



## Young Parents Support Network

### **Fall 2012 Update!**

#### **Leadership team announcement: a New Executive Director!**

At Young Parents Support Network (YPSN) our leadership team (Jacquelin, Margo & Petra) works together with all members of the YPSN community to create & sustain our innovations & activities.

We're reorganizing some of our responsibilities & are delighted to announce that Margo d'Archangelo will be our new Executive Director. Petra has excelled in this role and now wants to focus more on spreading this excellence beyond the boundaries of YPSN (including doing some consulting part-time) and Margo is our top pick to take on our organizational leadership. Jacquelin was once the ED of an HIV organization and (lucky for us) much prefers a focus on people-work as our Perinatal Program Coordinator and front-line team leader & will continue in that role. Jacquelin, Margo & Petra will remain as our committed leadership team, so please be encouraged to continue working with any or all of us, as has been your habit, or to be in touch if you have not yet made it a habit!

#### **Renovations complete & our co-location plan**

This summer we have renovated our location at 2541 Empire Street, including enlarging our group room to reduce waitlists for our group programs. As of September 4th we are fully back in action.

Our 2-3 year plan includes the idea of co-investing in a building, probably with other organizations that are also committed to emancipatory & participatory social innovation. Please be in touch with Petra if this idea intrigues you:  
[petra@ypsn.ca](mailto:petra@ypsn.ca).

## Fall Programs

At Young Parents Support Network we specialize in supporting families who live in complex circumstances. We offer Family Support Services on an outreach basis; a comprehensive Perinatal program for pregnant youth including pre & post-natal outreach, birth doulas & prenatal classes; a free naturopath clinic; group programs (see upcoming dates below); children's programs; a free store; and a community of people committed to growing, learning & parenting well. For more information visit

<http://www.ypsn.ca/services>.

- Our Monday morning Drop-in will resume on September 10th (no registration required!)
- Session One of our famous Future Planning Program will begin September 14th (Program pretty full, call us for an update).
- Our brand-new 6-week Parenting Toolbox course starts September 25th.
- The next session of our in-house Prenatal Classes starts October 10th.
- Storytelling group will commence November 6th.
- Workout group will resume in the fall: More details soon!

For more information or to register: [margo@ypsn.ca](mailto:margo@ypsn.ca) or 250.384.0552

## Vancouver Island Baby Fair: we'll be there!

This year Young Parents Support Network has been selected by the Vancouver Island Baby Fair as its featured non-profit partner. We'll be there all weekend **Sept 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**; & our Perinatal program will receive a generous financial donation after the event. At Pearkes Rec Centre behind Tillicum mall.

Hope to see you there! <http://www.vancouverislandbabyfair.com/index1.cfm>



Keep up with us on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Young-Parents-Support-Network-Victoria-Canada/374535505318>

& twitter: <https://twitter.com/YoungParentsSup>