

Parent Support Services Society of BC



2005 - 2006

# Annual Report

October 21, 2006



**Parent Support Services Society of BC**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

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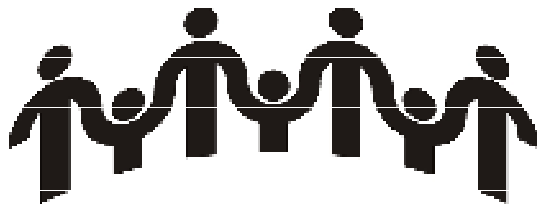
**Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House**  
**800 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC**

## **Agenda**

- 1. Adoption of the October 15, 2005 Annual General Meeting Minutes –  
Kamy Zargarpour for Rick Downie**
- 2. President’s Report – Kamy Kargarpour for Rick Downie**
- 3. Auditor’s Report – Calvin Tompkins, Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co.**
- 4. Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Financial Statement – Rob Kaufman**
- 5. Appointment of Auditor – Rob Kaufman**
- 6. Executive Director’s Report – Marion Gracey for Barry Corrin**
- 7. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Directors – Kamy Zargapour  
for Rick Downie**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Adjournment**

**You are invited for Lunch and to stay for a presentation by Johannes Wheeldon  
of Safe On-Line Outreach Society, “Parenting in a Cyber Age”**

**Volunteer Recognition will follow**



PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES  
*of BC*

## Our vision

To create a world where all children and their families are nurtured, valued and safe.

## Mission Statement

To promote healthy family relationship by supporting children, parents and others in a parenting role in B.C. communities



## VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### INTEGRITY:

We are committed to ensuring that our actions coincide with the values we embrace. We accept responsibility for our actions and are accountable to the parents, families and communities we serve.

### LEARNING:

We are committed to continual learning, which helps us to grow, be creative, and move towards new possibilities in support of our vision.

### RESPECT:

We honour, through our attitudes and behaviours, the inherent worth of individuals, families and communities and recognize that all are interconnected.

### OPEN COMMUNICATION:

We listen and say what needs to be said in constructive ways. We seek to understand and address conflict directly and respectfully in order to support and strengthen people, families and community.

### INCLUSIVENESS:

We foster a sense of safety and inclusion among those with whom we work. We enhance our ability to serve and enrich the experience by collaborating with other individuals and organizations. We appreciate and understand that together we are able to create something greater than what we can achieve alone in our effort to meet the needs of parents, families and communities.

### COMMITMENT:

We are committed to doing our best at all times. Our commitment is driven by our strong desire to prevent child abuse and support children, parents and families.

### SERVICE:

We serve from our hearts in ways that are meaningful to us in our effort to prevent child abuse and create a world where children and their families are nurtured, valued and safe.

Annual General Meeting  
Parent Support Services Society of BC

Held October 15 2005  
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House,  
800 East Broadway Ave., Vancouver BC

Annual General Meeting of Parent Support Services was held on October 15 2005 at Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood House with 39 in attendance (14 Society Members).

Board members in attendance: Dolores Romano, Rick Downie, Kamy Zargarpour, Rob Kaufman, Brandt Watkins, Elizabeth Wolfe, Barry Corrin, Richard Lindsey, Rommel Manikan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held September 18, 2004 Moved by Richard Lindsey, seconded by Remedios Quisara. Approved unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rick thanked the past president Paul Abra/ past treasurer Barrie Shaler and member at large June Preston for all their contributions to the society over the last year – great job by all.

He mentioned that as per Bob Dylan “the times are a changing” and that we have to move the society in the new directions.

He thanked Board Match for the addition of new and exciting members to the board including: Rob Kaufman, Brandt Watkins, Elizabeth Wolfe, Richard Lindsey, Rommel Manikan – and that even more members are looking at joining the board.

A joint presentation to MCFD was made in Victoria together with our partners – Parents Together and the BC Council for the Family. They may soon be seeking funding from 5 different MCFD regions.

