

**The School of Child and Youth Care receives Ministry of Environment grant to support research and community activities on children, nature and the environment.**

Dr's Nevin Harper, Gord Miller (both CYC post-doctoral researchers) and Adjunct CYC Professor Les Foster have been asked by the Ministry of Environment to review current literature and make recommendations to address the issue of children's declining level of contact with nature. The project encompasses a wide spectrum of perceived benefits of increased human contact with nature; health and wellness, increased physical activity, sense of place and community involvement. Proposals will be put forth identifying possible partner organizations and strategies to increase opportunities for children and youth to engage with nature.