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HOME SUPPORT TRAINING FOR YOUTH

1985 has been designated "International Youth Year" and Cariboo College will be developing and implementing a new program for young people, "Home Support Training for Youth".

Funded by Health and Welfare Canada, the 10-week program, which begins January 13, will train 17 - 24 year olds as home support workers.

With the recent provincial deinstitutionalization of mentally, physically and emotionally handicapped individuals into homelike settings, and the increasing number of senior citizens in this region, the need for permanent live-in support workers has drastically increased over the past 12 months. Another area of high demand is the provision of short-term support to families in crisis.

The new program will provide students with the skills to function as both permanent live-in support workers, and temporary "respite" workers.

Course content will include classroom, laboratory and work-experience training, and will focus on topics such as growth and development, gerontology, nutrition, child care, home management, communication and first aid.

The program will admit eight students from Kamloops and eight from outlying areas of the College region. Pre-requisites include Grade 9 (or equivalent), written recommendations, and a successful medical.

Applications for admission may be made to the Admission office at Cariboo College. Further information can be obtained from the program's coordinator, Judy Wilbee, at 374-0123, Local 2626.

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