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The Canadian Association
for Young Children



L'Association Canadienne
pour les Jeunes Enfants

Director's Welcome

You certainly know fall has arrived when you trade your favourite sandals for a jacket as you venture out to work in the mornings. Some of us haven't left our work with children over the summer, simply enjoying warmer days spent at parks and pools. Others take a break from our paint smocks (and our paycheques!) now to stock playrooms with new supplies and new small faces. Colleges and universities that were empty are now teeming with busy staff and students alike.....fall is here!

Here at CAYC these next months mean back to committee meetings as the planning for the Calgary **2010 National Conference: "New Frontiers for Children: Our Journey Together"** steps into high gear! Plans have changed slightly due to our current economic climate since we are very aware that each of us needs to be fiscally responsible in the area of where we spend our professional development funds. It is our wish that we make this the MOST economical conference ever without jeopardizing quality and variety because we think you are worth it! We all need to fill up our "professional tanks" so to speak every so often and we hope to offer each attendee just that, an opportunity to learn new practices, network with other like-minded professionals as well as hear from those who can remind us what we do is critical for the care of young children wherever we practice.

Might YOU consider presenting a seminar at the conference? Do you know of a professional that you would like to enjoy? Please let me know as we plan right now. A "Call for Proposals" is being sent out across Canada wherever we can share our information. Please email me at: rosanne.perrin@cayc.ca and I would be happy to send along the e-application for you and your colleagues to consider.

Don't get too caught up in the flurry that is fall. Make sure to find the time to gather a few leaves with some children and take the time to smell them as well!

Enjoying the fall sunshine,
Rosanne Perrin,
Director,
CAYC Alberta and Northwest Territories



Save the date...



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for updates and the

"Call for Presenters"

Early Learning and Child Care

Alberta Colleges and Universities

Here is a list researched of the institutions that offer certificate to diploma programs for Early Learning to Child and Youth Care.

[Canadian Universities and Colleges](#)

Higher Education and Employment in Canada.

A guide to Canadian universities, community colleges, career colleges and jobs in Canada.

- Bow Valley College, Calgary
- Grand Prairie Regional College, Grand Prairie
- Grant McEwan College, Edmonton
- Keyano College, Fort McMurray
- Lakeland College, Vermilion
- Lethbridge College, Lethbridge
- Medicine Hat College, Medicine Hat
- Mount Royal University, Calgary
- Red Deer College, Red Deer

If there is a school that should be on this list, please email us at caycnews@gmail.com.

Official Name Change for Mount Royal

Mount Royal College in Calgary officially changed its name to Mount Royal University on September 3 with great pride. This is Calgary's second university and Alberta's fifth, although Mount Royal has been offering degree programs for years, it was only a matter of time to be recognized as a university.

Read [these stories](#) straight from the [MRU website](#) from Calgary.

Website Resources

Caring For Kids

www.caringforkids.cps.ca

Caring for Kids is designed to provide parents with information about their child's health and well-being. Because the site is developed by the Canadian Paediatric Society—the voice of Canada's 2,000+ paediatricians—you can be sure the information



is reliable.

Most documents on Caring for Kids are based on CPS position statements, which are created by our expert committees and approved by our Board of Directors. Position statements are reviewed each year to ensure they are up-to-date. Other documents are developed and reviewed by the CPS Public Education Subcommittee, which is made up of practicing paediatricians from across Canada.

Growing Healthy Canadians

www.growinghealthykids.com

Growing Healthy Canadians: A Guide for Positive Child Development, was created to promote and illustrate a simple idea: that the healthy development of children and youth is a shared responsibility. There has been much debate about who should be doing what in order to grow healthy children.

The truth is, everyone has important contributions to make in ensuring that young people grow up in the kinds of conditions they require to thrive. At the same time, no one type of contributor – not families, communities, workplaces, nor governments – can successfully raise the next generation on their own.

This guide offers not only a rich source of information, but also a unique perspective on how best to promote the well-being of young people.

This perspective has six important features:

A focus on all children,
A focus on successful developmental transitions,
A focus on positive outcomes,
A focus on important influences,
A focus on multiple contributors,
A focus on effective strategies.

These six features combine to form the perspective promoted and illustrated in this guide.

The Idea Box

www.theideabox.com

Ideas, articles and projects for parents, teachers and care givers. Seasonal projects, games, recipes, crafts and many links for children.

The Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs

www.frp.ca

FRP Canada promotes the well-being of families by providing national leadership, consultation and resources to those who care for children and support families.

Events

There are several events throughout Alberta and Northwest Territories, and all across Canada.

As professionals, we are always on the lookout to be inspired and educated, and to apply new learning to our work with children and families. Please send us your event listing or one that you are aware of and would like to share.



Annual Early Childhood Conference Grande Prairie Regional College

October 2 and October 3
10726-106 Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB

View the PDF version of the [entire conference program](#), includes details for all sessions and registration form.

