



# Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Early Years Sub-Committee



When: Thursday March 1, 2012 at 1:00 to 3:00 pm  
Where: Central Gateway for Families, Room 119, 9435 Young Rd

Recorder: Annette Williams

Co-Chairs: Dan Bibby and Barb Presseau

**ATTENDANCE:**

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## 1. Welcome and Introductions -

### Co-chair transition

Plan was for Child and Youth Coordinator to become co-chair, rotating professionals as co-chairs. Cindy has had four month to settle into new role, and she is ready to chair. Beginning in April, Cindy and Kiran will be chairing. Co-chairs meet one week ahead to plan agenda and guests, and connect with committee sub-chairs. Darby and Kiran have been meeting with Cindy bi-weekly on a rotational basis to offer regular support.



**CCS Staffing:** CCS is reviewing how many committees and conference calls staff participate in, and reducing the number of CCS staff per committee to be one. Barb Presseau will represent CCS at the Early Years Sub-Committee.

**2. Approval of Agenda** – approved

**3. Approval of Jan 5, 2012 Minutes** – approved with wording changes noted below

Section 4.1 Speaker: reword section about Dave Parks to read “Dave Parks had great information and was good on Q&A overall”

Section 6 Task Group Reports: replace section which says Trish hired a full-time coordinator with “MCFD has contracted with CCS for a full-time coordinator...” Also change the name of role from Young Parent Services to “Youth Parent Family Support Worker”.

Eliminate “those two groups will amalgamate”, as they aren’t amalgamating.

**4. Business Arising**

**Early Years Leadership Partner Group & 2012 Budget Review** – discussion led by Dan Bibby.

Funding for Early Years table from MCFD is \$120,579, from Success by 6 \$30769, which makes a total budget of \$151,348. This money is for funding requests from table, grant requests from table, and Child and Youth Coordinator’s wage.

There is a perceived need to support Gateway every year. Rather than make them go through an annual proposal, it is being considered that Gateway’s support be part of the regular budget.

The addition of the Gateway Coordinator has been beneficial. There are currently 80-95 young parents in Chilliwack Community. Most of them are in vulnerable situations. Important services for these parents are Sardis Doorway, Better Beginnings, Downtown Family Place and Gateway. One of MCFD priorities this year is an Early Years review.

The Early years Sub-Committee Strategic Plan will be factored in over the next couple of years, as part of goal setting.

The Early Years Sub-Committee will have to be more creative about how to use current funds or look for more, as there aren’t a lot of funds remaining in the budget.

The Finance Committee is morphing into Early YEARS Leadership Partner Group. 4-5 bodies/core agencies who would meet. Abbotsford has had this model for a while. Agencies/participants might be: MCFD, School District, United Way, Fraser Health, Chilliwack Community Services, Fraser Valley Child Development Centre, YMCA, the Child and Youth Coordinator. A core met 2-3 weeks ago and have begun Terms of Reference. No authority will be removed from Early Years table. The Early Years Leadership Partner Group will help identify new dollars or opportunities to gain support (ie: grant proposal). Recommended participants are: Susan Edgecombe, Karen McLean, Sheri Josephson, Dan Bibby, Wayne Grady (MCFD director), perhaps Lisa Jarvis (Fraser Health).

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 Strategic Planning Process Update**

Strategic Plan is still in process. It will be brought to the group for goal setting process using the SMART principles.

NOTE: Dan left at 1:45, Cindy co-chaired from that point.

**Dan & Darby’s last meeting** – Thank you’s and farewells, including discussion of new chairs (covered in section 1 above)



## 5. New Business/other Business

### Partnership with YMCA Healthy Kids Day

YMCA now combines developmental fair with national YMCA Kids Day, at which 800-1000 people are in attendance. They have seen an increase in vulnerable families attending.

An initial meeting occurred between the YMCA and other Early Years Sub-Committee representation, to gauge the interest for joining together their event with the Ready Set Learn event, versus separate events. At that meeting it was decided that joining together and expanding the currently successful Kids Day would be good.

YMCA staff works on the event all year round. Educational/screening component will be included. It's held on a Sunday. Senior partners came to the decision that there could be ways to give staff the time off they need in exchange for working on a weekend, in order to increase agency participation.

The event working group consists of Ruth Neufeld, Barb Pressau, Cindy Parasiliti, Kiran Sidhu, Nadine Clattenburg and Sheri Josephson.

### CYC Website Update

The deadline for inputting agency information on [www.childandyouth.com](http://www.childandyouth.com) is March 31<sup>st</sup>. We have collected about 65-70% of the CYC member agency information. The website will be formally unveiled at the May 17<sup>th</sup> ABC conference, at City Life Church.

The conference's focus is Engagement. Inspire, Ignite, Involve. We're hoping to engage youth, families and professionals. There are 5 different workshops offered, with inspirational keynote speaker Myles Himmelrich, who talks about his experience growing up with FASD.

## 6. Task Group Reports

Child Care – they'll help with Healthy Kids Day. Barb Pressau will represent them.

Finance – none

Gateway Steering – none

Mobilization & Social Marketing – Now called Social Marketing Task Group, which meets with Early Family Literacy group.

Strategic Plan Development – The session left off with a broad scope, so the next step is to break it down into bite sized pieces with realistic goals. We're waiting for results from the facilitators. Feedback on the facilitators was very positive.

Young Parent Services - Brainstorming meeting next week about Teenage Pregnancy prevention.

Chilliwack's teen pregnancy rate is about 6%; the national rate is about 1.5%. There are more teen births in Chilliwack than Abbotsford, which has twice the population.

NOTE: Barb left at 2:10, Cindy chaired from that point.

## 7. Community Coordinator Report – View full report here: <http://childandyouth.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/CYC-Coordinator-Activities-Feb-2012.pdf>. Highlights of verbal report are below.

- Cindy's activities will be posted on the website every month.
- On Strategic Planning oversight group. Does the planning, communication, etc.
- Health Fair planning task group.
- Child and Youth website planning group.
- Agency visits. Now has Tuesday office space at Chilliwack Society for Community Living (downtown). Is interested in working at other offices in the community if they're available, to create a stronger connection. Still has office at Gateway.
- Sexual Exploitation Awareness week assistance. Volunteered because they have no budget and little/no staff. They have applied for funding so that there can be a year-long campaign. Cindy is part of that committee.
- Creating new partnerships. Exploring new Aboriginal partnerships. Would like to create closer links with ECE committee.
- Early Years Leadership partner group (information conduit).
- Success by 6 – information conduit. Early Child Development survey – assisting with collection.



- Child Development Guide – almost complete. Includes checklists for parents, and suggested activities. CCRR and CDC had committed monies which would help with printing. Kiran and Cindy need to determine the printing budget shortfall as soon as possible to let Barb know, as her fiscal year end is March 31<sup>st</sup>.  
DISCUSSION: Should the Development Guide be added to [www.childandyouth.com](http://www.childandyouth.com)? Opinions were varied due to the length of the document, and no firm conclusion was reached.

8. **Updates** – none discussed

9. **Adjournment at 2:30pm. Next meeting on April 5, 2012.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE MARCH 2012 – JULY 2012**

April 5

May 3

June 7

July 5

