



# Grand Connection



July 2017

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 (GRG) 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 (GRG) 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.

**The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circles in Victoria, Duncan, Parksville and Courtenay will resume a regular meeting schedule in September 2017.**

## **Nanaimo**

Wed., Jul 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Child Development Centre, 1135 Nelson St. **(On site child care is available)**

Wed., Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Child Development Centre, 1135 Nelson St. **(On site child care is available)**

If you need assistance or information over the summer and are in Victoria please call 250-384-8042 or email [annette.deboer@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:annette.deboer@parentsupportbc.ca) and for other Vancouver Island Communities please call the Central Island office at 250-468-9658 or 1-877-345-9777, or email [parent@telus.net](mailto:parent@telus.net)



# GRG Picnic (Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>)

For grandparents raising their grandchildren & other kinship care providers.

You are invited to a picnic! At Transfer Beach in Ladysmith from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parent Support Services will provide the hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a small salad or dessert to share. Hope to see you and your grandchildren there!

Please RSVP to [parent@telus.net](mailto:parent@telus.net) or Sandi at 250-468-9658

## 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 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Toll free in BC 1-855-474-9777 Or email [grgline@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:grgline@parentsupportbc.ca)

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren BC on Facebook



The GRG BC Facebook group provides a larger opportunity for connection and the sharing of resources and information. Grandparents raising grandchildren and other kinship care providers in BC can join through the following link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/145017612556075/>

**Victoria:** Sunday, August 27, Parent Support Services Victoria will have an information table at the Walmart in Uptown Mall to promote Parent Support Services programs and to build awareness about the upcoming Grandparents Day Event and online auction.

***Save the date!*** Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> on Grandparent's Day,

Parent Support Services will be on location at the Oak Bay Tea Room –Willows Beach, Victoria. We will also be hosting an event in Nanaimo on September 10<sup>th</sup> (location to be announced)

Look for more information in the August GRG Newsletter...Grandparents Day Event Invitations will be emailed out to you in August as well.

### 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/>

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