



# CAYC Saskatchewan Winter 2010 Newsletter



## Mission Statement

The CAYC exists to provide a voice on critical issues related to the quality of life of all young children and families.

The Canadian Association for Young Children (CAYC) was granted its Federal Charter in 1974. To this day, the CAYC is the only national association specifically concerned with the well being of children, birth through age nine - at home, in preschool settings and at school.

Members of this multi-disciplinary association include parents, teachers, caregivers, administrators, students and all those wishing to share ideas and participate in activities related to the education and welfare of young children.

## CAYC National Conference, Calgary, April 30—May 1, 2010

Keynote Dan Hodgins

Dan is an internationally renowned early childhood consultant from Flint, Michigan. His insightful presentations are based on current research and filled with practical and effective strategies that can be put to work immediately! Dan is the author of the newly released book, "Boys: Changing the Classroom, Not the Child".

**Check the CAYC website for updates and registration:**

[www.cayc.ca](http://www.cayc.ca)

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### Something to Share

Martha Friendly's address in Regina (see p. 2) was based on "From vision to action: Early childhood education and care in 2020" which can be found on the Childcare Resource and Research Unit website: [www.childcarecanada.org](http://www.childcarecanada.org) or in her newly released book co-authored by Susan Prentice "About Canada: Childcare".

Is there a website, resource, or children's book you would like to recommend? If so, let us know and we will include it in the newsletter.

## Membership

The CAYC membership is comprised of both institutional and non-institutional members. Members receive the "Journal" twice yearly, newsletters and special rates for both national and regional conferences.

Saskatchewan is proud to have one of the highest membership bases of all provinces. **Help us build on our success. Let your colleagues know about the CAYC and encourage them to purchase a membership.**

Membership inquiries can be directed to:

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### Membership Fees (annual):

Regular - \$55

Association / Institution - \$120

Full time student or Senior (65) - \$30

# The Aims of the CAYC

- ◆ To influence the direction and quality of policies and programs that affects the development and well being of young children in Canada.
- ◆ To provide as forum for the members of Canada's early childhood communities to support one another in providing developmentally appropriate programs for young children.
- ◆ To promote and provide opportunities for professional development for those charged with the care and education of young children.
- ◆ To promote opportunities for effective liaison and collaboration with all those responsible for young children.
- ◆ To recognize outstanding contributions to the well being of young children.

In subsequent newsletters we will take a closer look at one individual aim, providing opportunities for discussion and reflection.

## CAYC Saskatchewan Recent Events

### National AGM and Friends of Children Award

CAYC Saskatchewan hosted the national AGM on Saturday, November 7th. Congratulations to internationally-recognized early childhood expert Martha Friendly who was honoured with the "Friends of Children" Award, presented in recognition of her work on behalf of children. Martha's address, "Early Education and Care: From Vision to Action" inspired and challenged participants to imagine what a Canadian early childhood system could be. Her address was followed by a lively national panel discussion and questions.

### National Child Day 2009

CAYC Celebrated National Child Day 2009 by hosting a free children's concert at Scott Collegiate Auditorium. Children's performer Bob King delighted the children with two concerts and all children received a picture book and healthy snack thanks to generous community sponsorship.

## CAYC Saskatchewan Upcoming Events

RSVP for all events to Kari Nagel at 565-8826 or [kari.nagel@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:kari.nagel@rbe.sk.ca)

**January, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010- Hope's Home Site Visit**, 350 College Ave, Regina, SK 7:00pm

R.S.V.P. by Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010- Athabasca Discovery Preschool Site Visit**, 3905 Princess Dr., Regina, SK (in Athabasca School) 7:00pm R.S.V.P. by Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010- Lumsden Prekindergarten Site Visit**, 200 Broad Street, Lumsden, SK (We will meet at 6:15pm at the Northgate Mall to carpool- (by Zellers closer to Albert St.) R.S.V.P. by Monday, March 22nd (note date change)

**Cost for each Site Visit:**    **CAYC Members-** \$5.00                      **Non-Members-** \$10.00

(contributes to refreshments and a donation to the host location)