

PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROJECT (PEP)



“Supporting parents to be sensitive and responsive is the single most important benefit we can give the next generation of children.”

~ On the Path Together: Wellness Plan for Yukon's Children and Families

PEP is a project of the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) Education. The Yukon Literacy Coalition (YLC) is working under contract to achieve the PEP goals, to support the design and development of Parent Clubs in Yukon communities.

Stages of PEP:

Stage 1: Delivered in Carcross in 2015 by Miranda Chitze. It identified Parent Clubs as a way to strengthen parents' voices and assist them in becoming more deeply involved in their children's learning.

Stage 2: Delivered in 2016 as a project of CYFN with YLC as a contractor. It involved the initial setup of Parent Clubs as well as a two-day gathering for Parent Club community leaders. A parent handbook was developed and will be distributed in stage 3.

Stage 3: Will be delivered November 2016-March 2017. Yukon communities will be visited up to 4 times each as a means of supporting the establishment of Parent Clubs in requesting communities. A two-day gathering is scheduled for March to share details about each Parent Club.

What is a Parent Club?

The objective of PEP through the development of parent clubs is to help Yukon First Nations students have greater achievement in the school system and raise their graduation rates.

A Parent Club is a simple concept and can look different in each community. Gatherings or meetings can include anything that brings parents together. It can be as simple as a tea or as complex as direct involvement in schools. It is up to each community.

Parent Clubs are not meant to make more work for people, but be something that people want to go to and look forward to... a genuine and enjoyable activity.

CYFN and YLC are working together to do this by:

- Providing support for Parent Club community leaders to work with their communities on Parent Club design and set up;
- Assisting with problem solving, organization and facilitation skills;
- Assisting with identifying funding resources;
- Accessing resources;
- Providing honoraria for Parent Club community leaders for setting up clubs;
- Providing honoraria for participating Elders.

“Where parent clubs exist, parents, children and their communities are stronger.”

~ Parent Handbook, 2016

Save The Date: A parent committee gathering will take place March 2nd & 3rd, 2017. One representative from each community is invited to attend.



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