



Coordinator's Report

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During the month of March, the “Conversation on Chilliwack’s Children” has been top priority. My role in the annual event includes promotions, scheduling, registration and ensuring that all the pieces others are responsible for, come together as planned.

On March 12, I had the privilege of facilitating the “Family Friendly Initiative” at the fifth of five Healthier Community’s forums. Our group identified many positive initiatives which support families in our community, however, with so many families in crisis, it was agreed that even with so many supports in place it is not enough. While there were other groups addressing affordable housing and other positive community initiatives, we agreed that all of these things contribute to being family friendly. Poverty and mental illness were identified as foremost in debilitating family wellbeing in our community. As a group we came to the conclusion that many vulnerable families in our community could benefit from one on one positive role modeling; families matched with families.

This month I had the opportunity to work with Brenda Listoen, Youth Connect Worker, CCS and Teresa McKenzie, youth worker from Ann Davis, preparing a presentation on the subject of Sexual Exploitation for grade 7-8 students as part of GW Graham’s “Health Day”. The intention of the presentation was to create awareness so that kids will be alert to potential dangers and think about the choices they are making in regards to technology and who they choose as friends. We presented two workshops on March 14.

On March 18, I along with Dan and Rob Lees, did a presentation for City Council on the CYC “Every Door is the Right Door” initiative, our website and our 21st Conversation on Chilliwack’s Children.



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On March 26, I had the privilege of accepting the United Way, Priority Grant for the Early Year's Committee. Even there, Chilliwack's trail blazing was recognized – makes one very proud to be part of the Chilliwack CYC.

Yesterday I had the opportunity to do my first ever in studio radio interview regarding our "Conversation on Chilliwack's Children" at 89.5 the Drive. The interview is airing today at 9:40 am.

I appreciate that every month I am stretched to learn new skills that help to enhance the things I am called to do in my position.