CFYS E-News – September 12th, 2019

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CFYS updates and events

2019-20 Work Study Positions
This year CFYS is pleased to offer four research assistant positions open to students eligible for the work study program. The work study eligibility requirements, program application details, and position information is available on the UVic Work Study webpage.

Events

Rallying for Change – Fostering Change
Fostering Change is holding a peaceful public demonstration to showcasing our strength in numbers to show government our passion about positive policy outcomes. There will be a few speeches and a big show of support for youth in care, alumni of care, peers, friends and family in the community. If you like creating change, this event is for you!
Location: Vancouver, BC
Date: September 28th, 2019 @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM
More information
Policy Solutions Day 2019 – Fostering Change
We have the privilege for the third annual year to bring youth from care to Victoria on October 23rd, 2019. We ask you to join us in meeting with policy professionals and many other organizations in helping to change legislation surrounding AYA’s so that they are made "universal and comprehensive for all youth aging out of care." This means we want all youth, regardless of where they are in their life, to be able to access all the supports they need to not only survive but thrive. Last year – Policy Solutions Day 2018 - 45 youth had over 25 meetings with policy professionals to change to policies that affect their lives daily. You can find a little of what we spoke about in this policy memo. At Policy Solutions Day you can expect to use some journalism and speaking skills you already know - or we can help you learn - in speaking to organizations and MLAs to make our ask heard!
Location: Victoria, BC
Date: October 23rd, 2019
More information

Workshops

START Youth Employment Program
The START Youth Employment is 14-week program for youth ages 15-30 who are unemployed non EI-British Colmbian. During the first six weeks, we focus on life skills, job retention skills, certificate training, and job search skills. Then the following eight weeks is a paid work experience that will hopefully lead to long-term employment. This program provides industry-specific training certificates to enhance labour market participation (e.g. Food Safe, First Aid Level1, Customer Service), opportunity to work with a Job Developer, and more.
Location: Sooke, BC
Date: September 23rd, 2019
More information

Nurturing Social and Emotional Development with Children’s Literature – Child Care Resource and Referral
This workshop will introduce the idea of using children’s literature as a way to nurture children’s social and emotional development. Through book sharing, we can help children explore topics such as: developing healthy expressions of anger, mindfulness, labeling feelings, developing personal boundaries and making friends. In addition to book sharing, participants will be inspired to create meaningful play-based experiences that extend from the books they explore with children in their care. Presenter, Andrea Dawson, has worked with young children and their families for the past 20 years, and has supervised in non-profit and inclusive early childhood programs. Currently, Andrea teaches as a full time faculty in the ECE Diploma Program at Langara College.
Location: Victoria, BC
Date: September 30th, 2019 @ 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
More information

New Foundations – Mennonite Central Committee
When newcomers arrive in Canada, the experience can be overwhelming. They must learn how to navigate everyday life in an unfamiliar country, with a different culture, different systems and different customs. For newcomers, finding their financial footing can be a challenge. Through community-based support groups, the New Foundations program offers 15-18, 2 hour sessions for newcomers to develop
essential life skills such as how to find a job in Canada, how to open a registered savings account, or how to create a plan to meet savings goals and more!
Location: Victoria, BC
Dates: September 18th, 2019 – June 2020 (every other Wednesday)
More information

**Cool Cues Social Skills Group – James Bay Community Project**
Cool Cues is a social skills group for 8-10 years old. The program runs periodically for 6 sessions. Children must be registered to participate in this program. Children learn about ways to introduce themselves, how to make and keep friends, exploring identity and self-confidence, appropriate group behaviour, and bullying. We address these topics through a variety of media: play, art brainstorming, team building and group activities. A snack is provided. To register please contact Janessa Serediu at jserediuk@jbcp.bc.ca
Location: Victoria, BC
Dates: September 16th – October 28th, 2019; Mondays @ 3:15PM – 4:30 PM
More information

