Teen Parents

Olsen, Sylvia. Just Ask Us: A Conversation with First Nations Teenage Moms. Sonosis Press, 2005. \$22.95.

Aboriginal girls are four and a half times likely to become teen moms than girls from the general population. Sylvia Olsen asks why and she listens as teen moms share their life stories and insights.

3. Books and Print Material for Babies and Infants

Although there are some great board books (durable) for little ones, not too many have Aboriginal images in them. The best source for books and other print material is the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre located at 120-33rd Street in Saskatoon. Tel: 306-244-1146 ext. 29, or e-mail -

info@sicc.sk.ca. You can see their catalogue at www.sicc.sk.ca/acatalog

Please note that the books are not as durable as board books and could be torn by young children.

There are simple books in Plains Cree, Swampy Cree, Woodland Cree, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, Dene and Nakawe - some with English translations, some without.

There are fantastic flashcards with good graphics (alphabet, numbers, big game, small game, hours, eight directions) in all language groups which we have laminated for use in the backpacks.

Redvers, Peter, Mother Raven Nursery Rhymes. Northwest Territories Literary Council, 1992. *This "northern version of Mother Goose" incorporates northern animals and experiences in rhymes like "Bwaa, Bwaa, Black Moose, have you any fat? Yes, sir, yes, sir, three packsacks!" Like the books produced by the SICC, this is not a board book and therefore not as durable for young hands. Available from the NWT Literacy Council at \$7.00 each. Call 867-873-9262 or e-mail at nwliteracy@nwliteracy.ca*

4. Music

Once again, check out the SICC catalogue. Here are two I've heard:

Nakawe Nagamon: Let's Sing Nakawe. Recorded by Albert Scott, SICC. CD \$18.

Albert Scott sings number, shape, wake up and greeting songs as well as a "Baby Lullabye Song" and many more. He introduces the songs in English giving some context and suggestions as to how they can be used and sung.

Cree Children's Songs. A variety of artists add their voices to this mellow recording which includes "O Kanata", lullabies and wake up songs, the Number Song and many others. Cassette tape, \$13.00