Highlights of SCYC Graduate Alumni Survey *

What are our alumni saying about the graduate program in CYC?

- 85% of respondents stated that they were satisfied with their educational experience in the School of Child and Youth Care
- 88% rated the quality of supervisory support they received as either extremely high or very high
- 84% said they would definitely recommend the graduate program to prospective students and an additional 8% said they might recommend it, depending on the person's specific interests
- 71% said they had no challenges whatsoever finding paid employment in their chosen field after graduation, while 15% said they had “some” challenges
- 67% of respondents said the their graduate education prepared them “extremely or very well” for their current professional roles and an additional 27% said the program prepared them moderately well

What professional positions are CYC alumni holding?

MA and PhD graduates from the School of Child and Youth Care are working in a range of educational, policy and practice contexts and leadership roles. Here is just a sample of some of the positions that they occupy:

- Research assistant
- Mental health clinician
- Practice analyst
- Chief Executive Officer
- Family therapist
- Early childhood program director
- Coordinator of volunteers
- Team leader
- Manager, government ministry
- Consultant in private practice
- Youth and family counsellor
- Clinical social program officer
- Faculty member in a post-secondary institution

* The information provided here is based on an anonymous, online survey that was sent to all MA and PhD CYC graduates in May, 2012. The overall response rate was 51%.
What kinds of work are CYC alumni doing?

The three most common professional activities that our graduate alumni are engaged in are:

- Direct practice with children, youth and families
- Teaching in post-secondary contexts
- Leadership roles

For a more detailed breakdown of the professional activities they are engaged in see below.

“I would definitely recommend the program for those looking to make a positive impact in the lives of children, youth and families. I liked that you can tailor the program to meet your needs/interest and the faculty have a wide range of interests that most students should be able to find an appropriate supervisor. The graduate degree is more and more recognized for its excellence and I’m seeing more and more CYCers doing tremendous work…”

“I have always recommended this program to others, it was high quality design, interactive with professionals like myself who had experience and were willing to share these experiences in context of the topics, and exceptional instructors with an array of backgrounds, experiences and facilitation styles.”

“The SCYC graduate program is an exceptional program for practitioners in the human service field. The core courses and practicum provide relevant knowledge and experience to ensure the best possible practice for children, youth and families. The graduate program takes you steps ahead in regards to advocacy, knowledge, growth and development.”

For detailed program information, visit our website: www.cyc.uvic.ca/