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Director's Welcome

Welcome back everyone after what I hope was a wonderful Christmas and holiday season for each and every one of you.

For some CAYC members, December was very busy with excited preschoolers and post-secondary students cramming for exams. What extremes to think that each little three or four year old will, in the blink of an eye, become an adult! This is a good reminder to me as a Playschool Director and Teacher that our time with each child and their family is very brief. This holds true with many of you who are key in the lives of babies and toddlers as well as college and university students. Let's make each day count in their lives even amidst the flurry that can be both our professional and personal lives!

I find planning ahead can help me to be a little less stressed and what better way than to plan ahead to attend the:

Susan Garrow
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Presents...

"NEW FRONTIERS FOR CHILDREN: OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER"

April 30th to May 1st 2010

Calgary, Alberta CANADA

Registration is...

just around the corner.



www.cayc.ca



"Call for Proposals"

is now closed.

We will be announcing the session Presenters shortly as well as the "Early Bird" registration opportunity. Remember our Registrar Deborah Evans announcement last month in the e-newsletter about the diamond ring door prize?

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I know you will be very pleased with the wide range of topics that we will be offering so keep an eye on the [CAYC National website](#) of the latest news. There will be an amazing opportunity to hear our conference Key Note Address speaker Mr. Dan Hodgins on a Friday, April 30th event. This evening has been generously sponsored by Families Matter and Calgary Family Services.

Dan's humour and years of experience in the field should put smiles on the faces of families and delegates alike even with the title, "Getting Kids Out of Jello & Other Mishaps: Guidance for Everyday Life". Information will be out shortly about how to register separately for this Friday evening event, so no worries missing this opportunity!

As you can see, we have more to tell than I can touch on right now. Stay connected through the CAYC Website and our e-news, and meanwhile talk to your friends and colleagues and plan to attend the National Conference. You'll be glad you did!

Looking towards the spring,
Rosanne Perrin,
2010 National Conference Chair
Director for Alberta and Northwest Territories

Early Learning and Child Care

In the April 2009 E-Newsletter we featured the [Canadian Council On Learning](#) as a Website Resource. This now in:

We would like to make you aware of a major development affecting the future of the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL). The Government of Canada has decided to end its funding of CCL when the current agreement expires on March 31, 2010.

This is very disappointing news. It will severely limit our ability to continue the work we all believe is so important. We do not know exactly what our future looks like, except that our activities will be curtailed. We will spend the next few weeks exploring the possibilities. We are committed to completing all the projects now in progress, and we are



determined to continue to pursue our vision.

CCL appreciates the support you have always shown us. We will keep you informed as we consider how best to continue.

Centre For Child Well-Being at Mount Royal University Calgary, AB

What is Child Well-Being?

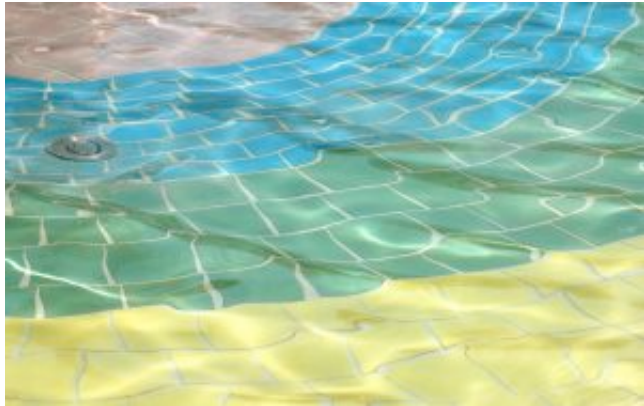
Child well-being is defined as a unity of physical, cognitive, emotional and spiritual health, encompassing factors such as safety, environmental and material security, education and socialization as well as a sense of being loved, valued and included in their families and societies.

The Centre for Child Well-Being is undertaking a variety of research projects which will investigate issues related to child well-being at local, provincial and national levels. These issues may come from current curriculum topics, faculty and student interests, and from the broader community and our partners.

Our main goals:

- To investigate, promote and enhance factors that influence child well-being, through mentoring faculty in research;
- increasing undergraduate engagement in meaningful research opportunities;
- liaising with the community on applied research questions.

The Child Centre for Well-Being launched [April of 2009](#), and through these next months we will give our readers a learning experience of how this idea blossomed and came to be with the efforts of the Director of the Centre, Dawne Clark, and coordinated by the Faculty of Health and Community Studies, as well as too many to list here for all the faculty, students, and community partners involved.



