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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR KILLARNEY CONFERENCE

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to our North Zone members for an absolutely beautiful Conference. We particularly thank the members of the Conference Planning Committee: Chantal Maida, Nona Larson, Keith Zehr, Linda Dacre, Lynn Kallies, Pam Moncion, Paul Quenneville, Scott Huycke, and Trevor Anton. We also thank the workshop presenters: David Mitchell, ADM MCYS; Vincent Bolt, Syn Orion Scully, & Chase, *TG Innerselves*; Vince Pawis, *White Buffalo Healing Lodge*; Jenny Scott and the staff of the *Effective Programming Initiative*, MCYS.



AUTUMN LEAVES



We thank **Dave Wood** and **Teresa Carroll** for their years of service on the YJO Board. Their wisdom, integrity, and diligence have been foundational in building and maintaining the credibility and impact of our association. Dave is venturing forth on exciting new directions in his well-deserved retirement;



Teresa has taken on broader responsibilities within her agency (*Kennedy House Youth Services*). We wish them the best of health and prosperity.

We also thank **Debbie Schatia** and **Nancy Best** who are also leaving their positions within our network. Both Debbie and Nancy have contributed to making our association strong and resourceful – and we appreciate their willingness to step forward and make our work vibrant and meaningful. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.



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EJS/EJM COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Over the past year, service providers of Diversion programs in the East Region have been working diligently to specify service standards and encourage consistency, support, and research across the Diversion network. The most recent stage of this initiative is a concentrated effort to develop Terms of Reference for an EJS/EJM Community of Practice [CoP], modeled on the recent Youth Outreach Worker Community of Practice. If accepted for funding by MCYS (and possibly MAG), the hope is that the CoP can eventually be extended to participation by Diversion service providers across the Province, including the large number of YJO agencies that provide such services. Such a CoP will be a strong voice for the needs of the youth we serve and the communities in which our services operate. It would also be a powerful forum to advocate for supportive policies, training, program evaluation, and enriching service quality. YJO fully supports the development of this CoP and encourages any YJO members interested in further details to contact our colleagues in Zone 2.



young people about the resources and options that are available to them in these areas. We also provide Supervised Access services for families.

YOUTH JUSTICE PROGRAMMING

Our Youth Justice Programs are dedicated to:

Maintaining an environment that encourages and supports personal growth in clients, while respecting the individual needs of the young person, their family and the community in which they live. We actively practice the "Golden Rule" with the hope that this attitude will impact on a young person's decision to effect the changes necessary towards becoming a positive, contributing member of society.

This mission statement was developed by our professionals working with youth in 1998.

The Attendance Centre

The Attendance Centre is a co-ed community based program targeting at-risk youth who are in conflict with the law. The Attendance Centre provides supervised, structured, youth centered programming during the day, evening and/or weekends for youth ages 12-17. The Attendance Centre operates programming in North Bay and 2 days per week in each of our satellite locations of Sturgeon Falls, Huntsville and Parry Sound.

The program addresses specific identified risk/need factors based on a goal oriented Case Management Plan that generally involves the youth, significant others, Probation Officer and Attendance Centre staff. It provides an individualized approach that addresses the underlying needs and problems of youth while maintaining a manageable risk level.

Programming is made available on a flexible schedule to prevent interference with a young person's employment or educational responsibilities. All locations are equipped with kitchen facilities in order to provide meals when needed or nutritional light snacks after school. Kitchen facilities are also utilized to teach menu planning and cooking skills.

Attendance programs also partner with many community agencies to ensure the needs of youth and their families are met. Interventions focus on programming that promotes family involvement, community support, positive attitudes and behaviour, and the development of appropriate social skills. Of particular note in this area has been our on-going relationship with local school boards and police services to provide programming to youth identified by the school as being at risk. This programming has been very well received. Our most successful endeavor to date saw us partner with local police services and schools after one of our staff members received training in Cyber Bullying and the Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images. This partnership allowed us to provide education and information in this area to 9 different schools and over 1500 young people over a school year.



More from our Killarney Conference

MEMBER PROFILE #14



OUR HISTORY

Crisis Centre North Bay is a registered charity which was incorporated in 1972 under the direction of a fifteen-member Board of Directors.

Crisis Centre North Bay is a multi-service agency providing both residential and non-residential programs to women, men and youth. In addition to our Youth Justice Programs, we offer homeless shelter services, transitional housing programs for adults and youth, and programs for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence.

These programs provide us with a unique ability to connect our youth who are in conflict with the law to our in-house programming, make referrals, or simply provide a seamless way to educate our



The Nipissing Detention Centre

The Nipissing Detention Centre is an 8-bed Youth Justice residence for males aged 12 to 17 years. The Centre provides Open Detention and Open Custody services under the YCJA, for the Districts of Nipissing, Parry Sound, Muskoka and Temiskaming. All admissions are court ordered.

Young persons are admitted in order to:

- Protect the community
- Ensure attendance at court
- Serve an Open Custody sentence

Services:

- A full range of life skills training on site and supervised in the community where possible
- Specialized programming that is geared to meet the needs of the youth using a Strength Based approach. Some of these programs include:
 - character education
 - literacy training
 - anger management
 - substance abuse
 - effective problem solving
 - First Aid certification
 - Safe Food Handler certification

The *Near North District School Board* provides an on-site education program staffed by a teacher and an educational assistant. All residents are required to participate in a full day program September through June, and a half day program through the summer months. The teaching staff liaises with the youth's home school in an effort to provide continuity of the youth's education plan. Earning credits and catching up on missed studies is often achieved in this smaller setting.

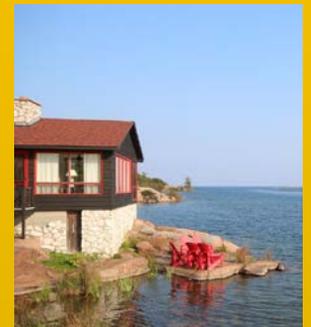
Although we have initiated a number of new ways to engage and teach our youth, one of our more successful projects to date has been that of our garden and greenhouse. Along with staff assistance the youth in our program plant, care for, harvest and then utilize the foods we have grown.



Crisis Centre North Bay is fortunate to have a dedicated, forward thinking, caring group of staff working across the agency.



MORE MEMORIES OF KILLARNEY ...



MEMBER AGENCIES 2017/2018

African Canadian Community Services
Anago (Non) Residential Resources Inc.
Associated Youth Services of Peel
Banyan Community Services
Canadian Mental Health Association (Sudbury/Manitoulin Branch)
Community Justice Alternatives - Durham
Crisis Centre North Bay
Dalhousie Youth Support Services
Dawn Patrol Child & Youth Services
Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel
Fernie Youth Services
Griffin Centre
John Howard Society of Peterborough
Kairos Community Resource Centre
Kennedy House Youth Services Inc.
Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services
Kinark Child and Family Services
Lutherwood
Mee-Quam Youth Residence
Morton Youth Services
Murray McKinnon Foundation
Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

Near North Youth Centre
New Path Youth & Family Services
North Eastern Ontario FACS
Northern Youth Services - Sudbury
Pine Hill Youth Residences Ltd.
Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents
Ray of Hope Inc.
Rebound Child and Youth Services
Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent
RNJ Youth Services
Salvation Army (London)
Simcoe Muskoka Connexions
Springboard
St. Lawrence Youth Association
St. Leonard's Community Services (London)
Turning Point Youth Services
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Wendigo Lake (Project Dare)
William W. Creighton Youth Services
Youth Diversion Program (Kingston)
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