**Growing Great Families Program – Fernwood NRG**
Every month at the Mustard Seed, hundreds of families, who are food insecure, receive groceries from the Mustard Seed Market. Growing Great Families will be offered for these families to attend. The program will offer lunch and will have a focused topic each week including parenting, food and nutrition, money skills, and other information that parents have shown interest in learning about. The goal of Growing Great Families is to meet families where they are at and extend resources and support to all. The partnership between the Mustard Seed Family Center and Fernwood NRG will combine staff knowledge and skills for parents who access this new program. This idea of meeting the needs of families in unique ways is not new to either of our organizations. The Coalition of Neighbourhood Houses has had a partnership called the Food By Neighbourhood Pilot with the Mustard Seed Street Church and Food Bank for a few years. Through this program, families are able to pick up a monthly food hamper from their local community centre or neighbourhood house, if they aren’t able to make it to the Mustard Seed.
Location: 625 Queens Ave, Victoria, BC
Dates: Every Monday @ 11:00AM – 1:00PM
More information

**Nowh Guna Tseh Culture Training – Carrier Sekani Family Services**
Professionals who work with Carrier People require specific knowledge, attitudes and skills to ensure that their practice is culturally competent and effective. Carrier Sekani Family Services has developed a two-day training intensive to provide professionals with the basic knowledge they need to work cross-culturally with wisdom.
Location: Prince George, BC
Dates: September 19th, 2019 @ 8:30 AM – September 20th, 2019 @ 4:30 PM
More information

**Frames Film Program**
The Frames Film Program is looking for referrals for their upcoming Fall Cycle #21! They are looking for Indigenous youth and their peers ages 16 to 30 and living in the Lower Mainland. All youth who face a barrier of any kind (i.e., homelessness, mental health challenges, unemployment, marginalization) are
welcome to apply. In this free program, youth work together to make a short film. This next cycle runs Tuesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 PM. Dinner and transit tickets will be provided for each session. Contact Amanda at amanda@froghollow.bc.ca or 250-878-2405 to get the referral form. Please note that youth must be referred by a professional adult support (caseworker, teacher, etc.).
Location: Vancouver, BC
Dates: September 24th – December 14th, 2019
More information

Youth Retreats – Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN)
Our retreats bring youth in and from care from 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. If you are a young person between the ages of 14 and 24 who has experienced some form of government care (including experience with child and youth mental health services, addiction facilities, custody centres, extended family placements, Community Living BC programs, or homelessness) our camps are for you! Our camps create a fun, safe environment where you can connect with other young people who are building a provincial network for youth in and from care.
Location: New Westminster, BC
Dates: October 25th – 27th, 2019
Application deadline: September 26th, 2019
More information

Game Changer Youth Employment Program – Intercultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA)
The Game Changer program is designed to develop participant’s skills in planning their career path and connect their talent to meaningful employment opportunities. If you are an immigrant young adult age 18 – 24 residing in British Columbia, who are not attending school full-time, currently unemployed or precarious employed, and meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement, this is just the right program for you! The Game Changer program offers participants 8 weeks of in-class employability skills training and full-time paid training, not to mention other financial supports such as transportation! Above all, at the end of this program, you will learn different resourceful skills that make you a standout candidate among all other job applicants!
Location: Victoria, BC
Date: September 30th, 2019
More information

Understanding Non-Suicidal Self Injury (Part 2) – Foundry Victoria
In this presentation we will discuss suicidality in youth and help parents understand how they can best guide their children who might be thinking or talking about suicide, and what services exist in the community.
Location: Victoria, BC
Date: September 25th, 2019
More information

VNFC 50th Anniversary
The Victoria Native Friendship Centre will celebrate on the territory of the Lekwungen Peoples on whose land we live, work and play. The Celebration starts with an Opening Circle to acknowledge the local
traditional territory on whose land we live, work, and play. Throughout the day there will be different musical sounds and a diversity of traditional Indigenous performers such as singers, dancers, and drummers. Eat tasty food and drink cold beverages from Victoria’s local Food Trucks. Enjoy the weather outside and visit our bouncy castle, photo booth, two lane obstacle course, and human foosball. There are various lawn games set up with a chance to win several prizes. Visit Arts and Crafts and Kids areas; sip on a cup of Caffe Fantastico’s Coffee in the gym while browsing the photos from the CJPME exhibition; learn how to do traditional beading, then when you are ready, enjoy a game Bingo with our Elders.

