

THE NEWSLETTER

YTCCFS, Inc.

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Hi and welcome to our second external newsletter.

The main purpose of this newsletter is to inform and update the general public and membership First Nations of our Agency, regarding services and programs. As well to provide contact information for our Sub Offices; our contact information is located on the back page of this newsletter.

On October 18, 2010 Honourable June Draude, Minister of Social Services visited YTCCFS, Inc. Agency. Also visiting was Greg Ottenbreit, MLA for Yorkton.

For Governance Department Update please see page four.



Left–Right: William Whitehawk–Elder, Cathy Bear, YTCCFS, Inc. Chairperson, Marlene Bugler, MSS–Director of First Nations Services, Honourable June Draude, Minister of Social Services, Raymond Shingoose–Executive Director of YTCCFS, Inc and Greg Ottenbreit, MLA Yorkton, SK

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Special points of interest:

- Introduction of our Sub Offices and programs/services available.
- Sub office locations and phone numbers
- YTCCFS, Inc. Vision, Mission
- Governance Update

File Hills Sub Office 306-332-3085

Our File Hills Sub Office is located in Fort Qu'Appelle, SK at the Treaty Four Governance Centre, on the second floor.

There is a total of 5 staff to service the communities of Peepeekisis, Little Black Bear and Star Blanket. Staff include System of Care Coordinator Supervisor, Program Assistant, Family Enhancement Worker and Family Service Workers.

Service Delivery – YTCCFS Inc. has decentralized services to our program areas to provide better and effective Child and Family Services to each of our mem-

ber First Nations.

Program delivery – Child Protection Program, Prevention Services Program, Family Support Home Program, Family Finders
Other Services – Advocacy for families/children/youth.

For more information about programs/services contact File Hills Sub-office

Phone: (306) 332-3085
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L-R: Kevin Starr, Lindsay Starr, Beatrice Williams, Denise Cote and Pauline Lavallee

Job Descriptions of Sub Office Employees

Systems of Care Coordinator Supervisor is responsible to implement the full range of Child and Family Services in accordance with the *FSIN Indian Child and Family Services and Support Act*, the *Provincial Child and Family Services Act*; the *INAC Child in Care Policy Saskatchewan Region Manual*. Systems of Care Coordinator Supervisor duties include and may not be limited to: Child Protection Services; Children in Care Services; Family Support Services and Adoption Services, as it relates to prevention and protection services as outlined in the YTCCFS Inc. Business Plan.

Family Services Worker is responsible to implement the full range of Child and Family Services in accordance with the *FSIN Indian Child and Family Services and Support Act*, the *Provincial Child and Family Services Act*; the *INAC Child in Care Policy Saskatchewan Region Manual*. The Family Services Worker duties include and may not be limited to; Child Protection Services; Children in Care Services; Family Support Services and Adoption Services, as it relates to prevention and protection services as outlined in the YTCCFS Inc. Business Plan to families at risk.

Family Enhancement Workers will provide a holistic approach to the wellness of the child, the family, and the community that is based on First Nations culture and traditions, the guidance and involvement of Elders, and the support of family and community members. The Family Enhancement Worker will work in conjunction with Elders, Wraparound Resource Intake Team and Family Services Committees, community based programs, family support homes, and the YTCCFS Inc. program staff to provide early intervention and or Prevention

Program Assistant is to provide administrative support to the program area staff; ensure that all Federal and Provincial Legislation, and its policies, are updated at all times, is responsible for the maintenance of: YTCCFS Inc. Program, Master filing system; attendance of meetings/training sessions/workshops as directed by the Supervisor; maintenance of the CSA Financial Program filing system; Daily intake schedules Weekly on-call schedules, and; Itineraries of Program area team staff, must provide monthly reports to the Intake and Child Protection Manager. Maintaining YTCCFS Inc. company vehicle policy requirements and YTCCFS Inc. staff travel policy.



Room 200
Crowstand Centre
Kamsack, SK

North Sub Office 306-542-4067

Our North Office has a total of seven employees—including System of Care Coordinator Supervisor, three Family Service Workers, one Family Enhancement Worker, one Urban Family Service Worker and one program assistant. North Sub Office utilizes already established community services. They currently have youth participating at the Kamsack Detour Centre for youth; as well as at the Saulteaux Healing & Wellness Centre located on Cote First Nation for wellness workshops. As for addictions counseling; they utilize the local NNADAP programs. Local upcoming

events in the Kamsack Area: March 12, 2011 there will be a "Pow Wow" at the Cote First Nation. Cote First Nation Pow Wow - Honoring our Youth., during the "Pow-Wow one youth will be honored for playing hockey in Europe, 3 other youth also attended a Street Hockey event at which time they won the Championship and honoring the youth who are taking "Saulteaux language classes" to keep the Saulteaux language alive. The Pow Wow will start at 9:00am and Grand Entry will be at 1:00pm on March 12, 2011, an HIV Workshop on the Keeseekoose First Nation will occur on March

16, 2011 and a FASD Workshop in Keeseekoose as well on March 23, 2011.



