



Networking is at the heart of the Council experience. Two examples stand out. Thom Garfat put on the first national Child and Youth Care Conference in Victoria in 1984. He was a founding member of the Council and has gone on to co-found CYC-net, hosted out of South Africa. He has trained child and youth care workers around the world, most regularly in Canada, the U.S.A., Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. Still, he returns to visit with his CYC 'family' at Nationals and now also at the recent CYC-Net Clan Gatherings. Past Council President, Heather Modlin represents an emerging child and youth care career path. Heather lives in Newfoundland and Labrador, studies in Victoria, BC and works for a company headquartered in the United Kingdom. Networking is second nature and problem solving almost reflexive for Heather so drawing upon her own conference experience to host the first [World CYC Conference](#) was a simple decision. You may have committed yourself to a child and youth care career. Consider being a child and youth care association member, even better, a participant member and help network with others to take child and youth care to its next step.



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The Primer





Welcome!

You may be a member of the Council and not even know it. If you are a current member in good standing of any of the child and youth care associations listed below, you are and thank you for it. If not, consider joining your provincial association and supporting our collective work to represent and develop the child and youth care profession in Canada. Please use the links provided to learn more about the networking, professional development and representative work of the Council.

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The Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations formally came into being in Winnipeg in 1986. A number of successful child and youth care conferences had taken place to that point and the goal was to have them continue with new host associations every two years. The early boards spent some time on the [roll and purpose](#) of the Council, its constitution and finally selecting its logo. [The Code of Ethics](#) was generated through an international process headed up by Martha A. Mattingly of the Association for Child and Youth Care Practice. The [Scope of Practice](#) was also developed at the board level. The Council is also supportive of individual initiatives such as [The Poster Project](#) and for many years the preconference working days around standards of care. The folks viewed here, in part, met in Canmore, Alberta and agreed to recommend two certification programs to the membership. The issue of recognized certification, transferable across the country remains for a future agenda.

The essence of the Council is its membership. The [CYC Award](#) was created with the purpose to both recognize exceptional practitioners but also by their example, illustrate the qualities of CYC people. The [National Child and Youth Care Conference](#) is the biannual expression of those qualities. Many attend regularly, conference over conference for the professional training but often for the fellowship with professional peers and others. Similar initiatives also take place at the provincial level as well. In fact, the networking and information sharing that takes place at the Council level has done much to inspire and establish vibrant provincial child and youth care associations.