



# YOUTH MATTER

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## THRIVE !...SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARTNERS



his issue of the newsletter will introduce another of the

organizations that are members of the National Youth Model Advisory committee...in this issue we focus on Thrive ! - The Canadian Centre for Positive Youth Development.

Thrive ! – The Canadian Centre for Positive Youth Development aims to provide leadership, knowledge, and resources to develop healthy, capable young people of strong character through a number of initiatives. A non-profit organization established in 1988, Thrive!, in collaboration with its primary partners, the Search Institute [www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org), Lions Club International Foundation [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions\\_lcif.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif.shtml) and the International Youth Foundation , [www.iyfnet.org](http://www.iyfnet.org) develops resources and offers training to educators , parents and others who work with and advocate for youth in their communities. Thrive! offers training on developmental assets, asset building, conflict management and skills for adolescence. Resources available through Thrive! include workshop kits, communication tools, anti bullying resources and others.



*The Canadian Centre for Positive Youth Development*

For more information on Thrive and the important work they do check out their website at :

**[www.thrivecanada.ca](http://www.thrivecanada.ca)**



CF Community Youth Model "trainers" in Ottawa—May 2005

### First Stage of the National Youth Model Training Strategy a Great Success

In May, a group of nominated MFRC and PSP staff took part in 2.5 days of training . This training provided participants with the background to serve as "trainers" of the National Youth Model. These "trainers" will facilitate second stage training sessions for local MFRC and PSP staff, community partners and volunteers working with, or wishing to work with youth in their communities. The local level orientation sessions will be jointly MFRC/PSP facilitated and will include overviews of the National Youth Model, youth engagement, the youth funding process, a program evaluation. The third stage of training is to target CF community youth and will be overviewed at each of the orientation sessions. Should you have any questions regarding the training strategy, please contact Laurie Ogilvie, NRYSM ([ogilvie.la@forces.gc.ca](mailto:ogilvie.la@forces.gc.ca)) or Alla Ivask, DMFS SMRPPD ([ivask.ag@forces.gc.ca](mailto:ivask.ag@forces.gc.ca)).



### DND Photo Contest

Do you have creative and talented youth in your community?... The Department of National Defence Photography Contest might just be the kind of thing they are interested in .

The photo contest is open all members of the CF community including youth. Photos are judged based on amateur and professional capabilities in seven different categories, so there really is something for everyone.

The Canadian Forces Joint Imaging Centre (CFJIC) and the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency (CFPSA) organize the contest. HP Canada, Nikon, Canadian Military Banking, Amplis Foto, Fuji, Canon, Valcom, Total Media and Dynamix provide valuable prizes.

For more information on the DND Photography Contest visit [www.cfpsa.com/en/psp/spn/sponsorship/dndContest\\_e.asp](http://www.cfpsa.com/en/psp/spn/sponsorship/dndContest_e.asp)

ARPA Youth Development Conference set for Edmonton this fall...

Looking for an excellent professional development opportunity? The National Symposium on Youth Development Through Recreation is being held October 12-15 in Edmonton...

For full symposium details visit: [www.ydrs.arpaonline](http://www.ydrs.arpaonline).

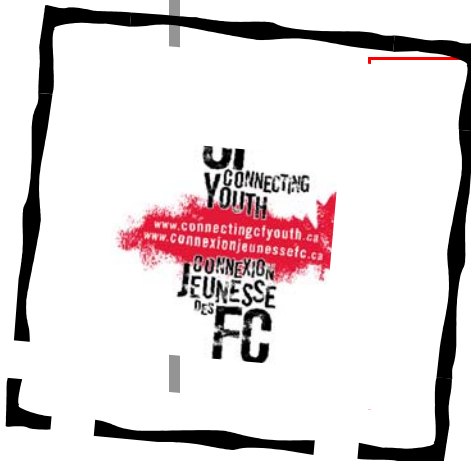
### [www.connectingcfyouth.ca](http://www.connectingcfyouth.ca) goes live

The CFPSA youth project team is pleased to announce that [www.connectingcfyouth.ca](http://www.connectingcfyouth.ca) has been launched. The web-based initiative, developed by youth for youth, went live in early summer after more than one year of consultation and development work with youth.

Intended to address a need expressed by youth from CF families, the web site creates a virtual community for youth from CF families and their friends where they are able to access important and relevant information on issues such as deployment and relocation as well as health promotion and location specific information.

The site provides a balanced mix of more formal adult conceived information and youth written reviews and experience testimonies. Also included is a forum where youth can meet virtual and connect with other CF youth from across the country and around the world and share experiences and information.

For more information on this exciting initiative please contact Lara Rooke, National Recreation and Youth Services Coordinator at [rooke.lara@cfpsa.com](mailto:rooke.lara@cfpsa.com) or 613-992-4642 or Nadine Rouleau, French Youth Website Information Specialist at [nadine@cfpsa.com](mailto:nadine@cfpsa.com) or 514-278-2979.



### CF Community Youth Model Project Team Welcomes new team member

In April 2005, the Youth Project Team welcomed Nadine Rouleau as the Youth Web Site Information Specialist. Nadine, who hails from Montreal is responsible for the management and content of the French language CF youth site [www.connexionjeunessefc.ca](http://www.connexionjeunessefc.ca). She looks forward to working closely with Francophone youth from across the CF community. Any questions regarding [www.connexionjeunessefc.ca](http://www.connexionjeunessefc.ca) can be directed to Nadine at [rouleau.nadine@cfpsa](mailto:rouleau.nadine@cfpsa).