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South Sub Office 306-453-4422

YTCCFS, Inc. South Sub Office is located in the town of Carlyle—suite 107 100 Main Street. They have a total of seven employees, which consist of two Family Enhancement Workers, two Family Services Workers, one System of Care Coordinator Supervisor, one Intake/Case Aid worker and one Program Assistant. The South Sub Office works with White Bear First Nation, Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation and Ocean Man First Nation. They ensure the children in care with our Agency have access to culturally appropriate programming. In 2010, YTCCFS, Inc. completed and delivered “the Moccasin project”. In Partnership with the Ocean Man First Nation the

YTCCFS south office hosted the Celebration of Partnership in Prevention and Safety for Families Pow-Wow. YTCCFS and Ocean Man First Nation co-funded three community projects, Community clean-up days, Youth Work Project and the 2010 Christmas Hamper Support to Families. The Ocean Man First Nation is very receptive and supportive to Partnership.

In addition the Prevention Links program provided support to families involved, families from Pheasant Rump and Whitebear First Nations were included. YTCCFS also provided Christmas Hampers to the Caregivers of Whitebear.

As we move forward, the South Office will continue to

collaborate and implement strategies and projects to promote the safety, development and well-being of First Nation Children, Youth and families. In the new year we are looking forward to provide a number of projects to nurture the gifts of our children—Children's Rodeo camp. Sundance experience, fishing, and winter skating project.



Left to Right: April Bernier; Faye McArthur, Viola Haywayhe; Dorothy Joyea, Della Ewack and Denise Wright.

Valley Sub Office 306-696-3045

Our Valley Sub Office is located in the Cowessess Mall between the Post Office and restaurant. The office employees service the following communities: Ochapowace, Kahkewistahaw, Cowessess and Sakimay. There is a total of six employees at the Valley Sub Office including a system of care supervisor, three family service workers, one family enhancement worker and one program assistant. They provide child protection services and prevention

services to the member communities of YTCCFS, Inc. The staff are in contact with each of the Children In Care and utilize local services available at each of the communities in the Valley area. The Valley office is currently undergoing renovations which are complete now; however the office staff are still in the process of settling into their routines.



L-R: Greg Stevenson, Lois Matthews, Brenda Obey, Arlyse Delorme and Katrina Llewellyn



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VISION: *Our Children, Our Future, Our Promise*

MISSION: *Protecting the best interests of our children and enhancing the wellbeing of families.*

Upcoming Events, Training, Workshops

March 12, 2011 Honoring our Youth Pow-Wow and tradeshow at Chief Gabriel Cote Education Complex

April 7, 2011 – Grand Reopening of Cowessess Sub Office

May 24-27, 2011 – 7th Annual ICFS Agencies Caregiver/ Foster Parents Training & Gathering—Please contact YTCCFS, Inc. Family Support Home Program for more information 306-782-8838

****June 21–July 14, 2011** PRIDE Foster Parent Training Whitebear Area

****August 2–September 1, 2011** PRIDE Foster Parent Training—File Hills Area

****For more information regarding the PRIDE training, contact Family Support Home 306-782-8838**



Upcoming Issues

Our next newsletter will provide information regarding the YTCCFS, Inc. Prevention Program.

Our Sub Office locations:

North Sub Office: Room #200—Crowstand Centre; Kamsack, SK
 Phone: 306-542-4067

South Sub Office: Suite 107, 100 Main Street; Carlyle, SK
 Phone: 306-453-4422

File Hills Sub Office:
 Treaty Four Governance Centre
 Fort Qu’Appelle, SK
 306-332-3085

Valley Sub Office:
 Cowessess First Nation
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 17 5th Avenue North
 Yorkton, SK

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GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT:

On February 6 & 7, 2011 representatives from YTCCFS, Inc. participated at the First Nations University of Canada Pipe Ceremony and Workshop regarding the 2010 Child Welfare Review Implementation Process.

YTCCFS, Inc. provided significant information on the First Nation Perspective at the February 7 & 8, 2011 meetings. YTCCFS, Inc. participated with other FNCFS Agencies, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services.