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OUR VOICES AND THE CIRCLE OF COURAGE

On May 18th 2010, the QAE partnered up with BYFC and the CCC to host its second Voices Forum. The aim of this event was to gather feedback, ideas and opinions of the youth in care to eventually promote a positive change in the overall programming of activities with respect to the Circle of Courage model. The half day forum began with the reception of 30 youth from across the BYFC agency to represent the voices of their peers who live in our residential programs. Over 50 adults participated as well coming from various points of service.

Our keynote speaker, Jessica Morris-Frebourg courageously spoke about her personal experiences about living a childhood of uncertainty and pain in care. Ms. Frebourg is a child advocate, founder/director of a sleep away summer camp, a personal trainer at the YMCA and is now graduating from McGill University in Physical Education. She brought a powerful message of hope, encouragement and success.

Ms. Frebourg's message was followed by an animated performance from Hans Bongers who simultaneously juggled balls while connecting "social circus" techniques to the four quadrants of the Circle of Courage model.

The group was divided into 4 task groups. Each group was responsible for answering a set of questions and completing a visual representation pertaining to their quadrant of the Circle of Courage. The youth then charismatically shared their thoughts with the group as a whole. The feedback is in the process of being tallied and the QAE will circulate the results to BYFC shortly. All the youth who participated received a small wooden box from the QAE as a gift. Inside the box were 4 items, each item representing a quadrant of the Circle of Courage.

The QAE presented Larry McDonnell (educator) with the annual award of excellence for 2010. Mr. McDonnell is exceptionally empathic, approachable and intuitive. He has been an educator in many different programs across BYFC agency for over 20 years and he continues to be a strong advocate for youth and their families. Congratulations!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Q.A.E. continues to be active in several domains. To name a few:

The Q.A.E. is teaming up with the CCC (Council of Clients and Community) and Batshaw Youth and Family Centres for the Voices II Forum being held on Tuesday May 18, 2010 from 9am to non, followed by a BBQ on the front lawn of 6 Weredale Park. We will, interactively, be introducing concepts regarding the Circle of Courage philosophy and collecting feedback from clients in care as well as educators and other care givers.

With regards to Bill 21, the Quebec government has set up two different tables to study the future role of the educator. Its primary objective is discussing whether educators should be part of the professional group or not. The first table is dissecting the educational curriculums appropriateness with regards to the relevance of the work. The second table is discussing exactly what roles and responsibilities front line educators have on the Front Line.

I had the privilege of attending a hearing, where the Centres Jeunesse (ACJQ) presented their general points of view. More specifically, in reference to how educators performed their practice in the field, across the province. All the major unions that represent educators expressed their perspective well. The importance of the role of educators was reinforced by these groups.

By the end of December 2010, these two tables will submit their report to the Minister of Justice who is in charge of passing Bill 21. Kathleen Weil, (Minister of Justice), once sat on Batshaw's Board of Directors.

As for me, I have recently return working as an educator with Inuit youth for the Boscoville project. The program is adapted to meet the specific needs of the Inuit culture. The project should last approximately fourteen months. We have already begun the Circle of Courage model training. It is refreshing to be a part of building a program from the ground up using new philosophies. I am excited to meet the educators who bring with them a multitude of experiences in the field of youth care work.

Have a great and safe summer!!!

Roger Fortin
President of the Q.A.E.



2010-2011 Q.A.E. MEETINGS

<u>2010</u>		<u>2011</u>	
June 17 th	October 21 st	January 20 th	April 21 st
September 16 th	November 18 th	February 17 th	May 19 th
	December 16 th	March 17 th	June 16 th

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 6 WEREDALE PARK
FROM 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**

**NOTE: QAE BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS.
FUTURE MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND.**



We at CYC-Net came across this most interesting extract from the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly dated 7 May 2009. Congratulations to PEI's CYC Association for this effort!

Mr. D. Currie:

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

This is International Child and Youth Care Worker week. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the many dedicated child and youth care workers on Prince Edward Island, especially those working in the Department of Social Services and Seniors.

Child and youth care workers are dedicated to helping children and youth who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. When they are faced with emotional issues, behavioural challenges, addictions, or problems fitting in at school, child and youth care workers help children cope and heal. They can be found in schools, hospitals, residential treatment centres, group homes, youth custody facilities, foster care and outreach programs, and in many community agencies where youth services are offered.

In my former life as a school principal, I worked closely with many child and youth care workers over the years. I have tremendous respect for the work these professionals do every day in the lives of youth.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize Treena Smith, the newly elected president of the child and youth care association of Prince Edward Island, and David Connolly, the association's past president, both whom I believe are in the gallery today.

David has moved on to become president of the Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations, Canada's national organization representing child and youth care professionals. We are very lucky to have professionals of Treena and David's calibre working in our province.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the child and youth care workers in Prince Edward Island for the important services they provide to Island children and their commitment and dedication to our youth.

Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

HANSARD P.E.I. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
7 MAY 2009

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Double click on Q.A.E.





FORUM

OUR VOICES II: In shaping Quality Services for children, youth and families

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 6 Weredale (Auditorium)

Sponsored by: Quebec Association of Educators (QAE)
Council of Clients & Community (CCC)
Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC)

FORUM OVERVIEW

Once again, we have the opportunity to hold a second Forum on, **Our Voices II**. The first “Voices Forum” with youth from residential care was held May 2008 from that inaugural meeting. The youth and staff were instrumental in developing a series of recommendations on how we can further improve our services to youth while in care. This year’s Forum will look back and see where we are today. The group discussion will be inspired by using the “**Circle of Courage**” model for building healthy residential communities. A core group of youth will present their work to the large audience and provide a Forum for an interactive exchange of ideas and conclude with a series of recommendations for the coming year.

The PROGRAM SCHEDULE of Forum held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010	CIRCLE OF COURAGE
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration, Coffee, Juice & Donuts	
9:30 a.m. Welcome address	
9:45 a.m. Keynote address (Alumni of Care) • Jessica Morris-Frebourg	
10:00 a.m. Hans Bongers	
10:15 a.m. BREAK	
10:30 a.m. Facilitated Work groups Inspired by the “Circle of Courage”.	
11: 45 a.m. Presentations • Q.A.E. Award of Excellence 2010 • BYFC Greeting Card Contest	
12:00 noon Closing Remarks	
12:15 p.m. B.B.Q. on the Front Lawn	

About the keynote speaker



Jessica Morris-Frébourg is currently in her last semester in an undergraduate program in Physical Education and Health at McGill University. She hopes to extend her studies into post-graduate work in the fall. While being a student and a single mother, she is also a personal trainer at the YMCA and the founder/director of a sleep away summer camp: Camp Water Lily. Morris-Frébourg is a child advocate and is concerned about the well-being of youth, particularly youth under government care. She is herself a graduate from Batshaw Youth and Family Services and brings a message of hope, encouragement and success.

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2010 EDUCATOR AWARDS EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE FIELD



From left to right:

Margaret Douek (*Executive Director, BYFC*), Melanie Fournier (*Vice President, QAE*), **Larry McDonnell (2010 Educator Awards winner)**, Cathy Di Stefano, (*Coordinator, YOS*), Tony Maciocia (*Executive Director, QAE*), Sam Barile (*Board Member, QAE*)

The QAE thanked Ruth and Leon Essing for their many years of dedication to youth and family advocacy by presenting them with a gift (signed by all the youth present) and flowers.

The eventful morning ended with a pleasant BBQ on the grounds of 6 Weredale Park, where we all congregated for burgers and hotdogs on a magnificent sunny afternoon.

We look forward to more conferences that continue to promote "Our Voices" in continuing to improve quality services to children, youth and families.