Location: 231 Regina Ave, Victoria, BC
Date: September 29th, 2019 @ 9:00AM – 5:00PM
More information

94 Calls to Action Workshop
What is the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report and how it relates to the church and its relationship with Indigenous people? Come join us for a day and gain a better understanding of why reconciliation of our history and relationship with First Nations is so important! Some of our past participants have said that they left with hope and confidence that they could make a difference and would put what they learned into action! This is a free event with lunch provided. Mark this special day on your calendar and we cannot wait to see you!
Location: St Stephen Church, 7921 St Stephen Rd, Victoria, BC
Dates: October 5th, 2019 RSVP September 30th, 2019
More information

Youth Works Employment – YMCA of Northern BC
The Youth Works Employment Program offers qualifying youth, aged 18-24, job skills training and long-term planning to find a rewarding career. This includes: short term certification training, skills development, and indicated and available, match them with youth for training, practicums, and employment opportunities.
Location: Prince George, BC individualized coaching with a career practitioner. This ongoing employment program includes: interview and networking skills, resume writing, career counselling, and various training certifications. The Youth Works Employment Program has partnered with local employers to identify youth that fit with their sector and, as
Date: Ongoing
More information

Job and volunteer opportunities
Youth Retreat (SCM) Overnight Hospitality Staff – Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN)
FBCYICN is a youth-driven, provincial, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of young people in and from government care in BC, between the ages of 14 and 24. Overnight Hospitality Support Staff play a crucial role at our Youth Retreats— not only are you viewed as a role model but your presence and energy help to establish a safe and comfortable space for the participants. You are responsible to be available for support and for ensuring the participants are respecting the camp and each other during the night. You will also be responsible for all first-aid incidents that may occur after 9:00PM. All Hospitality Support Staff will be the main staff on from 8:00PM to 8:00AM and will be the designated “go-to” staff for the participants for any questions they may have, concerns and support. To
meet these responsibilities, you also agree to stay awake from 8:00PM to 8:00AM. In the event of a crisis during the hours of 8:00PM – 8:00AM, Hospitality Staffs are responsible for immediately reporting to the designated FBCYICN staff.
Location: New Westminster, BC
Application deadline: September 23rd, 2019
More information

Youth Building a New Economy Fall 2019 Cohort – Check Your Head
Are you a youth interested in learning about economic justice issues and exploring innovative solutions? Check Your Head is offering a free 10-week program that welcomes youth ages 15 – 25 from all backgrounds. They particularly encourage youth with lived experience of poverty to apply, and they hope to bring together youth with a broad range of interests, so there’s no need to have a background in economics! Meetings are held biweekly on Wednesday evenings at Broadway Youth Resource Centre (on the 99 B-Line) and there will be free dinner and snacks too! Applications are now open for cohort 3 (October 2019 – January 2020).
Location: Vancouver, BC
Application deadline: September 25th, 2019
More information

Support Network Facilitators – Lifetime Networks
Lifetime Networks is a not for profit organization that helps people with developmental disabilities make friends and connect to their communities. They are looking for a part-time Support Network Facilitator for a new Network to recruit, motivate and support a small group of volunteers as they develop and maintain relationships with the person with developmental disabilities at the centre of the network. The successful candidate will develop a strong relationship with the Focus Person (individual with developmental disabilities); recruit volunteers and supervise a small network of friendship around the Focus Person; liaise and support the individual and their family in nurturing these friendships, and more.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until-filled
More information

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Location: New Westminster, BC
Application deadline: September 23rd, 2019
More information

Residential Support Counsellor (On-call Support) – YMCA of Vancouver Island
Reporting to the Program Managers of Young Moms Program and Pandora Youth Apartments, the
Residential Support Counsellor (On-call) assists residents by providing after-hours response services evenings, weekends and holidays – on alternating weeks. The ideal candidate will possess well-rounded skills in advocacy, mediation, decision-making, effective communication and counselling, and ideally have experience working collaboratively with MCFD and multi-barriered youth in a residential setting. The successful applicant will work as part of a small team within a large organization and will provide emotional support and apply problem solving skills to help residents manage routine housing issues such as lock outs and noisy neighbours, as well as responding to more serious concerns.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until-filled
More information

Course Facilitator – 1Up Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre

The 1Up Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre is looking for a dynamic, experienced facilitator to learn and deliver our core program courses. The Core courses are Healthy Boundaries, Lighthouse Parent, and Understanding Anger and Stress. The successful candidate will be given an orientation to the curriculum and then be responsible for delivering the course. The position reports to the Educational Programs Coordinator.
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

