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CFYS updates and events

Healthy Family Living: Powered by Innovations - IdeaFest
CFYS Research Fellows Dr. Sam Liu, Dr. PJ Naylor and Dr. Ryan Rhodes will host an interactive workshop that showcases current research innovations that can help your whole family achieve a healthy lifestyle. Topics include reducing the risk for childhood obesity, innovative behavior-changing technologies and using game-based apps for better health.
Location: McKinnon Building (MCK) Room 150
Date: March 2, 2020 @ 7:00PM – 8:30PM
More information

Identity Disrupted: Impacts of Forced Migration on Youth - IdeaFest
Imagine being forced to leave your home, community and country. Does this change how you see yourself, where you belong, and your future aspirations? Learning about the ongoing Youth Migration Project in Southeast Asia, which uses a unique arts-based Story Board method to explore the impact of forced migration on youth, this interactive session invites attendees to explore these questions themselves through discussion and the Story Board method.
Hosted by CFYS Student Affiliates, Debra Torok and Rashin Lamouchi
Location: Cornett Building (COR) Room B112
Date: March 6, 2020 @ 2:00PM – 3:30PM
More information

Events

First Call BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition Fundraising Gala
Every year, First Call BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition organizes a Fundraising Gala that brings
together over 500 people from a range of sectors with an interest in the well-being of children and youth. Come and make new connections, celebrate, enjoy delicious food, and hear inspiring words from Dr. Melissa Lem, a board member of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, strategic advisor to the BC Parks Foundation, experienced journalist, Vancouver-based family physician, and much more.
Location: Vancouver, BC
Date: February 27th, 2020
More information

Brave Victoria 2020
Brave is a 1-day catalytic event whose purpose is to reach girls aged 12-18, with a message that they are valuable and worth being celebrated while encouraging them to dream big for what their futures can be.
Location: The Salvation Army - 4030 Douglas Street
Date: February 29th, 2020 @ 3:00PM – 7:00PM
More information

Youth Retreat – Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks
A retreat bringing youth in and from care from all across the province together to learn life skills, have fun, build lasting friendships, direct the work of the organization, contribute to government consultations, and build a provincial community.
Location: Zajac Ranch, Mission, BC
Date: April 24-26, 2020 (Registration deadline: March 9)
More information

Cultural Day – City of Victoria Youth Council
Cultural Day is a youth-led event celebrating the different cultures of Victoria. There will be cultural performances, booths, and traditional food and interactive activities.
Location: Centennial Square, Victoria, BC
Date: April 25th, 2020 @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM
More information

Workshops

Do Good Leaders Have To be Vulnerable? Lessons in EQ – Volunteer Victoria
Often leadership is measured by technical skills, expertise and credentials. We assume that if you have those things, you will be a good leader. But, have you ever worked for someone who only had one of them? Without the ability to negotiate compromise and collaborate, these measures are nothing. EQ makes or breaks a good leader. In this workshop, we will test ourselves to measure our own EQ and explore five ways to grow our own EQ skills.
Location: #306-620 View St. Victoria, BC
Date: Monday March 2 @ 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
More information

Supporting Mental Health in Young Children – Child Care Options
The ABCs of Childhood Mental Health: Mental health has taken a central place in the minds of parents, caregivers, educators and other “big people” due to the significant number of children who are struggling. This workshop will explore the reasons for this struggle, the way mental health challenges
typically present in children, and most importantly, what can be done to support children towards healthy development and actualizing their fullest potential.”

Presenter: Dr. Vanessa Lapointe
Location: 5050 47th Avenue, Delta, British Columbia
Date: Monday March 2 @ 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
More information

SHIFT – Victoria Youth Empowerment Society
SHIFT is a group for gender diverse youth age 13-19 to access support related to their gender identities. This group is activity based and includes art projects, outings, and guest speakers while also incorporating lessons around coping skills, self-esteem, and navigating medical services. Please note that this is not an Alliance Club program. This group is designed to be an inclusive and safe space where youth can access support related to their gender identity and come together for peer connections. Topics and activities include self-esteem building, coping strategies, navigating medical services, and much more. SHIFT meets twice a month for a total of six meetings per session.
Location: The Top Floor of our 533 Yates St. office
Dates: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 5:00 PM – 6:30PM starting from January 23rd, 2020
More information

Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Group – James Bay Community Project and Quadra Village Community Centre
James Bay Community Project and Quadra Village Community Centre are hosting at Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Group for young parents starting February 3. This group is open to parents 21 years and younger who are parenting a child 0-5 years old. There is FREE childminding available onsite, or the program can offer cash to pay for a baby-sitter at home. At Nobody's Perfect sessions, parents learn about their child's feelings, behaviours, body, and safety as well as sharing what it is like to be a parent. Sessions are based on what parents want to learn about, not step by step from a book. It is a 6-week program.
Location: Victoria, BC
Dates: February 3rd, 10th, 24th & March 2nd, 9th, 16th @ 1:00PM – 2:30PM
More information

All Youth Matter Inclusion Training – Oaklands Community Association
Based on deep consultation with nearly 250 youth and over 100 inclusion experts, All Youth Matter Inclusion Training was developed to equip sport and recreation leaders to make a difference in the lives of diverse youth in their community. In this workshop, one will learn about factors that contribute to an inclusive environment, how to identify and address barriers and biases, and steps to take to intervene and stop discrimination.
Location: Victoria, BC
Date: April 25th, 2020 @ 12:00PM – 4:00PM
More information

