

# Coordinator's Report

## November 2014

Throughout the month of October I have been spearheading a number of initiatives which have come out of the Early Years Strategic Plan. The Parent 2 Parent task group has met twice and is gaining momentum in putting together a workable and best of all a doable plan. The Early Years table also agreed to use National Child Day as a way to create community awareness around the UN Convention and the needs of children and youth in Chilliwack. The National Child Day task group has come up with a long term plan in creating awareness and action around poverty and will start with a "Blue Ribbon" campaign. I participated in the "Primary Prevention" meeting and will do a presentation in February on the importance of prevention and intervention in the Early Years. As part of the United Way campaign, I did two Success By 6 presentations, sharing the needs in Chilliwack as well as all the great work being done in our community.

This year there seems to be a number of groups interested in focussing on Sexual Exploitation, which means the SEA CAT is doing its job in creating awareness around this issue in our community. As an action team, we have been meeting and deciding what our focus should be. Currently we are looking to do a community awareness event at Cottonwood Theatre in partnership with "Safer Communities" in November, as well as a grant to fund a SEY worker in our community.

This year's HELP Expo had lots of great research to share as was reported earlier.

I had the pleasure of working with Annette Vogt from UFV's "Safe Schools Safe Communities" in putting together a colloquium to begin discussion around children with justice involved parents. The workshop was well attended and some good discussion came as a result as reported earlier in the meeting. I have been asked to be part of a task team which will look at next steps.

Our Fall Every Door is the Right Door training will take place on Thursday, November 6. We have 48 people registered and look forward to an informative morning.