Mental Health for All Conference

The Mental Health for All (MH4A) Conference plays a unique role in uniting the people and ideas that exemplify mental health in Canada. Now in its fourth year, the MH4A Conference is an important place of convergence, where service providers, front-line workers, researchers, funders, policy makers and people with lived experience of mental health problems and illnesses come together to set the agenda. The theme of this year’s conference is Connection Interrupted: Restoring Mental Health in a Fractured World. Together we connect, create and collaborate to demand and design the mentally healthy schools, campuses, workplaces and communities that our citizens deserve, and reimagine the healthcare system and supports required to serve their needs of the future. Let’s look back and think ahead. Let’s shore up everyone’s mental health for the world to come.
Location: Westin Harbour Castle, 1 Harbour Square, Toronto, ON
Dates: September 23rd – 25th, 2019
More information

Supporting Families: Mind, Body and Spirit – BC Association of Pregnancy Outreach Programs (BCPOP)

This 3-day professional development event, with an optional pre-conference session will focus on physical, nutritional, mental/emotional, social, and cultural support for perinatal women. The BCAPOP
conference is designed to offer delegates training sessions that provide practical information, a deeper understanding of issues faced by marginalized women living in conditions of risk and strategies to support their day to day work. Not to mention that this is a great opportunity to network with other professionals in the field too!
Location: Richmond, BC
Dates: October 9th – 11th, 2019
More information

Start the Conversation
Start the Conversation is a mental health awareness conference that connects West Shore youth with mental health organizations as well as gives them the knowledge and skills to positively impact their mental health in their everyday life. They are currently looking for organizations to showcase at their conference on October 10th, 2019 (world mental health day) at Belmont Secondary School in Langford. They are looking for mental health organizations but would also welcome any organization that directly or indirectly benefits a youth's mental health.
Location: Belmont Secondary School, Langford, BC
Date: October 10th, 2019 @ 10:00AM – 2:00PM
More information

Heart Mind 2019: The Art and Science of Calm
This conference features the latest science and practice related to cultivating calm and balance in our lives – at home, school and in our community. In this one-day experiential conference, presenters will explore evidence-informed ways to support children and youth in a fast-paced world and share practical strategies that fit into our daily routines to reduce stress and promote well-being. Participants will experience the calming effects of mindfulness, nature, music, Indigenous knowledge, human connection, and more, while connecting with like-minded and like-hearted people.
Location: Magee Secondary School, 6360 Maple St., Vancouver, BC
Date: October 25th, 2019 @ 8:30AM – 4:30PM
More information

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) Annual Provincial Training Conference: Our Languages, Our Teachings, Our Ways
At BCACCS, a primary focus of our training and professional development events is to translate our culturally rich traditions into effective early learning and child care (ELCC) programs and services. We believe that community involvement, leadership, and support are central to the healthy, holistic development of Indigenous children. We support early childhood education professionals to design and deliver programs and services that are immersed in our cultures and communities.
Location: 7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC
Dates: October 25th – 27th, 2019
More information

Coming Together: Breaking Down Silos to Serve Children and Youth
This learning event is an opportunity for DAA, MCFD, and community sector staff to come together, build relationships, and deepen their understanding of the different roles, supports, and services that make up our sector. This two-day learning event is intended for people who lead teams working with children and youth with complex needs: Team Leads, Program Supervisors, Program Managers,
Directors of Practice, Directors of Operations, Consultants. Workshops and presentations will focus on strength-based programming on topics such as complex behaviours, family well-being and preservation, resilience, mental health, cultural connectedness, and trauma-informed practice.

Location: Pacific Gateway Hotel, 3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC
Date: October 16th, 2019 @ 8:30AM – 5:00PM
More information

First Nations Languages Conference – The First Nations Education Steering Committee
First Nations Languages Conference happens every two years. It is a major networking and professional development opportunity for all of those involved in the vital work of First Nations languages education and revitalization. This year, the theme is Xay Sts’itsáp – Carrying on the Sacred Work, inspired by the work of the late Snitelwet-t Dr. Deborah Jacobs, who was an accomplished and highly dedicated First Nations languages leader.
Location: Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel, Vancouver, BC
Dates: October 7th – 8th, 2019
More information

25th Annual Indigenous Education Conference – First Nations Education Steering Committee
The First Nations Education Steering Committee’s 25th Annual Indigenous Education Conference brings people together to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for helping First Nations learners reach their full potential and transform relationships for the advancement of quality First Nations education. This year, the conference features concurrent workshops, exhibitors, plenary presentations and networking opportunities.
Location: Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, BC
Dates: November 28th – 30th, 2019
More information

