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PROFILE OF THE QUARTER NING HUANG

Emerging Career Practitioner of the Year

What do you do?

I coordinate every aspect of the Youth Works Program at Connections Community Services Society, including but not limited to: making promotional materials, design intake and evaluation forms, recruit clients, assist clients with their employment or education goals, outreach, collaborate with various community partners, facilitate workshops, host Job Fairs and other relevant events etc.

What do you like most about your job?

Some of my clients really inspire and amazes me with their resiliency, resourcefulness and gratitude even after what they went through in their life. I know I made a difference when I see a youth's eye sparkled (indication that hope or passion is coming alive again); or when they call me and say: "Guess what, Ning? I just got the job! Thanks so much for everything!!" I am glad I am able to witness and assist their growth at both personal and professional level.

What are the major challenges?

The hardest part of my job is to get your program known, especially at the early stage of the program. Even though the youth in care population very much in need the service, but it'll be pointless if they don't know our service exist.

Any advice you would like to give?

Have an open mind; don't be afraid to try new things; ask for help when needed; be flexible; take initiatives;

Dear BCCDA members,

The first quarter of the year is behind us, and the beauty of magnolias followed by cherry blossoms found us immersed in the spring. It is amazing how much we have accomplished in such a short time! The Career Development Conference 2018 was a great success thanks to all of you and due to inviting excellent presenters, sponsors and volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to help us prepare such a meaningful event.

The BCCDA board members and the BCCDA Executive team have already started working on 2019 conference. It might seem very soon, however, in order to satisfy you, our members, and generate excellent content for you and with you once again, we will be opening the request for workshop proposals soon.

Apart from the conference preparation, in the first quarter, BCCDA launched the BCCDA Agency Certification Program, designed to help agencies showcase their high level of professionalism. I encourage you to join the family of agencies that chose to add the stamp of excellence to their operations.

The upcoming quarter will be eventful as well. Based on your feedback, BCCDA will organize regular networking events.

On June 13th, 2018, we will launch the BCCDA Quarterly Educational Luncheons series. We have also relaunched regular webinars.

The themes for 2018 webinars are ready. The webinars will be held every second Wednesday of the month at 12pm, and they are free to all of our members.

Happy spring 2018!

Natalia Bussard, BCCDA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon

It's all about you: Building Connection and Trust through your Online Profile - Constance Lynn Hummel, MA, RCC, CCC, APC

Where - Vancouver Public Library - Main Branch, Peter Kaye Room.

When - June 27th, 2018 from 12pm to 1.30pm

Cost - \$40 members, \$50 non-members - includes lunch

CCDP Maintenance credits - 4

Register

Webinars

Think More, Be More! Improving Client Career Decision Making Skills - Ann Nakaska

When - June 13th at 12pm

Cost - Free

CCDP Maintenance Credits - 1.5