



Dear Networking Research Participants and Invested Readers:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thank-you to everyone who contributed to the SYICCN longitudinal study. It is with great pleasure and so much joy that we are now able to present to you, and share with others, the study findings in this report titled *Our Dream, Our Right, Our Future!*

I hope that all study participants will be delighted with the results. Without your dedication and courage to share your voice, this project would not have been possible. Your contributions throughout the project are one of a kind and together they create a very innovative and passionate portrayal of not only the Saskatchewan Youth in Care & Custody Network but also our whole Networking Family. As well, I would also like to especially thank Marie Lovrod, Ph.D from the University of Saskatchewan. As an “outsider” coming in to the Networking World she showed the utmost passion to understanding the complexities of our organization and in the process of it all became a beloved adult support of many of our members, a true support, breaking the boundaries of researcher and now no longer an “outsider” but a certified Networker. Thank-you to all of you, we did it!

Furthermore, I can't begin to express how excited I am to share this completed publication with all of our youth and alumni members, stakeholders, funders and community partners. As far as we are aware, this pilot study on Youth in Care Networking is the first of its kind and we hope that many will be able to benefit from our findings. For those unfamiliar with our organization and the idea of Networking in such a capacity, I hope that the study will give you a glimpse into how Networking positively impacts the lives of all of our members, stakeholders, government and community.

Enjoy and please feel free to send back any feedback or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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Dear Networking Research Participants:

Lisa Worobec and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from our hearts for the work we have all accomplished together in the longitudinal study, now made available through the SYICCN publication of *Our Dream, Our Right, Our Future*.

We hope that you will be pleased with the results and proud of your efforts to raise your voices and tell a shared story of what the Saskatchewan Youth in Care and Custody Network means in supporting the lives of youth in government care.

You have all made important contributions to this project and enriched all of our lives as a result. As we release our efforts into public space in the form of this report, it is our hope that everyone's participation in this project, from those who helped to design questions, photo-voice and scrap book pages, to those who participated in focus groups and oral histories, to those who commented on draft versions, will come to new forms of fruition as others respond to our work in the upcoming weeks and months.

Learning together with you has been a powerful journey for us, and we hope that this project has been rewarding for you as well. You have made a compelling case affirming the importance of the dreams, rights and futures of all young people in government care. May the efforts you have contributed, the skills you have learned and the knowledge you have invested support your own pathways forward.

Please feel free to send along your feedback, and to include my name on your list of references for future educational and job applications. I will look forward to seeing you at upcoming SYICCN events.

Respectfully and with warm regards,



Marie Lovrod, Ph.D.



Lisa Worobec, M.A.