



Coordinator's Report

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On December 4, I was able to participate in the CQI Congress held at the Langley Event Centre. Dan, Julie and I presented a workshop on the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee. It was interesting hearing comments from professionals from other communities how they wished their community had a CYC like, what we enjoy in Chilliwack. We also got good feedback regarding our website; it's good looking and easy to navigate. The underlying theme throughout the day was "listen and include your clients in their care plan" and "work together with other agencies". It was affirmation that as a CYC we are current and relevant in focusing on "Every Door is the Right Door".

On December 10, I had opportunity to take part in the Let's Talk About Youth event, which is part of the Aboriginal Youth engagement project, headed up by Theresa Point. The youth who participated were well-spoken and showed fabulous leadership skills. I left the day feeling like I had learned lots and that some important ground work had been accomplished.

I have been working with the Every Door is the Right Door working group planning the upcoming training for Administrative Staff. A survey was completed by Administrative Staff and the results of this survey are helping to shape the two training sessions. The administrative staff were all employees of CYC agencies and surprisingly 50% did not know about childand youth.com. As part of our strategic plan, I am currently working on developing a survey to discover how agencies are currently engaging families and collaborating with other agencies.

I have also been working with the Community Action Team to plan events for Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week, February 11-13. Something new this year will be a rally held at the Courthouse stairs, followed by a march around the block. February 12, at 1:00 pm will be an event geared to professionals. Jassy Bindra from the RCMP Human Trafficking Division will be speaking, as well, Trisha Baptiste will share her story of how she entered the sex trade as a young girl. I had the privilege of hearing both speak last year and found their information to be eye opening and very practical and useful especially if you suspect a youth is being exploited.



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In the Fall, I took on the project of updating and refreshing the "Parent Resource Guide" I am hoping that by the end of this week, that it will be ready for distribution. A printable copy will be available on the CYC website.

Planning for the Annual Consultation is well under way and the day is nicely taking shape. The working group is made up of many perspectives and as a result, I feel we will have a well-rounded day.