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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Family Fun Day is coming September 20, 2008

Come join us for one of the most fun events of the year! It's not very often that we have the opportunity to get together, youth, children and families from different programs, our wonderful donors and contributors. Our Family Fun Day is a special day that gives us the chance to welcome you to the Reach family – if you are new to the family, meet our Board members, staff, and other families. If you have been part of our family for a while, it will give you a chance to reconnect with old friends, to see how the children are growing and to get together with staff members that you might not have seen in a while.

Overall, we want you to enjoy the day and have good old fashioned fun! For this year's event, we are planning a "Country Fair" theme with a hay wagon ride, wheelbarrow races and other crazy games! We will have a country style BBQ courtesy of the Tsawwassen Boundary Bay Lions Club plus music, craft, sports and lots more!! See inside for more details.....



**We look forward to seeing
you here in September!**



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To save both the environment and valuable funds, mail-outs of paper newsletters will be replaced with e-newsletters. Newsletters will be emailed from:

Reach Child and Youth Development Society

[info@reachdevelopment.org]

with the subject line:

inside reach newsletter.

You will continue to receive a paper copy if we do not have your email. If you would like to receive electronic copies of our newsletter please email us at info@reachdevelopment.org by September 30, 2008

August is here, are you thriving or just surviving.....

Summer can be such a mixed blessing: long sunny days, but nights where little ones will not settle down while the sun is still up and the bedroom is hot; the struggle of having to put sunscreen and life jackets on small wiggling bodies; encountering new and interesting behaviours while on your family vacation; and trying to keep ice cream from becoming one of the daily food groups.

Unstructured days can be a blessing to parents and kids who need to relax and recharge, but they can also be a challenge to our youngsters who feel lost without routine in their lives. It was on a family camping trip that I knew for certain that there was definitely something 'up' with my youngest son; at that point I didn't know it was Autism, but I knew it was something serious that could not be ignored. Back then we survived, but today we thrive, so those early indications (although they did not feel like it at the time!) were actually blessings, because from that experience we were able to really start to see his challenges and begin to get him help to deal

with them and from there he began to grow into the fine young man he is becoming today.

Looking ahead to fall, if you enjoy walking and would like to contribute to a great cause, Reach has organized a team for the Autism Speaks "Walk Now for Autism" The walk is on October 19, 2008.

Please go the website and join Team Reach at www.walkforautism.org

I hope the rest of your summer is wonderful!

*Marcia McCafferty, President
Reach Child and Youth
Development Society*



Invitation from Our President

We hope that all of our families come to our Family Fun Day and Annual General Meeting, this September 20th. To reflect our "earthy" new logo we have made the Family Fun Day a 'Harvest' theme with lots of Country Fair fun for the family. Make sure to RSVP by September 12, we would love to see you there!



Your are invited to join us at our
Family Fun Day
and Annual General Meeting

Come out and meet staff, board members, Reach donors
old friends and new families. We have lots of exciting
activities, games and food for everyone!

When: Saturday, September 20, 2008

Where: #3-3800 72nd Street, Delta

Time: Family Fun Day 11:00 - 3:00 / Annual General Meeting 10:00 - 11:30

Childcare: by Options (*is available for those families attending the Annual General Meeting 10:00-11:30*)

Activities: We are having a "Country Fair" theme with loads of games and great food! Wheelbarrow Races, Hay Rides, Country Games, Arts & Crafts, Fun with Ronald McDonald @ the McDonald's Sport Zone, Music, Silent Auction, Book Sale, Pic-a-Pocket, Purse Snatch and more!

Lunch: BBQ chicken, corn and salad
(*sponsored by the Tsawwassen Boundary Bay Lions Club*)
Cinnamon buns and muffins (*sponsored by Richlea Bakery*)

RSVP: by September 12, 2008 (*call 604.946.6622 ext.300 or email: info@reachdevelopment.org or mail / drop off the form below*)



Planting Hope & Harvesting Dreams

Yes! I want to come to the Family Fun Day!