We had the following fund drives: Internet auction/ Park theatre movie night/ Entertainment books and local initiatives of the Parenting Circles.

Rick noted that Barry will have to take time off with medical leave due to his back problems and operation which will put extra pressure on current staffing and wished him a speedy recovery.

Future goals mentioned were to secure funding / full programming in the North and around BC/ continuation of our services to BC families.

He thanked the staff for their commitment to the job, their support of the volunteers and their dedication to the parents in the support circles.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barry acknowledged and introduced the new facilitators to the group and mentioned how the year to year funding creates uncertainty and impacts long term plans.

There is a need to talk to all regions and to decide on our future with the other groups.

Tina is helping to resolve issues in Prince George.  
Gaming funds require cash flow management.

The recent questionnaire will provide for good feedback on areas that we should concentrate on. We had a feature on CKWX which also mentioned our internet auction.

In the last year we provided help to 636 families / 1140 children via 9400 volunteer hours.

We need to ensure we have better representation of aboriginal and other ethnic groups.

In closing he thanked staff and volunteers for all their hard work and diligence and that he was sure that the new board members would add to the strength of the society.

Treasurer's report

Rob Kaufman reviewed the audited statements

Motion to approve the audited financial statements

Rommel Manikan moved that the audited financial statements be approved. Seconded by Kamy Zargarpour, Approved unanimously.

Motion to appoint Tompkins, Wozney, Miller & Co as the Society's auditors

Moved by Dolores Romano, seconded by Brandt Watkins to appoint Tompkins, Wozney, Miller & Co as the Society's auditors. Approved unanimously.

Nomination of Board members

Nominated for a two-year term: Dolores Romano, Rick Downie, Kamy Zargarpour, Rob Kaufman, Brandt Watkins, Elizabeth Wolfe, Richard Lindsey, Rommel Manikan, Brenda Dayton Cesareo.

Moved by Shamim Shivji to elect the nominated members. Seconded by Rick Downie, Carried unanimously.

Board members continuing in the second year of their two-year term: Shamim Shivji

Motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting

Moved by Barry Corrin, seconded by Rick Downie. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Recognition of volunteers followed the official business of the Annual General Meeting.



## **Board of Directors and Staff October 1, 2006**

### **Board Members:**

Heather Bordo  
Rick Downie  
Christine Hoyer  
Rob Kaufman  
Cheryl MacDonald

Rommel Manikan  
Dolores Romano  
Shamim Shivji  
Elizabeth Wolfe  
Kamy Zargarpour

### **Staff:**

Barry J. Corrin  
Marion Gracey  
Bella Cenezero  
Tina Pearson  
Halvorson  
Julie Bergen  
Marty Layne  
Louis de la Torre  
Lida Stepanova  
Andrea Lynn Harty  
Tami Theriault  
Gina Novak

Executive Director  
Interim Executive Director  
Program Director; Lower Mainland, Interior  
Program Director; Island, North Sandi  
Program Coordinator, Central Island  
Parent Resource Coordinator, Prince George  
Parent Resource Coordinator, Victoria  
Financial Administrator, Vancouver  
Office Administrator, Vancouver  
Administrative Coordinator, Victoria  
Administrative Assistant, Prince George  
Casual Office Assistant, Vancouver

# President's Report

## Parent Support Services AGM

### Oct 2006

The year 2006 is a turn around year for PSS. We have not been looking backwards for funding, we are looking forward to growth and expansion.

To get to this point has not been easy. PSS lost our Executive Director, Barry Corrin to an extended medical leave. We were obliged to engage two consecutive interim executive directors to cover the vacancy. By good luck, we were able to locate two candidates who had a history with PSS. Beryl Cole and Marion Gracey each stepped into the position without hesitation.

A big thank you to the staff in all our offices who adapted quickly to the changing times, carrying some of the load and shifting as required to assure the work of PSS for families around the province was not affected.

