



MISSION

To support a community-based Family Resource Program which helps to meet the health, social and developmental needs of young children and their families.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009-2010

Valuing Our Work: We continue to take a participant-focused approach to program development, implementation and evaluation. This approach is in keeping with the Valuing Our Work philosophy of providing supportive environments; encouraging participation and involvement; and building individual and community capacity to meet the needs of young children and their families. The evaluation also focuses on the emerging child health issues of injury prevention, healthy eating and active living, and mental health.

Supportive Environments: There is a network of thirteen school and community-based Family Resource Centres and three Healthy Baby Clubs, as well as outreach programs and activities.

Participation and Engagement: Over 600 families with children from birth to six years and 100 expectant mothers and their infants participated in Early Years programming offered throughout Southwestern Newfoundland during the past year.

Capacity Building: Programs such as Drop-in Play, Prenatal Nutrition, Infant and Toddler Programs, Kindergarten Readiness, Early Literacy Programs, Healthy Eating and Active Living, Injury Prevention, Parenting Programs, Community Leadership, Volunteer Enrichment and Partnership Development; help to build the capacity of families and communities to meet the needs of young children.

Special Initiatives: Additional programs and activities included the Community Gardens/Community Kitchens Project and Child Restraint Systems Training and Car Seat Safety Clinics Initiative. The Families "WALK" Together Program (Working on Active Living with Kids) was developed and piloted in Stephenville. Funding was also secured through Western Health to expand the Healthy Baby Club Prenatal Program to the Stephenville area and to hire a Parenting Programs Coordinator to assist in the coordination and facilitation of workshops and programs for parents and caregivers.

Partnerships: We partner with CEN & Associate Organizations in the delivery of a number of Early Years and Family Initiatives:

- ★ Roots of Empathy
- ★ Families and Schools Together
- ★ Pre-school Programs
- ★ Violence Prevention Initiatives
- ★ Early Learning and Child Care



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Fundamental Beliefs: CIS continues to serve children in the region based on five underlying principles. We believe that every child needs and deserves; a personal relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start in life, a marketable skill to use upon graduation and a chance to give back to their peers and community.

Supporting Children: We worked with 24 schools within the Western School District. Our staff included 3 CIS Regional Coordinators and 27 CIS Volunteer Coordinators. We also hired 2 CIS Career Development Coordinators in Port aux Basques through a partnership with the Marine and Mountain Youth Employment Strategy. There is a CIS Office in Stephenville serving Stephenville, Bay St. George South, Burgeo, Stephenville Crossing, St. George's and Port au Port, a Regional Office in Port aux Basques serving Port aux Basques, Grandy's River, Isle aux Morts and Codroy Valley and a CIS Office in Corner Brook operated by the Humber Community YMCA.

Volunteer Recruitment: The cornerstone of CIS is community involvement. CIS Volunteer Coordinators work to engage community in school activities. Countless volunteers were recruited to help support school programs throughout the year at all our schools sites.

Program Highlights: After-school programs, Teen Help Corps, Breakfast/Snack Programs, Recycling, Peer Mentorship, Peer Tutors, Take Our Kids to Work/Job Shadowing, Career Related Activities, Respect Days, Literacy Activities, Community Service Projects, Seasonal Activities, Issue Days/Events, Book Fairs, Accelerated Reader, Volunteer Appreciation, Enrichment Clusters and much more.

CIS Summer BookWorms Program: Hired 16 CIS Summer BookWorms Program Coordinators and 2 CIS Summer BookWorms Regional Coordinators to deliver our program. Our summer program ran at 6 school sites in the region with 240 students registered.

Junior Achievement (JA): We continue to be involved with JA Programming on the Port au Port Peninsula. Through this partnership, CIS is able to coordinate the delivery of the Economics for Success & Our Business World programs.

Youth Recognition: CIS presented its annual CIS Service & Merit Awards to two graduates of the Pathfinder Learning Centre.



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To enrich partnerships between youth and their Southwestern Newfoundland communities to ensure our region is a nurturing, healthy environment in which to learn and grow.

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A New Look: With CYN provincial restructuring in January 2010, the Port aux Basques region is no longer in our service area; the Bay St. George and Burgeo areas remain. As a result, there are now 7 CYN regional youth groups with 116 active members. Students, aged 12-18, remain occupied in leadership development and skill building opportunities, take on community service projects, and engage in many positive social and recreational activities. This spring, 14 youth participated in national and provincial conferences, and 33 youth from both regions attended our Year-End Youth Gathering in Stephenville.

Supports to Schools: Maintained annual core funding to Communities In Schools (CIS) and student-transportation subsidy at Directions Alternative School. Staff delivered JA's Economics for Success and Respect Days, and coordinated activities for the Kids Eat Smart and You Go Girl programs. CYN oversees high school students who obtain academic credit for community volunteer hours. We remain a champion for 7 ROE programs in 6 area schools. For the first time, CYN sponsored the Families and Schools Together (FAST) program at Stephenville Primary.

Career Development Opportunities: CYN accessed over \$193,000 in federal and provincial funding to respond to identified community needs. A total of 16 youth and young adults were employed with Student Work & Service Program (SWASP), Job Creation Partnerships (JCP), Power Up! and Graduate Employment. Staff offer a range of career related workshops for in-school youth and transitional program participants.

Community Building: The annual Pull-Tab Campaign is a hallmark home-school-community event; this year we donated \$800 to the Janeway Children's Hospital. Youth connected with the Extrajudicial Sanctions Program can now complete community service hours at CYN sites. Staff continue to direct and support Violence Prevention Initiatives in schools and the community.

Youth Recognition: Regional Awards were presented to two youth group members and four received Merit Awards. Two Pathfinder Learning Centre students were honoured with CYN Achievement Awards at their graduation.



Community Education Network Western Newfoundland, Inc.

(Originally founded in 1991 as the Port au Port Community Education Initiative)

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Guided by community education principles, the mission of the Community Education Network is to create a learning culture through a lifelong learning process which promotes personal enrichment and healthy, sustainable communities.

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Building Capacity Through Community Education: The provincial government continues to support CEN to carry out its community capacity building work with an annual grant.

Wellness: CEN continues to facilitate Health & Wellness activities in partnership with the Western Regional Wellness Coalition and the Provincial Wellness Grants.

Early Learning & Childcare: CEN continues to work towards the enhancement of early learning and childcare initiatives in the Western Region. Partnerships include: Western Health, Community Action Committee, local schools and communities. We also sponsor two regulated pre-school programs.

Violence Prevention: CEN is the coordinating agency for the Southwestern Coalition to End Violence Committee.

Skills Link: CEN sponsors Skills Link programs that are funded by Service Canada. This program increases the employability skills of participating youth.

Families & Schools Together (F&ST): F&ST is an international program which CEN introduced and continues to offer in partnership with local schools and agencies.

Adult Basic Education (ABE): CEN has established itself in the delivery of ABE. With support from the Department of Education, ABE Level I is offered in Stephenville & Cape St. George.

Community Employment Readiness Centre (CERC)/Career Information Resource Centre (CIRC): CEN provides Employment Assistance Services at seven offices in the region.

Rural Youth Drug Strategy (RYDS) From Research to Action: Over the next two years CEN will work collaboratively with youth, parents & community partners to develop and disseminate an inclusive rural drug strategy for youth ages 12-18, their families & communities.

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