

Child and Youth Care Association of Alberta

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2012 has been a very exciting year in Alberta. Our Association continues to be very active and we have had several new initiatives start in 2012. Our membership has stayed at around 800 and with 350 of this number being fully certified Child and Youth Care Counsellors.

The most significant initiative has been our hosting of the 2012 International Child and Youth Care conference in Canmore from October 8-12. We are expecting about 500 delegates from all over the world, we have representatives from 14 different countries, all provinces of Canada and several states. We have over 70 sessions on the program, most with a focus on resiliency and working with traumatized youth. We are very excited to have Dr. Bruce Perry and Dr. Linda Chamberlain as two of our keynotes. They both have a focus on childhood trauma brain research and the effect of trauma on children and youth.

The other initiative that we are very excited about is our online learning module project. This is a partnership with the Alberta Ministry of Human Services. This project will hopefully become the new standard for CYC training in Alberta and other areas of the country. It will be of particular benefit to workers in remote regions with limited access to training. The modules will have 3 levels, a basic level of standardized training, a certification level for more advanced practitioners and an advanced level for supervisory staff. The official launch of the modules will happen during the International conference.

Another new initiative is a new website for our Association. The new website has been updated, made more user friendly and has many new features. The website promises to be much more useful and easy to use. It will be a great way to launch our new training modules.

The Association has also launched a "Visionary Award" which will be handed out at the International conference. The "Visionary Award" will recognize the pioneers of Child and Youth Care in the province and their efforts at advancing the field throughout their careers. We will also be awarding our Child and Youth Care Counsellor of the year award at the conference and have nominated last years winner for the International CYC award.

The Association continues to have a very active and dedicated board and we are looking forward to an even better 2013.

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