Board and Staff together participated in three strategic planning sessions which brought us all a greater understanding of the goals and operations of PSS. This was extremely hard work but the result has been a team that better understands each other and works together to accomplish the PSS mission.

I want to thank those board members who are stepping down from the Board during this year. They were all there when we needed them the most. Big thanks for the work of Richard Lindsey, Brandt Watkins, Brenda Dayton Cesareo and Elizabeth Wolfe.

New to the Board this year are Heather Bordo and Cheryl MacDonald who are adding new experience and energy to the Board meetings.

Board committees have short titles but have big jobs to do. The IT committee has redesigned the website and made many changes behind the scenes. The work was especially rich as it was accomplished by a joint team of Staff, Board and student participation. Thanks to Tina, Elizabeth and the summer students.

Also very active is the HR committee who are working to assure we have the best possible programs for staff benefits and requirements. Thanks to Heather, Karin and others.

Since our very successful movie nights, the Fund Raising / PR committee has been quieter. Our current venture is the Charity online Auction at [www.gobid.ca](http://www.gobid.ca). Everyone is encouraged to ask for donations in kind then make sure you check out the website for the bargains available.



Computer and furniture up-grades have made the central office a more comfortable place to work.

Our program has also expended this year. We have new staff in Prince George and programs there are fully supported. Our newest addition is the "Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren" program. Starting first in Victoria, it is a program we hope to introduce around the Province. In future we anticipate more participation with First Nations communities.

In closing I want to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers at all levels that take PSS to the families in B.C. Your work is the reason the organization exist. You are changing the lives of children, one family at a time. Thank you!

## Executive Director's Report

This brief note is intended to cover the period April 2005 to August 2005, which is the period of time that I was in the position of Executive Director of Parent Support Services before leaving the office on medical leave.

I would like to acknowledge, first and foremost, the phenomenal support that I received from both staff and Board. Staff support was not only in terms of work but also in terms of concern and caring. In work terms, staff stepped up and willingly picked up, on top of their own already very heavy workloads, the additional work that I could not carry. The Board of Directors constantly and unequivocally encouraged me to do what I needed to do to take care of myself. I needed and received the support of both groups and I am appreciative and grateful to all of them. I feel very fortunate to work in an organization that believes that people/staff come first and walks the talk. My thanks also to Beryl Cole and Marion Gracey for so capably directing the activities of Parent Support Services in my absence.

### United Way

The United Way supports our programs in many communities. Over the year, there were changes to the program and program structure in the communities of Powell River and Prince George respectively. In both communities, we had numerous discussions with the United Way regarding funding as we re-organized and in both communities, the United Way was understanding and supportive of the agency and the changes we made.

### Administration

We considered a different system for collecting the all-important data that we need to demonstrate the value of our programs. The collection of accurate and complete data is and always will be an important issue for our agency if we are to receive the funding that we need.

### Programs

Parent Support Services is working with the Children First Initiative in Prince George to create the framework for the coordination of Parent Resources for the Prince George community. Through this Children First funded project, Parent Support Services will also work with its local PSS Steering Committee, the Children First Initiative Parenting Committee and the Active Parenting Committee to coordinate Parent Support Circles, the Active Parenting Program and the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting Program in Prince George.

A major initiative in the year was the development of the 'Grandparents Raising Grandchildren' circles. In Victoria this United Way funded collaborative project is enabling Parent Support Services, together with Victoria agencies James Bay Community Project, Single Parent Resource Centre, Intercultural Centre, Capital Families Association and Child Care Resource and Referral, to work toward filling the gap in services for the growing population of grandparent-led families.

Parent Support Services in Victoria continues its partnership with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre to oversee and develop Aboriginal sensitive support for parents, care-givers, children, circle facilitators and child minders who are part of the Aboriginal Parent Support Circle Program.

### Fundraising

The Internet auction, which will be up and running again in November, was a regular source of important income for the agency. In addition, we undertook a number of film nights at the Park Theatre thanks to the generosity of Leonard Schein that not only raised funds but also raised the profile of the agency in the community.

