

It takes a community ...



Transitions

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"The act of changing something into something different in
essential characteristics"

~ The Free Dictionary



Message From Tammy McCorkell

After an unexpectedly busy summer I am beginning to prepare for the fall and winter training sessions. I have had the opportunity to attend a few of the committee's meetings and have found them very helpful in addressing some of the needs of the volunteers.

In speaking with the volunteers, a topic of conversations has revolved around different ways we may strengthen our relationship with the Calgary Police Service. Numerous volunteers have expressed an interest in having better lines of communication, giving a getting feedback with respect to specific cases and discussing the balance between the number of pre-charge referrals versus post-charge. These conversations will also lead to a discovery of how we may also support them in their work with young people.

DOORs - Fruitful offerings from the Development & Community Outreach Project - Anthony B. Scott

The development of the Database of Opportunities and Resources is moving along quite well. The YJC consequence options are currently being uploaded with *Programs & Services* as well as *Creative Consequence* libraries. Thank you to all who have contributed ideas and/or materials to date. Ron and I will be happy to accept new ideas on an on-going basis and of course, feedback on the current inclusions. Stay tuned.

Autumn Chair's/Community Service meeting

The innovation never stops! We are trying a new format for the next Resource meeting. A combined meeting is scheduled for October 6th, 2009. Please RSVP by noon of Friday, Oct. 2nd. It will be held at the Slovenian Canadian Club of Calgary - 2335 16A Street SE
6:00 to 7:30— Chair's Meeting

7:30 to 9:00—Community Resources Meeting featuring:

- Janica Fisher & Marnie Worbets of *Humanity In Practice (HIP)*
- Cindy Brown of the John Howard Society's *Youth Drug Impact Project (YDIP)*
- Tobi Ferris of CYFC's *Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative*



"Abstract Transitions Panel 4"
Cameron Gray

Upcoming Training

Our commitment to offering the best training and continuing education brings additional opportunities for our volunteers this fall. You may also refer to the Events Schedule page of our website for further details and updates/changes.

Refresher Training and Advanced Training will be scheduled for later this autumn. Keep an eye on the Events Schedule page of our website for updates and new developments.

http://calgaryyouthjustice.com/volunteer_training.php

Late Harvest—Newly Available Referral Options

Several new youth-focussed resources have been opened up Youth Justice Committees for referrals. The following are included in the updated Community Resource Guide posted on our website and will be contained within DOORs.

http://calgaryyouthjustice.com/resources_committees.php

Feed The Hungry - Sunday Dinner Program - St. Mary's Cathedral

The Sunday Dinner Program provides full course, nutritious meals to an average of 700 dinner guests in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Dinner includes meat, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread and dessert. The menu changes weekly. Dinners are held 48 Sundays of the year from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall (221-18th Ave. SW).

Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative - Child & youth Friendly Calgary

Target Groups: * Calgary youth, ages 12-18 with disabilities.

* Immigrant youth with English as a Second Language

* Aboriginal youth

* Youth involved with the Youth Justice System (YJS youth)

This initiative integrates strategies into CYFC programs to address the needs of diverse youth with the intent of increasing volunteer participation in CYFC programs from the target groups. It also maintains a safe, respectful and engaging environment for youth to participate in a variety of team-based volunteer projects with peers.

Various Workshops - The Women's Centre.

A place where any woman can get help without waiting lists, time restrictions, cost or judgement. Various offerings are updated quarterly in their newsletter. Options offered include: self-defence, "Feminism Is For Everybody", Life Skills, Interviewing Skills.

Volunteer Training & CYOC Tours for October through December

All New Volunteer Training takes place at the new Calgary Youth Attendance Centre from 7pm to 9:30pm. Tours of the Calgary Youth Offender Centre begin at 7pm, ending at 8:30pm. Contact Tammy McCorkell at 403.261.9861 ext. 222 or tmccorkell@calgaryyouthjustice.com to register.

September 24th —New Volunteer Training pt. 1
 October 1st — New Volunteer Training pt. 2
 October 8th — New Volunteer Training pt. 3
 October 15th — CYOC tour
 November 19th—CYOC tour

9th Annual Youth Justice Committee Conference

The 9th Annual YJC Conference is being hosted by the Alberta Solicitor General, Young Offender Branch and the South Deerfoot Youth Justice Committee.

This annual conference focuses on providing opportunities for Youth Justice Committee volunteers from across the province to share experiences, learn from each other and further develop knowledge in working with you and the prevention of crime.

It will be held at the Westin Hotel & Resorts, 320, 4th Avenue SW in Calgary beginning October 23rd and ending October 25th.

Registration/Reception begins at 5:00pm with the Welcome & Opening Ceremony to kick things off at 7:30pm.

RSVPs are requested by September 23rd. You may register on-line at the RSVP website YJCAAlberta.com. Alternatively, Dorothy Morrison may be contacted by phone at 1.800.378.3199 or by email at dorothy@icdr.com.



Note from The Editor

Reader feedback is always welcome. Feel free to drop us a line with comments or ideas.

Mature Programs & Services

Urban Youth Worx

Urban Youth Worx is an organization that values the creative process as a powerful tool in community development.

The program involves young people working under the direction of an artist to collaboratively paint murals either on selected walls of buildings or on 4' by 8' boards used to enclose construction sites.

It is a positive, creative outlet appropriate for youth with graffiti-related charges, though it is also suitable for generally art-inspired young people.

The new contact person is Angela Dion, who may be reached by phone at 403.453.1988 or at cvc@urbanyouthworx.org

Meadowlark Park Community Association

This referral option involves assisting the MPCA in furthering various beautification tasks and requires light-to-medium physical labour.

Generally, youth will work on minor renovation projects & landscaping projects that are available and age-appropriate. Please note that referrals need to be a minimum of 15 hours.

James McDonall should be contacted ahead of young peoples' calls to give notice of incoming referrals.

Optimist Club of Calgary

The Optimist Club of Calgary's *Life Skills for Teens* series of workshops for 2009/2010 will begin again in the near future.

These workshops are designed to introduce theories and concepts that can help increase self-confidence, take control of one's life, and provide techniques to achieve greater success and happiness. Stay tuned for distribution of the new schedule.

Message from the Executive Director

"Show Me"

"You're beautiful." *No I'm not.*
 "You're smart." *I wish.*
 "You're so good at this". *Not as good as I would like to be.*

Why is it that when we try to help others to fully appreciate their strengths or abilities, what we say just isn't convincing enough? Instead of responding with an elated, confident, "I know! Isn't that great!", they may have learned to say a polite "thank you" quickly followed by an internal silent rebuttal... 'if only you knew...' So when do they start to believe in their own strengths?

When I tell my daughter that she is a good friend, what's really behind her quick-to-follow denial is, "show me!" Game on. I will look for moments when I can subtly point out the many characteristics of a good friend that she displays every day, I will create opportunities for her to experience success and see it for herself. And one day when she someone tells her again that she is a good friend, she will say "thank you" quickly followed by an internal silent belief... "I know."

The next time a young person says "show me", how will you use this invitation to help them realize for themselves what you already know?

-Denise Blair

