



Coordinator's Report

December 2014

I am continually grateful for the many experiences and the very interesting people I get to meet because of my role as CYC Coordinator. I am also very grateful for the passionate and talented people I get to work alongside on a regular basis. It's so good to wake up every morning excited to go to work; no two days are alike!

Recently for some reason a google search of Child and Youth Mental Health will give my number and office address as a search result. Needless to say, in the last 2 months I have had many interesting conversations. Even when I redirect people to the correct agency, many just want a listening ear and will tell me their story anyway.

For our November 6 "Every Door is the Right Door" training event I prepared the resources with the help of MCFD front counter staff and co-facilitated the training with Rob, Julie and Annette. This was the third workshop and each time, it's inspiring to me, to see the attendees get stirred up and motivated considering ways to make positive changes within themselves and in their agencies in making "Every Door the Right Door".

Along with the regular monthly committee meetings I attend and participate in, I also had the privilege of participating in some other events during the month of November; the Success by 6 Council of Partners and Website Steering Committee. Chilliwack Learning Society's "Book Lovers Breakfast", was a great opportunity to celebrate literacy and to network with some very great people in our community. I was honoured to be part of the School District #33 Strategic Planning. A lot of good ideas were shared and I was pleased to see the recognition of the importance of early child development and positive intervention prior to kindergarten. That meeting for me was another powerful example of how agencies in Chilliwack have a strong desire to support, collaborate and work together to be part of a solution. An initiative of the Fraser East CYC/HC is to do a regional event around youth engagement. I along with Dan and Rob were part of a planning meeting for an upcoming national social workers convention, where we discussed the possibility of including youth as presenters at some of the workshops. I was grateful for the opportunity to attend November's Aboriginal Lunch and Learn, always fascinating; the hour is too short.



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For me the Christmas season is a season of hope. Each of you, in the work you do are agents of hope in our community. My prayer for you is that you will continue to be inspired and impassioned in the good work you do. I look forward to what the New Year will bring.