Catmint @ 2009 Deborah Evans

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Website Resources

Harvest Resources, Early Childhood Education Training

Margie Carter and Deb Curtis founded [HARVEST RESOURCES](#) in 1994 as a partnership to inspire early care providers and educators to engage fully in their own learning. When teachers become thoughtful, competent decision makers, they take leadership to transform and advance the profession.

International Step By Step Association

[The International Step by Step Association](#) (ISSA) is a membership organization that connects professionals and organizations working in the field of early childhood development and education. ISSA promotes equal access to quality education and care for all children, especially in the early years of their lives.

An excellent read for international perspective on early learning and collaboration of professionals. Each page serves as a reflective and insightful tool not only for our own practices here in Canada but for those around the globe. A great resource for some inspiration!

Sensory Table Delights

Want to add pizzazz to your sensory table? Add dry herbs.

Try Lavender (or Catmint) & rice in your sensory table.

Start your lavender/cat mint now by seed, setting it out in late spring so it can flourish in the summer heat. Enjoy the pretty fragrant flowers and interesting leaves, harvest in the fall and dry for rich sensory fun. You can do this with most herbs: some are easier to grow than others. This is a great project activity. Children will enjoy reaping the rewards of their green thumbs and the nectar-seeking insects that search out these highly fragrant herbs flowers. You might also like to try dried lemon or orange zest.

Here are a couple of the vast online resources you can access to get your project growing:

[All Free Crafts](#)



[Gardening Life](#)

[Kids Gardening](#)

[Yukon Best Practices: Gardening](#)

Have fun!

Deborah Evans, Early Childhood Educator, Calgary, Alberta

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.

A Journey of Respect and Support

January 19, 2010

3:00pm — 5:00pm

Room Y324

Mount Royal University

4825 Mount Royal Gate S.W

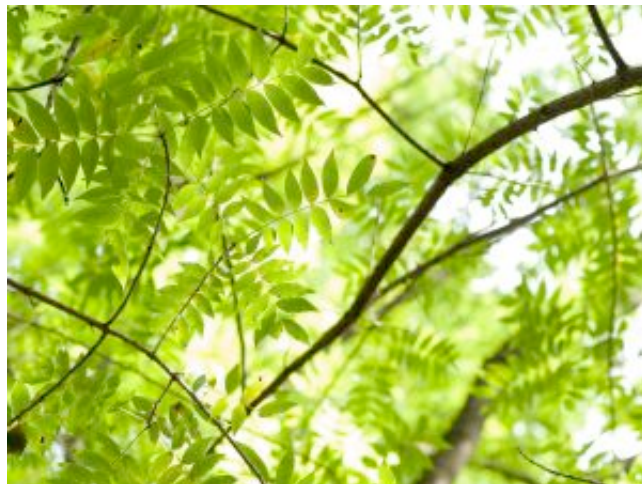
Calgary, AB

Please join the Centre for Child Well-Being for a presentation on ethical research practice with vulnerable populations.

The special guest (three of whom will join us from Vancouver on Skype) have been involved in various phases of Sue's research as subjects, researchers, and coordinators.

This session is being presented by Dr. Sue McIntyre and four guests, three of whom will join us on Skype from Vancouver.

Please find [event flier here](#).



CALGARY REGGIO NETWORK ASSOCIATION

Regular Meeting # 2
January 25, 2010

You are invited to attend our second regular meeting of the 2009 - 2010 school year. Our host for this meeting will be Langevin School.

Topic: Journey with Us Through The Process of Inquiry

The teachers at Langevin will share experiences and examples from their own practice including how they weave their field study trips into their work. Langevin's Science School model of inquiry will be shared. Opportunities to look through students "inquiry journals" and "field study journals" and dialogue with other members will be provided.

Monday, January 25, 2010

5:00 - 5:30 - Light Supper

5:30 - 7:00 - Presentations / Dialogue / Discussion

Langevin School - 107 - 6A Street N.E.

\$7.00 (pay at the door)

Please RSVP by - Thursday, January 21 to: calgaryreggio@gmail.com

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day, held annually on January 27, was developed by [ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation](#) and Honda Canada in 1999 to encourage families to read and learn together on a daily basis. Thousands of Canadians take part in this initiative every year by hosting FLD parties or participating in literacy activities in schools, libraries and literacy organizations across the country.

A Day of Learning with Dr. Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D

From the ChildTrauma Academy will share his expertise on child maltreatment, children's mental health, neurodevelopment and youth violence. Practitioners will gain a better understanding and develop strategies to work with families living with these particular barriers. This session will feature opportunities for discussion and interaction regarding strategies. Do not miss this amazing opportunity to listen to insight from a world-renowned expert on child trauma.

