



Grand Connection



2015

Welcome to the Grand Connection! The Parent Support Services Society of BC (PSS) on Vancouver Island has created this publication to bring you the news on what is happening for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG'S) and other kinship care providers across the island!

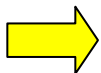
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circles

Raising children the second time around can feel overwhelming at times. Sometimes it helps to know that you are not alone. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circles are free, confidential groups that provide an opportunity to meet other grandparents raising grandchildren or other relatives who are raising relatives' children to share information, stories and find out about other resources.

Vancouver Island GRG Support Circle meetings on Vancouver Island:

Victoria:	Wed., Dec 2 nd	<u>6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</u> - 1803 Quadra Street, Sands Funeral Home (parking in back)
Nanaimo:	Tues., Dec 8 th	10:30 a.m. to 12 noon - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, (Christmas potluck lunch)
Victoria:	Wed., Dec 16 th	<u>6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</u> - 1803 Quadra Street, Sands Funeral Home (parking in back)
Parksville:	Mon., Jan 18 th	10 a.m. to 12:noon – Family Place - 494 Bay Ave., Rm 128, Parksville
Duncan:	Tues., Jan 19 th	10 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. - Duncan Pentecostal Church, 931 Trunk Rd.
Victoria:	Wed., Jan 20 th	<u>6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</u> - 1803 Quadra Street, Sands Funeral Home (parking in back)
Nanaimo:	Tues., Jan 26 th	10 a.m. to 12 noon - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street

For more information, please call the Central island office at 250-468-9658 or 1-877-345-9777, or email parent@telus.net



Important note for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Victoria, capital city region & Nanaimo/Ladysmith!

We are currently seeking additional volunteers and meeting space to allow us to offer a daytime GRG Support Circle. This would be in addition to the evening circle, not instead of. If a day time circle is something that you would be interested in attending, please feel welcome to provide some feedback regarding the time of day and/or day of the week. While we won't be able to meet everyones needs, it would be helpful to know if there are better times and days for people.

There has also been interest expressed in Nanaimo for an evening GRG group, would any grandparents in Nanaimo/Ladysmith please let me know if your are interested. Especially those who are receiving this newsletter and who are unable to attend the daytime meetings.

You can reach me by email at: parent@telus.net



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Line (Province wide)

Problem solving, legal and resource information for grandparents
and other relatives raising a family member's child
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Toll free in BC 1-855-474-9777 Or email grgline@parentsupportbc.ca

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Upcoming events

6 Must have conversations with your teen! Consent, Sexual Harassment, Sexting, Pornography, Gender Violence, Sexual Fluidity. With Kerri Isham on **Thursday, January 21st, 2016** from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the NDSS Meeting Room 355 Wakesiah Avenue, Nanaimo. This workshop is sponsored by the School District 68 PAC.

Resources:

Vancouver Island Crisis Society 1-888-494-3888

The VI Crisis Society also has an excellent on-line data base of community resources <http://www.vicrisis.ca/>

Heart-Mind Online is for all those who are searching for evidenced-informed resources that educate the hearts of children. The collection of resources builds capacity in individuals and communities to support the Heart-Mind well-being of children, and promotes their positive social and emotional development. This website was developed by the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education. <http://heartmindonline.org/>

There are some excellent video clips for families if you follow the Resources link from the home page.



Wishing you a safe & happy holiday season!

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