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*Child and Youth Worker students prepare
to host 14th annual "We All Love Kids"*

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON April 7, 2014) Sault College's third-year students in the Child and Youth Worker (CYW) Program will be hosting the 14th annual "We All Love Kids" W.A.L.K. this Saturday, April 12th 2014. Proceeds for this year's W.A.L.K. will support Rainbow Camp, a camp designated for youth that are connected with the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and questioning) community. Children and their families are invited to participate in this event with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance of Sault College's Health and Wellness Centre. This year's W.A.L.K. will be a bright, camp-themed event with many family-friendly activities including a bean bag toss, face painting, a fish pond and much more.

"The CYW third-year class is excited and eager to host the day filled with fun events, activities and free food," says Laurel Cathcart, third-year CYW student and publicity committee Chair.

"We want to have the community come together and raise funds and awareness of an important cause. We are hoping for a great turn out, lots of donations and a memorable day for children and their families throughout Sault Ste. Marie."

As part of the goals of the CYW program, students specialize in helping children, youth and families improve their lives. Students receive extensive training in counseling skills, group dynamics, recreation leadership, psychology and social issues.

“This student-run fundraising event is an end of the year class project that has the graduating class involved in every aspect of the event, including where proceeds are donated,” states Professor Donna Mansfield of the Sault College CYW program. “As CYW’s, we are committed to supporting our community through projects that require a meaningful event for our community. The students learn the importance of advocating and bringing awareness to issues while building important community partnerships.”

The efforts of the CYW W.A.L.K. throughout the years have raised over \$57,000 for children, youth and families in Sault Ste. Marie. Free parking for the event is available anywhere on campus including the J-lot (south) located in front of the Student Health and Wellness Centre, where activities will be held. For more information regarding the event, please contact Donna Mansfield at 705.759.2554 ext.2549.

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About the Child and Youth Worker Program at Sault College

Graduates of the Child and Youth Worker program will be recognized as someone who can serve as a valuable resource to help children, youth and their families make positive changes in their lives. Through the experience at Sault College, students develop a strong understanding of the social, emotional and behavioural challenges affecting young people and their families. Students learn how to use their skills and knowledge to motivate and support others in ways that are meaningful and significant. This program can lead to work that is exciting, fulfilling, empowering and is purposeful. As a Child and Youth Worker graduate, students may enter into the lives of others to teach them social and life skills and support them in managing behaviour and forming positive relationships based on commitment, respect and effective communication. Sault College, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario, Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca for more information.

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