Job and volunteer opportunities

Shelter Worker - Out of the Rain
Out of the Rain is an award-winning and accredited not-for-profit that helps people and improves lives through a range of programs and services. The Shelter Worker uses a compassionate approach when connecting with youth who are homeless and is responsible for the nightly safety and support of the
Family Support Worker – NILTUO Child and Family Society
NILTUO is a Child and Family Services organization that serves First Nation communities in the Greater Victoria area. The Family Support Worker provides intensive support services to families referred by MCFD and will assist them in developing their skill and ability to safely care for their children. This position will involve assisting families and/or youth to navigate the complex service network, reducing any barriers to needed services and supporting families and youth to build connections with culture and community. You will report to a Community Services Manager. The work primarily takes place in the Southern Vancouver Island geographic area.
Location: Saanichton, BC
Application deadline: Until filled
More Information

Youth and Family Counsellor – George Jay Elementary
The role of the Youth and Family Counsellor is to provide identification and intervention in the areas of counselling, skill development, advocacy, and support services to vulnerable children and their families. Children who are vulnerable are those who are experiencing familial, emotional, behavioural, and/or cultural issues which significantly limit their capacity to function effectively within their family, school, and/or community. The position at George Jay helps serve a dynamic group of students (and their families) including those with complex and significant challenges.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until-filled
More Information

For more job listings and volunteer opportunities:
UVic Learning in Motion
UVic Careers
WorkBC
Volunteer Victoria

Conferences
Career Pro Conference for Youth by WorkBC
A career conference featuring mini-workshops for youth age 16-30. This event is for graduation students, high school students, post-secondary students, unemployed/underemployed youth, or any youth wanting to improve their job game!
Location: WorkBC Centre, Nanaimo, BC
Date: February 25th, 2020 @ 1:45PM – 4:00PM
More information

HELP Talks Making Space for Outdoor Play
Play is essential to children’s health and well-being and we are excited to, once again, dive deep into this important topic this time with a focus on outdoor play. Join Human Learning Partnership at the University of British Columbia on Thursday, February 27th as we host Ellen Beate Hansen Sandseter,
Amber Fyfe-Johnson and Anita Bundy as they share the latest research related to the importance of children’s outdoor play for health and development and share strategies for supporting outdoor play.
Location: Vancouver, BC
Date: February 27th, 2020
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Scholarships and bursaries

Teen Writing Contest
For grades 7-12. Try your hand at our fantastic contest for teens who write. This year’s contest focuses on writing that is inspired by Michael Nicholl Yahgulanaas’s book Flight of the Hummingbird, which challenges each of us to do our part, bit by bit, to make the world a better place. Enter your original poem, short story, or something in our creative writing category. Entries have a limit of 1,500 words; works that surpass the word count may be disqualified. If your entry is selected by the judging panel, you will win a gift certificate to a local book store of your choice.
Application deadline: February 27th, 2020
More information

BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) Educational Award
BCCPAC is presenting the Educational Award to any Grade 12 student attending a BCCPAC-member school who is planning to pursue post-secondary studies (academic, vocational, technical or training).
Application deadline: February 28th, 2020
More information

Chair in Transgender Studies 2020 Scholarships and Fellowships
Graduate students, faculty, professionals, and community members can apply. Applications are now open. (undergrad opens April 1st).
Application deadline: February 28th, 2020
More information

Dream Fund – Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks
The Dream Fund supports young people in and from care to pursue their careers and achieve their goals through education and skill building.
Application deadline: March 6, 2020
More information

Funding opportunities

2020 Horizon Global Platform Competition (international stream)
The objective of the international stream is to support international research collaborations and position Canada and Canadian researchers as strategic partners at the international level. The NFRF 2020 Horizon Global Platform competition provides funding (up to $125,000 per year, including indirect costs, for a maximum of four years) for Canadian researchers who are partners on successful projects funded through eligible calls under the European Union’s Horizon 2020 program. It is expected that the Canadian researcher or research team will be an integral part of the larger Horizon 2020 research team that was awarded a grant.
Application deadlines: February 27, 2020, or within two weeks of the Horizon 2020 deadline for their
ParticipACTION’s Community Better Challenge
In the Spring of 2020, ParticipACTION will host its second annual cross-Canada Community Better Challenge. This challenge is open to all organizations, schools, sport groups and workplaces to participate and track their minutes as a team. If you host an event or program that helps your community get active during the challenge, you may be eligible to receive a micro-grant to support your efforts. Now is the time to start thinking about what kind of event your school would like to host.
Application deadline: February 28th, 2020

SSHRC Connection Grants
These grants support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and to engage on research issues of value to those participating.
Application deadlines: May 1st, 2020

Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant
The Elizabeth Greenshields foundation grant is for young artists pursuing their studies or are in the early or development stages of their careers. The grants are in the amount of $15,000 each, subsequent grants are in the amount of $18,000 each.
Application deadline: Ongoing

For more funding opportunities:
SSHRC  
CIHR  
Mitacs  
UVic Awards  
GSS Grants

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