Present your research
The 9th International Research Conference on Adolescents and Adults with FASD: Review, Respond and Relate – Integrating Research, Policy and Practice Around the World
As individuals diagnosed with FASD continue to age, the “need to know” across a broad spectrum of areas is becoming critically important for identifying clinically relevant research questions and directions. This interactive 2020 conference will provide an opportunity to be at the forefront of addressing these issues. We will welcome a diverse group of professionals, researchers, students, families and individuals with FASD. The Call for Abstracts is now open, deadline: September 13th, 2019.
Location: The Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, BC
Dates: April 22nd – 25th, 2020
More information

Society for the Study of Human Development 11th Biennial Meeting – Stress, Resilience, and Character Development Across the Life Span
Stress may have long-term implications for several areas in the developmental sciences, including personality, family dynamics, cognition, health and well-being. However, there are many different types of resilience, which may mitigate the effects of stress. The SSHD Conference welcomes submission on this years’ theme, and especially welcomes submissions incorporating diverse scientific frameworks,
including interdisciplinary scholarships.
Location: The Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon
Dates: October 11th – 13th, 2019

More information

Funding opportunities

Sense of Place Program – First People’s Cultural Council
'A Sense of Place: Reconnecting the Land through Indigenous Cultural Heritage’ offers up to $25,000 grants to B.C. First Nations communities and Indigenous organizations. The goal of this funding is to foster greater understanding of the connection and safeguarding practices between the land/environment and Indigenous cultural heritage, including Indigenous languages. FPCC recognizes that the loss of Indigenous heritage is profound and there is an urgent and immediate need to protect our cultural heritage now and into the future. We are excited to offer funding that supports B.C. First Nations communities’ efforts to protect their cultural heritage. Projects are expected to demonstrate how Indigenous cultural heritage is connected to the land, and explore how Indigenous knowledge, traditions and languages can be used to enforce community resilience and resurgence, particularly in the context of climate change, cumulative effects, pollution prevention (e.g., zero waste management and contamination), sustainable development, and/or land management and planning.
Application deadline: October 18th, 2019
More information

Indigenous Heritage Micro-grants – First People’s Cultural Council
The Indigenous Heritage Micro-Grant (IHMG) Program is meant to support emergent activities on a one-time basis. Funding is up to $2,000. Project applications may include activities supporting the performance, preservation and/or sharing of Indigenous heritage, increasing knowledge sharing with elders, and assisting in the development of cultural heritage skills in Indigenous communities. Organizations must have a mandate or a focus that includes Indigenous heritage.
Application deadline: October 18th, 2019
More information

First Peoples’ Cultural Council Music Touring Grants
The Touring, Promotions/Marketing and Performance Initiatives program supports Indigenous artists, ensembles, and collectives undertaking touring, promotions, marketing and performance activities in Canada that will lead to enhanced professional opportunities. This new grant is part of the Indigenous Music Initiative with the goal of increasing opportunities for Indigenous music industry professionals to participate in, and further influence, B.C.’s music industry through knowledge transfer, skills development and the creation of new business opportunities. Touring within Canada and Promotions/Marketing can be combined for a total of up to $10,000. Canadian event, showcase or festival and Promotions/Marketing can be combined for a total of up to $8,000.
Application deadline: September 30th, 2019
More information

2020 Full and Research Grants – Victoria Foundation
The Victoria Foundation is now accepting applications for funding through the Adoption and Permanency Fund of BC for projects in support of adoption and permanency-related initiatives in British
Columbia that address one or more of the following goals: 1) Permanency, Lifelong Connections, and Successful Transitions for Youth in Care, 2) Legal and Cultural Permanency for Aboriginal Children and Youth in Care, 3) Enhance the understanding of adoption and permanency-related issues through innovative research that involves partnerships between the adoptive and academic communities. The Fund welcomes applications from charities and organizations across the province of British Columbia. Applicants do not have to be registered charities and applications from other associations and small groups are welcome. Individual grants up to $20,000 each are available under this funding program. Application deadline: October 15th, 2019 @ 4:00PM
More information

**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: November 1st, 2019; February 1st and May 1st, 2020
More information

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