

**WELCOME TO A NEW BOARD MEMBER!**

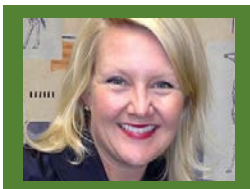
The YJO Board is pleased to welcome **Angela Girard** as a new representative of Zone 1. Angela is the Director of the *Mee-Quam Youth Residence*, a service of the *Ininew Friendship Centre* in Cochrane Ontario.



Angela is replacing Michael Cole from NEOFACS on the Board. We thank Michael for his exemplary service to YJO and wish him the very best in his future endeavours.

**ZONES 3 & 4 TRAINING WORKSHOP:****YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH:  
PROBLEMS TO FIX OR FEELINGS TO FACE**

PRESENTED BY: DR. SHEILA HARMS



Dr. Sheila Harms, [*Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences, McMaster University*] will present on the dynamic and complex relation between mental disorder and criminal behaviour. She will address issues such as: skills deficits, suicidal behaviour, criminogenic influences & recidivism, addiction, and the impact of poverty and other social risk factors – as well as concentrating on strategies for responding to and managing difficult behaviours. Feedback from colleagues attending Dr. Harms' workshops praise her for being engaging, articulate, motivating, relevant, and very funny!.

DATE: **TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2017**TIME: **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** (REGISTRATION 8:30)LOCATION: **HOLIDAY INN OAKVILLE  
590 ARGUS ROAD  
OAKVILLE ON L6J 3J3**

Please see the [YJO website](#) for detailed information on the Workshop and Registration.

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TO THE NEW CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES ACT**

Brenda Kunkel

Jan Perfect

As you know, our association has participated in several consultations regarding the revision to the CFSA. At our most recent Board Meeting (29 May 2017), Brenda Kunkel and Jan Perfect from the MCYS Planning & Program Development

Branch, reviewed the most recent policy and regulation proposals, especially those affecting the youth justice sector. Our thanks to Brenda and Jan for bringing us up to date – and for patiently listening to our causes, both lost and found!

**GOOD NEWS ON THE *PSYCHOTHERAPY ACT***

YJO, in conjunction with other provincial associations, has been asking our government for clarification on the impact of the *Psychotherapy Act* on our services and staff. Recently, the College of Psychotherapists has responded with its own clarification. Please click [CMHO Notice](#) and [College of Psychotherapists Response](#) to download the relevant documents. [Our thanks to CMHO for permission to post and pass these on.]

**KILLARNEY MOUNTAIN LODGE  
HOEDOWN!**

YJO CONFERENCE 2017



Our Conference this year is sponsored by Zone 1 – *and we are going back to Nature!* Beer, Burgers, Boats, Bugs and our ADM (just kidding – the bugs have been asked to keep it down). The Zone is promising that, yes, this will be the experience of a lifetime!!!

REGISTER NOW: **19 September – 22 September (AGM)**See the [YJO website](#) for more information.

## MEMBER PROFILE #12



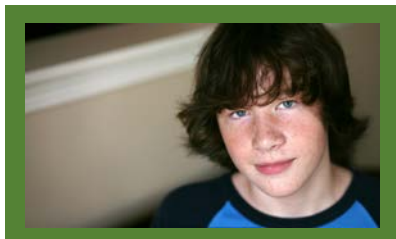
## NORTH EASTERN ONTARIO FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

April 2012 marked a very important occasion for the Districts of Cochrane and Timiskaming. North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services (NEOFACS) opened its doors effective, Monday, April 2nd, 2012.

*North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services* is an agency created by importing the very best from *Jeanne Sauvé Family Services*, *Child and Family Services of Timmins and District* and *Timiskaming Child and Family Services*. Together we have built a dynamic, service-responsive agency by bringing the very best of our legacy agencies into the design of quality services to children, youth and families throughout Northeastern Ontario.

As an integrated Agency, NEOFACS provides services to children, youth and their families in the Districts of Cochrane and Timiskaming. Child Welfare, Children's Mental Health, Youth Justice, and Prevention programs name a few of the over 40 client-responsive services and programs offered.

NEOFACS is a non-profit charitable organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors whose funding is received primarily from the *Ministry of Children & Youth Services* and the *Ministry of the Attorney General*. Designated under the *French Language Services Act*, NEOFACS provides services in both official languages.



## YOUTH JUSTICE PROGRAMS

***Pineger Youth Centre (PYC)***

Pineger Youth Centre is a Closed Custody and Detention centre located in Kirkland Lake. Pineger Youth Centre's catchment area is the Districts of Cochrane, Timiskaming and James Bay. This program is designed to provide quality services, which assist youth in conflict with the law in functioning more responsibly within the community. PYC provides structured evidence based programming, which includes assessment, competency skill development, and recreational programs. The Centre accommodates male youth (female youth on a short term basis), between the ages of 12 through 17. Services from this program are only accessible through court referrals or police apprehensions due to criminal activity. Services provided include;

- Self-contained day treatment program
- Reduction of antisocial peer interaction

- Change in antisocial attitudes, feelings and behaviours
- Increased self-control, self-management and problem solving

***The Community Support Team (CST)***

The Community Support Team provides support and counseling services to high-risk youth who have been in conflict with the law and are between the ages of 12 through 17 years. All referrals to this program are initiated by the Phase One Probation Officers within the Districts of Cochrane and Timiskaming. The purpose of this program is to reduce the involvement of young offenders within the secure custody/detention system, prevent the return of young offenders to custody; and enable the earliest possible return of these young offenders to their communities with support and appropriate assistance. The services are community-based, (sessions may be offered to clients in their home, at a school, office, etc...) voluntary and the hours of operation are flexible to meet the needs. Services provided include;

- Intake and assessment
- Psychological assessment and consultation
- Reasoning and rehabilitation (cognitive training)
- Anger management
- Lifeskills development
- Social skills training
- Sexual offender treatment (TASO)
- Discharge planning
- Pre-adjudication program
- Individual, family and group counseling

***Restorative Justice (RJ)***

Restorative Justice helps in an inclusive and meaningful way meet the needs of young people who are in conflict with the law. Restorative justice practices provide voluntary opportunities for those who have been harmed and those who have caused harm to take on an active participatory role in their journey for justice, accountability, and reparation. This program covers the Districts of Timiskaming and Cochrane.

***Non-Residential Attendance Centres (NRAC)***

Attendance Centre programs are designed to meet the needs of youth in conflict with the law. These non-residential centers are intended to be an alternative to a custody order. Youth attending the centers will benefit from a period of intensive, highly structured and closely supervised programming to address their individual needs such as anger management, life skills or employment/job search skills.

The Centre's programs provide constructive, long-term and sustainable solutions to youth crime that reinforce important societal values such as respect, responsibility, and accountability. The intensive programming promotes family involvement, community support, positive attitudes and behaviours and, the development of appropriate social skills through the involvement of key members of the case management team and community resources as required. Access to the program is through a referral from a Probation Officer (Case Manager).

NEOFACS has seven Attendance Centres strategically located in North Eastern Ontario to provide Services to all youth in need.



## MEMBER AGENCIES 2016/2017

African Canadian Legal Clinic  
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  
Ferne 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  
Operation Springboard  
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  
St. Lawrence Youth Association  
St. Leonard's Community Services (London)  
Turning Point Youth Services  
W.J. Stelmaschuk & Associates - Northern Youth Centre  
William W. Creighton Youth Services  
Youth Diversion Program (Kingston)  
Youth Now Canada  
Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa