

## October 2022 ~ National Child and Youth Care Conference, Canmore Alberta



Dear Members,

First, let me begin by saying how grateful I truly am for having been given the opportunity to represent Manitoba on a provincial and national level by attending the 2022 National Child and Youth Care Conference which took place in Canmore, Alberta this past October. After not being able to take part in the conference that was supposed to be held in Newfoundland due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it felt amazing to be in a room with Child and Youth Care Workers from coast to coast across Canada (and some international) once again! The ability to socialize and network with CYCs creates a remarkable energy that makes you feel connected to one another with a motivation to exchange and share ideas and experiences.

Secondly, while all the workshops I had the privilege of attending were incredibly informative and enlightening, the one that stood out most for me was the closing keynote from Mackenzie Brown. I was impressed by the provocativeness Mackenzie brought forth in addressing the systems still in place today on how we work with children in care, and recommendations for change and action. So much learning was acquired during those three days of workshops and keynotes, filled with information

and ideas I will take with me and implement into my practice as a Child and Youth Care Worker.

To end, I am extremely excited to finally announce that we (CYCWAM) will have the honour of hosting the next National CYC Conference here in Winnipeg, Manitoba late spring of 2024!

I hope to see you all there!

Kristyna Fagerstrom Castro  
President

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Warm Greetings Members,

It's great to be back in the prairies and in the Heart of the Nation! Saying that I had a "great time" in Canmore attending the 2022 National Child and Youth Care Conference would be the understatement of the year! The electrifying motivation I felt while engaging in an environment surrounded by likeminded, creative, brilliant and enthusiastic CYC's is uncanny and powerful. As a first-time National Conference attendee, I was blown away by how comfortable and understood I felt sharing my experiences and stories with people who didn't require any explanation of what I do for work. The educational sessions, enthusiastic people and overall energy reminded me why I choose to work in this field. Across Canada and Internationally, CYC's are doing amazing things in so many spaces with the populations they work with. They are shining light on the systems that need improving and restructuring, advocating for increased support and wages of CYC's, promoting the need for more resources in order to help children and youth thrive in various environments.



It was a truly beautiful journey that I am forever grateful to have been able to experience. There is something to be said about the immense power CYCP's have when gathered together. Mackenzie Brown (CYCAA) who utilizes Indigenous art and culture to inform her relational practice ended her Keynote speech by gathering everyone into a Round Dance in the giant conference room. With her drum sounding, Mackenzie's voice carried a message that touched the hearts of everyone, people dancing hand-in-hand, emotions freely expressed the conference came to an end that no one will soon forget.

With this experience in mind and excitement in our hearts, let us gather once again as we continue preparing for the June 2023 **Provincial Conference in Winnipeg**, and as begin planning for the *National Conference (2024)* right here in Manitoba!

Respectfully

Chelsea Champagne

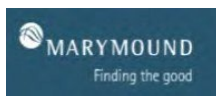
Vice-President, CYCWAM

*Many agencies in Winnipeg and Manitoba have demonstrated their commitment to the professional development of their staff by sending CYCPs, Program managers, Family Support Workers, Therapists, and other members of their team, to our provincial conferences. We look forward to your participation at our conferences and workshops in the future.*

**We respectfully recognize that the places we work are located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.**



Jessie Home



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## CALL FOR PAPERS

**Child & Youth Care Provincial Conference June 7, 2023**

***Recharge, Recreate, Reconnect:  
Rebuilding Relationships Through Interaction & Creativity***

In keeping with our commitment to enhancing the professional development of child and youth care practice, CYCWAM is looking for child and youth care professionals (CYCP) who will facilitate workshops on June 7, 2023 on the subject of relationships in child and youth care practice.

Submissions ***must engage the topic of relationships in the field of child and youth care.*** For example, a paper may consider how CYCPs can connect with youth through play or storytelling. A paper might also consider how the CYCP fosters relationships through the use of creative arts and mediums, or engaging with them in nature to promote positive growth and development. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, what do relationships look like in Manitoba's CYC field? What exciting and innovative programs are addressing the concept of reconnecting and rebuilding relationships in our communities?

### Abstract Submission:

Proposals for workshops should be submitted in abstract format via email by December 31, 2022 to [info@cycwam.ca](mailto:info@cycwam.ca) (*Subject: Workshop Submission*). Submissions should include the following: title, names of presenters (maximum of two presenters per workshop submission), contact info (email, phone and affiliations/agencies), Workshop Title and a summary/brief outline of workshop. Abstracts should be no more than 100 words and should include your preference for a time slot of either 1.25 hours or 2.5 hours. Please include the maximum number of participants your workshop can accommodate and any audiovisual or presentation aids you may need. All submissions will be given serious consideration by the conference planning committee.

### Deadlines:

Abstract Submission: **December 31, 2022**

Confirmation of Presenters: **January 19, 2023**

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