Conversation Café:
Supporting Dads in our Communities
An opportunity to network with other service providers to enhance partnerships, and to learn how other agencies are supporting fathers.

Our next full-day Conversation Café will be on:
Friday October 4, 2013

Join us with keynote speaker, Brian Russell! Brian is the author of the new online resource for service providers (see “Did You Know?” section on the right)

Simcoe County Highlights

“I am a Kind Man” is a program for males who are struggling with violence against women, and who want to learn to be:

◦ non-violent
◦ positive role models
◦ a part of ending violence against women

This highly successful 12-week program is held regularly at the:
Barrie Native Friendship Centre
Midland Native Friendship Centre
Orillia Native Women’s Group

Come and hear all about this program from facilitator Craig Brochmann (kan@enahtig.ca) at our next full-day Conversation Café on Friday October 4, 2013.

Congratulations to the Collingwood OEYC!
The Collingwood OEYC has started a new Daddy and Me program to help Dads and their children interact, bond, and connect. Held on the first Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.

Send us Pictures!
Tell us how your organization has or is supporting fathers. We would like to include your story in a future issue! Send pictures and comments to: martha.kovack@sympatico.ca.

New Members Welcome
If anyone would like to be a part of the Father Involvement Group, we meet 3 times per year, as well as a few times just before our Conversation Café in the fall. Please contact Lorna Avery Cooper at 705-734-9690 ext 281

Great Websites

http://www.cfi.ca
(resources for fathers, & organizations that work with them – Francophone resources available)

www.fira.ca
(father involvement research & resources for agencies – Francophone resources available)

http://bestjobontheplanet.wordpress.com (a blog for dads)

http://www.newdadmanual.ca
(“new dad” manual set up like a car manual - French & English)

Did you Know?

◦ Step-by-Step: Engaging Fathers in Programs for Families, was written by Toronto parent educator, Brian Russell. Brian will be the keynote speaker at our next full-day Conversation Café on Friday October 4/13!
http://www.beststart.org/resources/howto/

◦ “As a population, Aboriginal men are arguably the most socially excluded in Canada, with higher unemployment, homelessness, injuries, incarceration, and suicide, and lower education and life expectancies than all other Canadians.”
See the following article from FIRA (and see “Simcoe County Highlights” on the left) to see how we are changing this in Simcoe County:

Banner Available

If your organization would like to sign out this banner (30”x 80”) to set up at an event, contact the Barrie OEYC at 705-792-7878.

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