OUR CHILDREN – OUR FUTURE

*Presenter: Corine Ferguson, Executive Director-
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement*

An inspirational presentation that challenges professionals to reflect upon who and/or what are their sources of motivation that keeps them passionate about the work they do. It is based on the book of Harold and the Purple Crayon and offers a perspective on what the future of child care would look like if "designed" firstly by adults (the professionals who work with children) and then alternately by children if they could design child care programs for themselves. At the end of the session everyone receives a "purple crayon" lapel pin as a means of encouraging them to think about how they design (influence) child care as professionals.

Registration Fee:

\$100.00

\$25.00 (Full-time Human Services Students)

Verification will be required

Fee includes sessions, refreshments and lunch.

Deadline to Register:

Registrations must be received by:

3 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009.

Full fee must accompany registration.

Cheques Payable to:

Stepping Stones Society

9614-100 Avenue

Grande Prairie, AB. T8V OT2

For More information Contact:

Beverly Pizycki - Conference Coordinator

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You can become a member too!

Follow this link straight to our National site and you can read how to join us. www.cayc.ca Take time and explore, there are interesting events and news to read about.

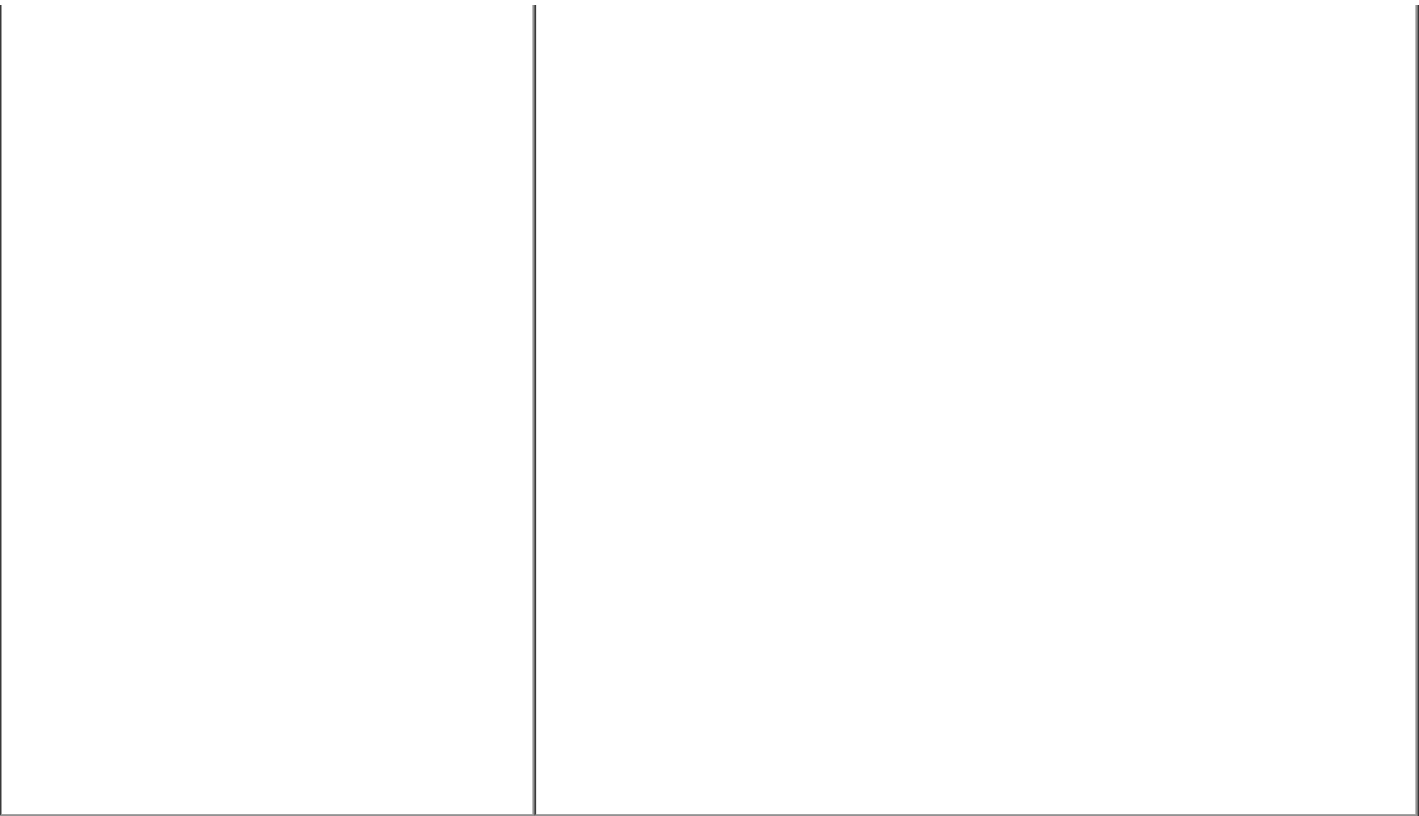
In addition to a sense of pride in joining with others on a national basis to speak out on behalf of young children - you, as a CAYC Member, will receive the following benefits:

Two issues of "**Canadian Children**" featuring current research and articles related to the care and education of young children.

Provincial newsletters featuring information about regional news, resources and **CAYC** activities.



Favorable registration rates when attending regional and national **CAYC** conferences and events.



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