



Coordinator's Report

October 2013

September took off like lightning with all the agencies back to working at full capacity.

At the beginning of September I concentrated my energies in assisting the School District Early Year's representative, Charlotte DeBryun, in planning our first Early Childhood Expo. The event had excellent participation from agencies however not the turn out from families as we had hoped. The evaluations from the participants and attendees was all very positive and the event even received an endorsement from Mayor Gaetz. Charlotte and I have been in discussion and are looking into planning a similar event around Family Day in February.

September is when most of the sub-committees met after a summer sabbatical. I sit on most of the sub-committees along with a number of working groups, including the Consultation working group, Collaborative Practice and "Every Door is the Right Door." The CYC is making positive progress in building off of last year's Consultation evaluations and keeping aligned with our Strategic Plan. I have been in the process of updating all the information from the sub-committees and am waiting on co-chairs to provide me information regarding their membership and task/working groups.

I have been asked to work with the new coordinator for the city's Healthy Communities Counsel. Sabine Mendez, Karen Stanton and I have already met and feel there are many things the CYC is already doing that parallels with what the Healthy Communities Counsel is working towards. It is positive to note that the model of the CYC is one that others are looking to emulate.

This month I was asked to do a telephone interview with Peter Briggs, from "The Church In Chilliwack", to explain what the CYC was all about. Like so many people, he had no idea the CYC existed and the great work being done by the agencies in our community. We are gaining momentum, word is getting out and people are becoming more familiar with the CYC.

I share my office with Shannon Carmichael the Central Elementary Community School Coordinator and Debbie Onucki, the preschool director from Community Services. The way our office is situated provides perfect opportunity for having conversations and building relationships with service providers and those participating in the programs.