



Appropos

Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

National Nurses Week-May 9th to 15th

(Contributed by Linh Suong Pham, Manager of Health Services in the Division of Professional Services)

National Nurses Week affords an opportunity to reflect on how our lives may have been enriched by the contribution of a nurse. Whether by experiencing nursing care ourselves, or witnessing a nurse meeting the needs of a loved one, most of us have been touched by the loving care, dedication and professionalism of a nurse.

Batshaw employs 12 nurses under the leadership of a nursing manager and with the support of a hard-working secretary. Five nurses work in support of the residential mandate, and 7 nurses work in support the CPEJ mandate.

Youths in residential are cared for by a team of nurses who address complex health problems involving varied biopsychosocial dimensions. Collaborating with the 1st line workers, residential nurses assume a pivotal role in screening risks of youths with suicidal issues. The designated nurse for the suicidal protocol has an important role assessing the youth at risk, and working directly with the clients and the 1st line teams to ensure that proper interventions plans are in place.

The CPEJ unit is staffed by a group of nurses who take their skills and caring to the clients in their foster homes via "house calls". Ingenuity and inventiveness are some of the skills in their "bag" as they assist foster parents, client workers and foster care workers to provide the kind of environment in which the client can receive the care he/she needs.

A CPEJ nurse is assigned to E/O on a full-time basis, and all of the other CPEJ nurses support the DYP mandate by accompanying workers on verifications. The CPEJ nurse assigned to E/O provides additional nursing support to the clients served by E/O workers. The nurses' expert knowledge about children's normal growth and development is a key component of their contribution.

Nurses also participate in OT, PIFA and intervention planning processes to ensure that clients' health needs are understood and met. Their nursing knowledge, expertise and experience help teams have a complete understanding of the client's health needs.

Nurses give care. Nurses teach. Nurses assess. Nurses intervene. Nurses treat. Nurses advocate. Nurses coach. Nurses encourage. Nurses comfort. Nurses make decisions. Nurses implement new programs. Nurses give of themselves in many ways that touch the lives of the children and families that we serve.

During Nurses Week we publicly recognize their many accomplishments. Every day of the year we appreciate their outstanding contribution.

A.R.T. MASTER TRAINING

(Contributed by Robert Calame and Kim Parker of the Division of Residential Treatment Services for Adolescents)

From March 17th to 19th, Batshaw, in collaboration with the International Centre for Aggression Replacement Training (ICART), hosted an International A.R.T. Master Training. First day welcoming addresses by Michael Udy and Rune Nensen (cofounder of ICART) and the presence of special guest, Manny Batshaw, set the tone for a productive seminar.

The 35 enthusiastic A.R.T. practitioners, from Sweden, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Centres jeunesse de Montréal and the Lester B. Pearson School Board joined a cross-section of Batshaw staff. All have been animating A.R.T. for a minimum of one year.

A.R.T. Master Training moves skilled A.R.T. animators/trainers to the next level where they can become more proficient animators/trainers, share and network their skills with other A.R.T. animators/trainers and develop the skills needed to train or consult with other A.R.T. animators/trainers.

The three-day training consisted of the following: one day of discussion on ICART training standards, teaching techniques, meeting audience needs and guided practice, followed by two days of presentations/feedback made by the attendees and trainers on how one would train other "animators" or "trainers" to teach a section or concept of the A.R.T. program.

Many thanks to all who attended, those who dropped in to "check us out", and those who supported the conference from "behind the scenes". The training has had excellent reviews from all who participated. As Dave Baillie said, "You could touch the energy"!

CCC and QAE Conference "Continuing Building Bridges"
(Contributed by Marie-Pierre Ulysse, Liaison with the CCC and FFA, and Tony Maciocia, Coordinator in the Division of Residential Treatment Services for Adolescents)

The 9th Annual Conference of the Council for Clients and Community (CCC) is organized in partnership with the Quebec Association of Educators (QAE). We believe that this year's joint event is a reflection of the positive outcomes resulting from building bridges between the CCC and other partners inside and outside Batshaw. As usual we will have a day of workshops of interest to any one associated with social services. It is free and constitutes a super opportunity to join together and learn more about pertinent issues. One of the traditions of this conference is the BBQ lunch which is offered free to all participants. The conference will take place at Batshaw, 6 Weredale Park, on Thursday, May 20, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Keep this date open in your agenda and come in large numbers! Publicity will be posted shortly; more details and registration forms will soon be available.

THE BATSHAW CALENDAR

- May 9th to 15th: National Nurses Week (For info: Linh Suong Pham, 937-9581, loc. 247)
- May 10th: Board Meeting (For info: Thérèse Gauthier, 989-1885, loc. 202)
- May 20th: CCC/QAE Conference (For info: Marie-Pierre Ulysse, 989-1885, loc. 268, Tony Maciocia, 932-7161, loc. 407)