

BOW VALLEY INTERAGENCY MEETING  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Who was there?

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Meeting was called to order by Tara Gilchrist at 3:05 pm, followed by introductions.

Sue O'Keefe [susan.okeefe@gov.ab.ca](mailto:susan.okeefe@gov.ab.ca)  
Calgary & District Foster Parents

- One foster family in Banff. BV kids are going to Calgary. Need families in Bow Valley. Please consider signing up.
- 7 kids in care /yr in Bow Valley.
- Commitments needed: check website for full details [www.caring4kids.ca](http://www.caring4kids.ca)  
4-6 months application process, 24 hr. training session, Home interview

Sandra Davis [camsam@telus.net](mailto:camsam@telus.net)  
Little Warriors

- Sexual Abuse prevention training program that educates adults to help prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse and motivates them to courageous action.
- [www.littlewarriors.ca](http://www.littlewarriors.ca)
- 3 hr. session, #'s are accommodating
- Canmore FCSS is putting on a course on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, check their website if you want to register.  
<https://onlineca.activecommunities.com/canmore/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp>

Kim Coultis [kim.coultis@banff.ca](mailto:kim.coultis@banff.ca)  
Bow Valley Learning Council

- \$30,000 in funding for programs
- Financial assistance for adult participants
- Pillars
  - 1. ESL
  - 2. Literacy
  - 3. Community Issues-avalanche training ,rafting safety, wilderness1<sup>st</sup> Aid
  - 4. Employability Enhancement
- BVLC website for applications
- Please contact Kim if you think you have a program to offer that could receive some funding.

## **Roundtable**

Alison Gerrits [alison.gerrits@banff.ca](mailto:alison.gerrits@banff.ca)  
Banff FCSS

- Back after 18 months on maternity leave
- Canmore FCSS will be taking over Interagency newsletter come Jan 2012

Cari-Ann Roberts [croberts@bowvalleycollege.ca](mailto:croberts@bowvalleycollege.ca)  
Bow Valley College, ESL Link

- Looking for more commitment from people to take ESL courses, funding is available

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#### Canmore FCSS

- Marcy Shein is new in the job share position with Spring, she will be working Wed, Thurs & Fri. Shared email address with Spring
- Roots of Empathy needs babies! Please contact Jan 403.678.7131, babies need to have been born this summer
- Mentoring Program is going ahead and we are still looking for more. One hour/week. Please contact Mary if you are interested 403.678.7127
- FCSS and Bow Valley Parent Link courses can be found in the Bow Valley Learning Council as well as the new Town of Canmore Program guide.

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#### YWCA

- Healthy Relationships programs are starting Mon & Wed evenings – contact Tanya for more details
- Take Back the Night – 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October
- Walk-A-Mile raised \$42 000 (and more is still coming in) Thanks for all your support and donations
- Cheap housing options available →, women's floor & winter housing, see application on their website [www.ywcabanff.ab.ca/accommodation.html](http://www.ywcabanff.ab.ca/accommodation.html)
- Practicum Student is here until end of Dec, welcome Carolanne

Ken Fierheller [kfierheller@aidsalgary.org](mailto:kfierheller@aidsalgary.org)

#### Bow Valley Cares

- New to the position, excited about upcoming opportunities
- Mon Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 9-5pm, Understanding How to Work with People Living With/Affected by HIV/AIDS, lunch & beverages provided. Please RSVP to Ken by email or 403.762.0690

Donna Hayes [donnahayes@jobresourcecentre.com](mailto:donnahayes@jobresourcecentre.com)

#### Canmore Job Resource Centre

- Bethany Peters is the new Employment Standards Worker
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> is the Job Fair in Banff, watch e-letter for details

Shelly Gregorash [shelley@davarchildcare.org](mailto:shelley@davarchildcare.org)

#### BowValley Family Childcare Agency

- New guidelines for providers are making things more challenging and have scared some providers away due to paperwork & administration
- 3 new homes came on board this summer, presently 6 in Banff & 8 in Canmore
- Infants spots are the greatest need at this point

Pam Lockyer [Pamela.lockyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Pamela.lockyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

Bow Valley Victim Services

New website is up and running, still needs a few tweaks but check it out

[www.bowvalleyvictimservices.org](http://www.bowvalleyvictimservices.org)

Meg Andronoroska [Meagan.andronoroska@banff.ca](mailto:Meagan.andronoroska@banff.ca)

Town of Banff

- Join the Banff Greenhouse Gardening Society and FCSS as they host the Fall Harvest Community Pot Luck. The event will take place on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at The Fenlands- Banff Recreation Centre- Concourse Level.

Jill Harrison [jharrison@bowvalleycollege.ca](mailto:jharrison@bowvalleycollege.ca)

Bow Valley College

- Needs new students. Now offering supervisor leadership, customer service training. Programs are flexible in time frames.
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – no Banff Campus

Jaclyn Couse [Jaclyn.couse@woodshomes.ca](mailto:Jaclyn.couse@woodshomes.ca)

Ryan Mills [ryan.mills@woodshomes.ca](mailto:ryan.mills@woodshomes.ca)

Wood's Homes

- We serve families with 0-18yr olds, please contact us if you have questions

Yvonne Law [Yvonne.law@banff.ca](mailto:Yvonne.law@banff.ca)

Town of Banff FCSS, Community Helpers

- So far we have served 82 people
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> is world Mental Health Day
- Please chat with Yvonne directly to learn more about her program

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 by Tara Gilchrist

Next Meeting: **Nov 15<sup>th</sup> in Banff 3-4:30pm**

**December Wine & Cheese! Date & Location TBD**