

Powell River Child, Youth & Family Services Society

AN EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Support to Independent Living Program** has a new name that we hope will better reflect the nature of the program. It is now called the **YES Program** which stands for **Youth Engagement Support Program**.

We also have a new brochure, so look for that too!



YEAH! We did it **PRCYFSS** has once again passed its re-accreditation with **COA**.

Now we are accredited through to **April 30, 2016**.

Thanks to the dedicated staff and Board of Directors for all their hard work and commitment to best practise.



Newsletter

What people are saying

◆ A parent in the **Short Term Family Support Program**. *"This was very useful! I feel more confident and am a little nervous about being on my own but good about it. Thank you for the support."*

◆ In the **Parent Mother Goose Program** one parent said: *"Mother Goose was definitely the highlight of my week. Thank you so much!"* And from another parent,

◆ *"Thanks so very much for your time, energy, and talent in delivering the **Mother Goose Program**. You're amazing!"*

◆ For the **Support to Foster Care Program** *"The FAS workshop and the anxiety workshops have been great refreshers — and the **SAFE BABIES** was very informative. Whenever a feeling of "How are we going to do it"" sneaks up, I realize that we don't have to do it all on our own strength. Taking care of children takes a community/village.*

◆ From a youth in the **YES Program** *"My worker has helped me so much and I don't know where I'd be without her. Thank you."*



Support to Foster Care Program Report

Multi-session training was the focus this year, benefitting brand new foster parents as well as experienced caregivers. The popular seven-session **"Caring for Children Who Experienced Trauma"** was delivered for the second time, through a partnership between Arnold Mulder (CYMH) and Colleen Mudry (PRCYFSS).

This course explored the causes of trauma and provided

concrete, practical tools for foster parents to support children in their home.

The annual picnic at Palm Beach was well attended (38 people) and everyone enjoyed the donated BBQ lunch provided by Priority One (Barry Kosturos) and Dominion Lending (Louise Williams). They Christmas dinner and craft night was attended by 43 individuals who enjoyed the festive, social atmosphere.

An interesting trend noted is that almost half(42%) of all MCFD foster homes are in the Restricted category, defined as foster parents fostering to adopt, grandparents raising grandchildren and family friends or neighbors officially caring for foster children.

Although their needs are often different from "professional" foster parents, the support, advocacy, education and networking that they receive through the SFC Program enhances and maintains the placement and reduces isolation.



Positively Parenting is a new program being offered by **PRCYFSS** which was debuted in September 2012.

The group is an ongoing weekly educational group that is available to parents who have previously received PRCYFSS services. As well, parents who are currently receiving services or have been waitlisted for service may be invited to participate.

The group format of **Positively Parenting** allows for continuing programming to be available. The group works through a combination of topics requested by parents and quality age appropriate parenting programs.

Sample topics from the Spring program include: dealing with misbehaviour, riches in our community, active parenting, and winning co-operation.

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Organization

Business Name

Primary Business Address

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

Business Tagline or Motto

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include

a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual

charity auction.

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