

February 2010

To All of our Valued Clients

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a restful and safe holiday season. 2010 promises to be an exciting year at Women's Centre of York Region complete with some changes to Bridging the Gap. Please find below an explanation of new program expectations.

In 2009 Bridging the Gap exploded onto the scene. The program was well-received by clients and the community alike and demand for our service grew by 46% over the course of the year. It was amazing, but we want to make sure we do not lose the personal connection with each woman and family that we think makes our program unique. As a result, in 2010 we will be streamlining our program and tailoring it to meet your needs.

What you can expect for 2010:

- A program that is focused on meeting the goals that you set
- Registration – each client will participate in a self-evaluation and goal-setting exercise.
- Monthly workshops will be planned based on everyone's goals.
- Each Bridging the Gap client must participate in *at least* 1 workshop every 3 months, for a total of *at least* 4 workshops per year.
- Together we will reevaluate your goals at the end of 1 year.

If it sounds like Bridging the Gap is the program for you, you must:

- Choose which date works best for you to register. Since this is **MANDATORY**, we are holding 2 dates to make sure we have time for everyone.
- Call and register for one of the times (905) 853-9270 or btg@wcyr.ca
- You must register for one of the dates by **Friday, March 5th** if you wish to participate in Bridging the Gap.

- **Tuesday, March 9th, 9:30 – 11:30 am** at the **Newmarket Public Library**

- **Thursday, March 11th, 7 – 9 pm** at the **Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora**

- If you are not able to attend one of the registration dates but would still like to participate in Bridging the Gap, please call us and we will mail an assessment package to you.
- At the registration you will be asked to fill out a brief form agreeing to the new program guidelines.

If it does NOT sound like Bridging the Gap is a program for you...

And you **ARE** accessing another WCYR program:

- You will continue to have access to Last-Week-of-the-Month and other seasonal supports *as long as you are fully participating in another program.*

- You do not need to come to the registration/orientation session.

And you are **NOT** accessing another WCYR program:

- Your file with Women's Centre of York Region will be closed
- You will no longer be able to access Last-Week-of-the-Month or seasonal supports such as Holiday Hamper or Back to School.

We look forward to getting to know you again as we make 2010 a great year for you at Women's Centre of York Region.

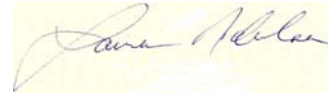
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