We are: # of adults _____ # of children _____ Need childcare at AGM? Yes / No

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

I can donate a prize for the silent auction: Included Will bring later

I cannot donate a prize but I can donate cash towards:

Silent Auction Prizes One of Your Programs

Please charge my gift of \$ _____ to my credit card: Visa MC

Card #: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please make cheques payable to: Reach Child & Youth Development Society
#3-3800 72nd Street, Delta, BC V4K 3N2



We are looking for prizes to go in any of the following theme baskets:

- Movie Night at Home
- Gardening Heaven
- Spa Delights
- Car Pampering
- Gourmet Treats & Beverages
- Toys & Board Games
- Seasonal Decor (Halloween, Easter, Christmas)
- Book Worms

What's happening at Reach this Fall?



Positive Parenting: the Basics and Beyond

Workshop presented in English and Punjabi languages, with Camille Netherton Manager and Consultant for the Reach Delta Connex Program, and Monisha Jassis, Behavioural Consultant for the Reach Positive Behavioural Support Program. An interactive approach to creating a positive, supportive atmosphere for your family interactions. You will learn positive strategies for dealing with difficult behaviour, how to diffuse power struggles, offer appropriate choices, be consistent, provide consequences, model appropriate behaviour and much more!

English language workshop is two evenings, September 8th & 15th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Punjabi language workshop is October 20th from 6:30 to 9:30. Both at the Surrey Conference Centre. The workshops are free of charge. To register call 604-946-6622 ext. 343.



Reach Developmental Preschools programs in North Delta and South Delta still have spaces available for September registration

Our inclusive preschool meets the needs of children who require extra supports and children who are developing typically. Families can register their children for 2,3, or 5 half days per week, depending on their child's needs. For more information call Reach Developmental Preschool South Delta at 604-946-6622 ext.308 or in North Delta at 604-596-0106.



Kids Friendship Club (KFC) Fall Sessions

The Kids Friendship Club is a 10-week program where children with special needs can come together to make new friends while developing their social skills and learning more about peer interaction. There will be two KFC sessions for different age groups. Sessions for children 9 to 11 years old starts Wednesday September 17th and runs from 4:30 to 6 pm. Sessions for youth 12 to 15 years old starts Tuesday September 16th and runs from 6 to 8 pm. Both sessions will be held at Reach Play and Learn Centre in North Delta. For more information call Elysa Philip at 604-946-6622 ext. 312.

**For more information of other upcoming
workshops visit our website at
www.reachdevelopment.org**

MCFD and CLBC plan transition for children's services

In June of this year the provincial government announced changes in ministry responsibilities. Responsibility for services previously delivered to children and families by Community Living British Columbia (CLBC) has moved to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). CLBC continues to be responsible for the delivery of services to adults with developmental disabilities and their families. The government stated that CLBC and MCFD will work together to develop a transition process and to ensure there is no impact in services for families and stakeholders. In the interim period, CLBC continues to be the point of contact for families and children accessing supports and services currently provided by CLBC. Reach programs that require referrals through CLBC include Reach Positive Behavioural Support (PBS) and Reach Respite. Until the transition process from CLBC to MCFD takes place, PBS and Respite will continue to accept referrals through CLBC offices. For more information on the changes and how it effects you and the referral processes, visit the MCFD website at www.gov.bc.ca/mcf and the CLBC website at www.communitylivingbc.ca

Government announces changes that affect eligibility of services for people with disabilities

On July 24, 2008 the provincial government announced a change in the Community Living Authority Act requiring that service eligibility include only those individuals with an IQ of 70 or below. The rule change allows government to circumvent a B.C. Court of Appeal ruling that found the province had no authority to deny service eligibility to people because their IQ was above a certain threshold. This change will effect many individuals with developmental disabilities, in particular individuals with Autism or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, (FASD) many of whom have an IQ above 70. For more information visit the following websites: BC Association for Community Living www.bcacl.org. To sign the online petition to Premier Gordon Campbell go to:

www.petitiononline.com/iqcutoff/petition.html