Once again, my thanks to everyone in the organization for ensuring that PSS services are available to the many parents who want and need them.

## An Overview of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006

April 2005 until March 31, 2006 is a year worth remembering. In one way, it was difficult because the Executive Director, Barry Corrin, had to go on medical leave. It meant many transitions for the Board and staff. However, these transitions brought out the qualities of strength, vision, leadership and determination that Parent Support Services has been know for over the 32 years it has been in operation to serve parents, children and families in B.C.

Volunteer leadership was demonstrated by the Board as President, Rick Downie, set in motion and supported the development of necessary committees and a series of Strategic planning sessions. The Human Resources committee, chaired by Heather Bordo, worked to manage the personnel challenges that arise during these times of transition; the Treasurer, Rob Kaufman chaired the Finance committee, overseeing the development of the required budgets and monitoring the expenses in a careful way; Cheryl MacDonald took on chairing the Program Committee as well as taking on the responsibility for developing revised Board recruitment and orientation materials. Kamy Zargapour, Vice President and Elizabeth Wolfe, chair of the IT committee worked with staff on setting IT policies and encouraging the updating of the PSS website, [www.parentsupportbc.ca](http://www.parentsupportbc.ca). All of the other Board members contributed through their participation on the committees, at Board meetings, and through their involvement in the fund raising activities throughout the year including movie nights, entertainment books, 3 Internet Auctions, the Filipino Christmas Caroling fundraiser and the distribution and collection of coin boxes.

Outstanding volunteer leadership was clearly demonstrated as over 90 facilitators and approximately 150 Steering Committee members in communities all over BC worked countless long hours to provide the service of Parent Support Circles to approximately 650 families. Many more volunteers provided child minding services during the meetings to ensure the parents could attend the circles. This level of volunteer commitment is extraordinary! Hundreds of hours of time from people who care about parents, children, and families and take action to support them! We say thank-you from all of us.

To compliment the support offered by Parent Support Circles, PSS has also offered more parent education programs and workshops during the past fiscal year. The Parent Awareness Program, PSS's own parent support and education program developed in Victoria, continues to offer parents a forum to build their parenting and relationship skills within a safe environment. The S.T.E.P. and Active Parenting Programs are now coordinated by PSS in Prince George, and in the Lower Mainland, Bella has developed a series of parent education workshops with the Filipino Steering committee.

Development of partnerships with a wide diversity of other community organizations was a highlight of the 2005-2006 year. PSS has enhanced its existing partnership with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre to strengthen the support provided to urban Aboriginal families in Greater Victoria, and to create and adapt resources for parents, facilitators and child minders that are more culturally appropriate for Aboriginal Parent Support Circles.

Partnerships with organizations such as the Intercultural Association of Victoria and Sooke Family Resources ensure that the community of parents served by such organizations have access to peer support within their own milieus. In Prince George a significant program partnership was established with the Children First Initiative and the Active Parenting program to develop a more coordinated base of resources for parents in that community. Also in Prince George, a partnership with the Phoenix Transition House will offer staff and volunteer support to mothers who have left abusive situations and want to keep focused on their parenting through a difficult time. The University of Victoria and the Association of Family Serving Agencies of Victoria worked together in partnership with PSS on a project called SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN; this project helped to grow new circles for grandparents in many communities such as Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Duncan, Victoria and elsewhere in BC. It also stimulated a new awareness of the importance of this family group of grandparents raising grandchildren and the need to create services for them. Parent Support Services is continuing to advocate for services for this population and is leading the way with our partners for supports and services to be developed and maintained.

Partnerships in many mainland communities have provided opportunities for PSS to enhance its work; the Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services partnership, the partnership with Powell River Child, Youth and Family Services; SHARE Family and Community services, Multicultural Helping House Society, Immigrant Services Society of BC, and with SUCCESS (United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society). There were other collaborations with many local community groups such as Summit Community Services in Cranbrook, and others in Nelson, Meadow Creek, Sechelt, Langley, Burnaby and Richmond. These have all brought strength and viability to the Parent Support Circles in these communities. In addition, these do not cover all of the partnerships that you can see listed elsewhere in this AGM report. We are honored to work together in partnership with such a large and dedicated community of people.

