

Zone 1 (North)

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Crisis Centre  
Family Youth & Child  
Services of Muskoka  
Jeanne Sauve Family  
Services  
Kairos Centre  
Mee-Quam Youth  
Northern Youth  
Services  
Timiskaming Child &  
Family Services  
W.J. Stelmachuk  
& Associates  
Wendigo Lake  
Expeditions  
William W. Creighton  
Youth Services

Zone 2 (South East)

Corbyville Children's  
Homes  
Cornwall Youth  
Residence Inc.  
Dalhousie Youth  
Support Services  
Fernie House Child  
Youth Services  
First Nations  
Tech Institute  
Kennedy House Youth  
Services Inc.  
New Path Youth &  
Family Services  
Morton Youth  
Services  
Murray Mckinnon  
Foundation  
Operation Springboard  
St. Lawrence Youth  
Association  
Turning Point Youth  
Services  
Young House  
Youth Now Intervention  
Services  
Youth Services Bureau  
Of Ottawa

Zone 3 (South West)

Anago (Non) Residential  
Resources Inc.  
Casatta Ltd.  
Craigwood Youth  
Services  
Dawn Patrol Child &  
Youth Services  
E. Fry Society of Peel  
Lutherwood  
New Beginnings  
Pinehill Youth  
Residences  
Ray of Hope Inc.  
Renaissance  
Salvation Army  
Salvation Army  
Salvation Army  
St. Leonard's Brantford  
St. Leonard's London  
T. A. Patterson & Assoc.  
Transitions for Youth  
Western Area Youth  
Services

## YJO / OCJA Agree to Explore Working Partnership

During a meeting held in Toronto on May 22nd, YOUTH JUSTICE ONTARIO and the ONTARIO COMMUNITY JUSTICE ASSOCIATION agreed on a tentative plan for the two associations to cooperate over the next year or so. The working plan will potentially include Associate / Guest Memberships for each other's members, joint participation on committees, shared Board Meeting opportunities, a joint Conference for 2009, training opportunities at that Conference and perhaps other venues as well thru 2009. There would be an evaluation of the working partnership in early 2010. All of these initiatives need to be vetted through each association's AGM's before being put in place.

## Presidents of YJO and OCJA Meet with Minister

On June 5th, in Toronto, Terry Henry and Michelle Connor, as well as other representatives of the two associations met with the **HON. DEBORAH MATTHEWS, MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES**. The delegation highlighted the desire of the service providers represented by YJO and OCJA to become partners with the Ministry in its implementation of its new Strategic Framework [*Realizing Potential: Our Children, Our Youth, Our Future*] and our commitment to the Ministry's Vision of integrated and client-centred systems. The discussion focused on our recommendations that: (1) Transformation of the youth justice system should proceed holistically and in an integrated plan, rather than piecemeal rationalization of isolated sectors; (2) the need to bring youth justice services into the same ministerial administration as child welfare and children's mental health in order to achieve consistency and equity across all systems; and (3) the renaming of "Open" Custody to "Reintegrative" Custody in order to reflect the work being done in that sector and the recommendations of the Child Advocate. The Team also highlighted concerns about Pay Equity and our need to develop a Public Relations strategy to change the heart and minds of the public about the youth in our care.

## Ministry Releases Open Custody and Detention Transformation Report : Making a Case for Change, Prepared by: Adam Borgida & Glenn Semple

You should have by now received this document through official channels. If not, you can find it on the YJO Web Site. Look for the link on the public home page:

**Open Custody and Detention Transformation Report.**

## YJO Community Program Sub-Committee Plan Attendance Centre Training Day

The YJO Board established this committee to explore issues that Community Programming Service Providers are dealing with. Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the committee it was agreed that organizing a day long Educational Session for Attendance Centre Staff, from across the province, would be an excellent initial objective. The committee, including non-board members, Karen Carr, Peter Aharan and Justin McCormack are aiming to have a four workshop day from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. which will each focus on knowledge based presentations followed by practical application. The day is tentatively scheduled for late October or early November at the Travelodge on Dixon Rd. In Etobicoke. There are approximately 35 Attendance Centres in Ontario and we are hoping that we would have at least 75 – 125 staff wanting to attend. Further information will follow in the coming month(s).

**YJO Members** – Just a reminder that your invoices for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 2008 – 2009 membership dues have been sent out (due July 1<sup>st</sup>,08) and that agencies need to be in good standing in order to vote at the AGM in September. All documentation pertaining to the AGM will be posted on the YJO web site by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Obviously this will include all issues to be voted on. A proxy vote document will also be posted, so that you can assign your vote to someone from your region, if in fact you can not attend the AGM but wish to vote on the various issues.



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