Melanie Fournier
Vice-President, QAE



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CIRCLE OF COURAGE

R.A.P. (Response – Ability – Pathways)

CONNECT, CLARIFY AND RESTORE

“ While connect, clarify, and restore is the natural sequence of RAP, these steps can also be used as separate interventions. It is not always possible or necessary to follow all RAP stages since each is a positive initiative in its own right:

CONNECT

Connections are natural emotional bonds that motivate persons to be positive and respectful. This alone may solve many problems without further intervention. School-based research shows that when adversarial climates are replaced with cooperation, discipline problems decline and achievement soars (279). Not all connections are time-intensive. In some cases, one can make a positive connection in seconds, even if the young person is in a larger group. A teacher in a classroom has hundreds of opportunities each day to provide small doses of encouragement and affirmation on the side, even as formal lessons occupy centre stage.

CLARIFY

By giving persons the opportunity to reflect on challenges and think clearly, we support natural problem-solving. With better understanding of a situation, fresh solutions may emerge. Some difficulties are dilemmas rather than problems, since no easy solution is available. A twelve-year-old boy who is struggling with the reality of a parent dying of AIDS has no remedy at hand. But by talking about this difficulty, he is able to manage his emotions and cope more effectively.

RESTORE

Resolving conflicts and meeting needs creates natural harmony and healing. The goal is to build strengths and provide supports to help young persons meet important goals. But one does not need to come up with a life-altering plan. Often, by identifying at least one action a young person can take, and one support others can provide, we put the young person on the first steps of a restorative pathway.

Since RAP is an application of natural interpersonal abilities, it can be used in a wide range of settings by both adult and youth mentors. While RAP can be “therapeutic,” it is not designed to replace therapy. While RAP is “educational,” it does not impose a formal curriculum. RAP is really “mentoring for resilience.” Since the goal is to build strengths in youth, the young person is as much an expert as is the adult or peer mentor.”

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

June 2010



Centre for Research on Families and Relationships
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CRFR International Conference 2010
Changing Families in a Changing World
John MacIntyre Centre • University of Edinburgh • Edinburgh • UK



June 16-18, 2010

2010 Nurturing Hidden Resilience
Child and Youth Care Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
5th Annual Provincial Child and Youth Care Conference
Nurturing Hidden Resilience
Battery Hotel, St. John's, NL

September 2010



Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th September 2010
International Conference on Youth Work and Youth Studies



From the 22nd until the 25th of September 2010

The XIth Biennial International Eusarf Conference 'Inside Out' will be held in Groningen, the Netherlands.

The topic of the Conference will be:

How interventions in child and family care work



26-29 September

International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)

XVIII ISPCAN International Congress

"One World, One Family, Many Cultures"

2010 Honolulu, Hawaii

December 2010



7 – 9 December 2010

Paul Roos Gymnasium in Stellenbosch (minutes from Cape Town).

For more information on these and other upcoming conferences, go to www.cyc-net.org



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

If you are in the field of child/youth care or life span care, as an Educator, Supervisor, Researcher, Trainer, Director, Administrator, then you need to join the growing numbers of professionals that are promoting the field of child and youth/life-span care.

Joining the Q.A.E. is one concrete way to demonstrate your commitment towards the further development and promotion of Educators and their profession.

There are three categories of membership (full members, associate and student membership)

You can get applications to join the Q.A.E. by approaching the following people or selected locations:

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- Dorval (514) 636-0910
- Prévost (514) 932-7722
- 6 Weredale (514) 932-7161

➤Concordia University: Dr. Varda Mann-Feder (514) 848-2266

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You can also ask any of the Q.A.E. Board Members listed in the front of the Newsletter

Also: go to www.cyccanada.ca

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UNIVERSITY (SPECIFY) _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- FULL: \$45.00 CHEQUE
- OR \$1.73/PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS (Batshaw only)
- STUDENT \$30.00 (two year rate)
- ASSOCIATE \$40.00 CHEQUE
- ORGANIZATION \$250.00

(Receipts are issued annually for tax deductions)
(payroll deductions are on T4 slips)

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAY DEDUCTIONS (WHERE APPLICABLE)

I hereby authorize the payroll to deduct the indicated amount from my paycheque. I realize that I will have to cancel this agreement when I want to cancel my membership in the association.

SIGNATURE

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