



COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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This month the Central Gateway office was finally moved to its permanent location. It's a fantastic space that I share with the Central Gateway Community Coordinator and the CCS's Preschool Coordinator; bonus, we have our own entrance. Anyone who has visited our space has said it's the happiest office in town!

The CYC's "Transition to Parenthood" wall, which was displayed at Cottonwood Mall fit nicely into Goal #1 of the Strategic Plan; community engagement. It was well received by the community as many appreciated the opportunity to have a voice and it was well received by the management group at Cottonwood Mall; in fact they have requested that we make this a yearly project. This was the first public display of our new logo and our website was also clearly displayed. As we move closer to our CYC Consultation we are updating the website to reflect our new look. The newspaper insert, our Consultation posters, and our website will all have the same look which will help with enhance the CYC profile in the community. In the past month we have been putting on a push for subscription to the CYC website. I have also been receiving training from our website administrator and am now able to upload minutes, agendas and events to the CYC website. The CYC now has a freestanding banner, which made its debut appearance at the '20 years of Family Literacy" celebration, last week. Not only a classy event, also very inspirational and informative.

I am active in the working groups preparing for our Spring Consultation and am excited to see how things are coming together. "Together We Can". The event registration is now up and ready on our website. We are encouraging CYC members to invite a youth or a parent to attend the celebration. This month I met with a graduate student working with UFV on a project researching why so many



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students drop out of school in Chilliwack. Because of my involvement from Early Years to Youth, I was able to give a perspective of “let’s look at the beginning... the Early Years”.

I sit on a number of the CYC sub-committees which helps me stay up to date with agency information. This has been useful in regards to Goal #2 of the CYC Strategic Plan– Inter-agency collaboration and information sharing. It seems that similar issues keep presenting themselves at these meeting; mostly surrounding social and emotional development and mental health. Lack of quality family time, especially regarding meal time and too much screen time whether it be computers, TV or cell phones, seem to be having a negative effect on the members of families in our community.