Registration and continental breakfast from 8:00-9:00.

Dr. Bruce D. Perry will be presenting from 9:00-3:30.



Cost \$100
February 25, 2009
8:00am - 3:30pm
North Pointe Community Church,
14025 - 167 Avenue, Edmonton, AB
[REGISTER HERE](#)



"NEW FRONTIERS FOR CHILDREN: OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER"
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2010 CAYC Annual Conference

Date: April 30-May 01, 2010
Where: Carriage House Inn
Calgary, Alberta
Keynote: Dan Hodgins

Dan is an internationally renowned Early Childhood Consultant from Flint, Michigan. His insightful and defining presentations are based on current research and filled with practical and effective strategies that can be put to work immediately!

This conference is for you!!!

to connect



to reflect





to strengthen



to have fun



Keep your eyes posted to the CAYC web page for updated information.

See ya' all in Calgary

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You have received this newsletter either because you are a proud CAYC Member or you have been sent this by a friend who is a proud CAYC member!

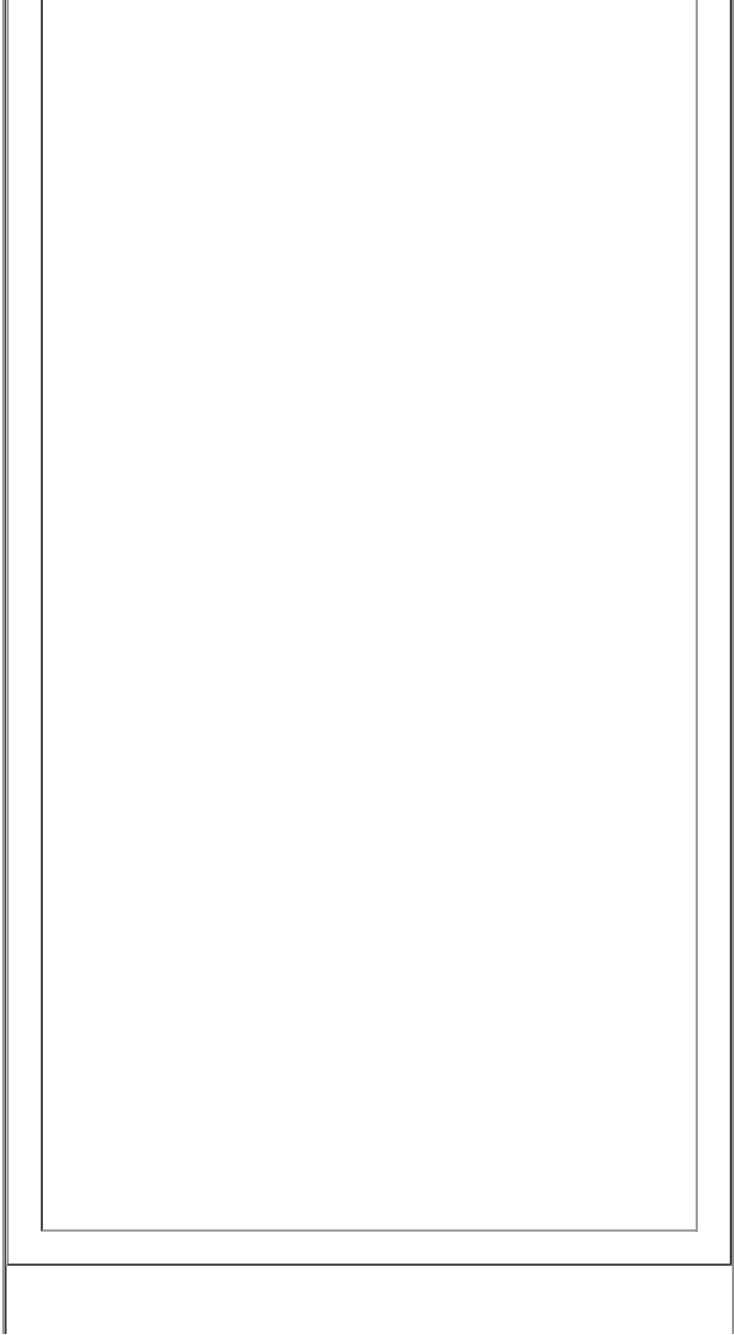
**You can become a member too!
Follow this link straight to our National site
and you can read how to join us. www.cayc.ca
Take time and explore,
there are interesting events and news to read about.**

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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