



Coordinator's Report

June 2014

As I reflect on the past year and the many things I have had the privilege of being involved in, it is an indication of the great work being done by the Child and Youth Committee.

The "Every Door is the Right Door" initiative has continued to gain support not only from CYC members but others as well. We have enjoyed the honor of being nominated for a Premier's Award and got to experience a video shoot. In December Dan, Julie and I had the opportunity to speak at a regional conference about the CYC, our website and "Every Door is the Right Door". In November, the "referral card" was an idea to consider and now it is being used successfully by agencies. Frontline Staff have been trained and equipped with resources to better serve clients. We were able to celebrate the success of another informative and well-attended "Conversation on Chilliwack's Children", and as a community create a Chilliwack definition of "Family Smart".

The Early Years Committee held its annual celebration of National Child Day at City Hall. Along with preschoolers, Middle Years students from Central's "Second Day" were invited to participate and present to City Council as a way to create awareness around the specific needs for this age group. I worked with Charlotte DeBruyn from School District #33 to bring 2 resource fairs focusing on Kindergarten readiness. The Early Year's Committee was able to recreate and print a new Child Development Guide. The Early Years Committee purchased 2 colourful canopies, which have already been put to good use.

This year's Sexual Exploitation Awareness week had good attendance at the events and received great media coverage. The Youth Matters Committee was able to bring 3 Challenge Day events to Chilliwack High Schools and is working towards bringing 4 events in the Fall for Middle Schools.

Documents have been updated and created, the website continues to grow in users and subscribers and more people are recognizing the CYC logo and the role of the committee in the community. I appreciate the variety and the diversity my job brings and the many interesting people I get to work with. I hope the summer brings refreshment and good adventures for all.