Outstanding leadership and dedication has been evident in the work of the long time program Directors Bella Cenezero and Tina Pearson. Their commitment to community development, self-help practices, training facilitators, networking in community to develop the above mentioned partnerships, and to inspiring other staff and volunteers to work for the health of communities by raising awareness of the importance of Parent Support Services is evident. The evaluations provided to us by parents let us know PSS is on the right track. Bella and Tina deserve gold stars and a standing ovation for their work in bringing this about! Part-time, long term

Program Coordinator in the mid-island region, Sandi Halvorson, has been instrumental in the development of grandparent support groups and partnerships in a number of mid-island communities and has skillfully sustained parent support circles in her region. The office support staff in all the regions deserve lots of credit for the behind the scenes work they accomplish, especially amidst all the changes they have had to accommodate! Thank-you is extended to all of the staff for their continued dedication through these times of transition. You are appreciated!

It is important to mention the funders, both public and private, government and United Ways, corporate and individuals that provide donations and contributions in kind that sustain the work of Parent Support Services. Whether it has been through direct granting of funds, through contributions to the three Internet Auctions or purchases from the PSS Auction site or other financial donations, PSS could not exist without your generosity. All of us say thank-you for considering Parent Support Services to be important and worthy of your contributions. We continue to work diligently with parents and children throughout BC to earn the respect that you show us through your donations. We trust you are excited about the results of your money at work through PSS.

And now for the most important people of all to thank; thank-you to the parents that choose to make that call for support and then make that commitment to attend the workshops, support circles, and other meetings that promote healthy relationships in families and communities. You are our inspiration, always! Thank-you for your courage, passion, wisdom, and vulnerability. Together we are learning and growing in positive ways that will be evident in the manner we care for and relate to our children and grandchildren. We will see the results for long into all of our futures!

Parent Support Services, through their strategic planning sessions, with input from Board staff parents and volunteers has renewed their commitment to delivering the quality programs that PSS has become known for over the past 32 years. Included in the strategic plan completed throughout 2005-06 year are recommendations for growth and development of revised program materials and services that we expect will be welcomed in even more communities throughout BC.

Marion Gracey  
Interim Executive Director

# Parent Support Circles Locations

Parent Support Circles operate in communities throughout BC. They include Aboriginal Parent Support Circles, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circles, Circles for Stepparents and Parents of Teens, and Mandarin, Cantonese and Filipino Parent Support Circles.

## Vancouver / Coastal Region

Gibsons  
Powell River  
Richmond  
Sechelt  
Vancouver

## Fraser Region

Abbotsford  
Burnaby  
Coquitlam  
Langley  
Surrey  
Tri-Cities

## Interior Region

Cranbrook  
Meadow Creek  
Nelson

## Island Region

Colwood  
Duncan  
Nanaimo  
Parksville  
Port Alberni  
Saanich  
Salt Spring Island  
Shawnigan Lake  
Sooke  
Victoria

## North Region

Prince George

# Training Workshops 05 - 06

Parent Support Services offers Initial Facilitator Training Workshops to Parent Support Circle volunteers and to professionals regularly each year. We also offers Regional Workshops for volunteer and partner agency facilitators, steering committee members and community professionals.

## Vancouver

Initial Facilitator Training Workshop August 2005, 15 participants trained

Initial Facilitator Training Workshop March 2006, 18 participants trained

Regional Parent Support Services Workshop October 2005, 37 participants

## Victoria

Initial Facilitator Training Workshop April 2005, 13 participants trained

Initial Facilitator Training Workshop November 2005, 9 participants trained

Initial Facilitator Training Workshop March 2006, 9 participants trained

## Terrace

Initial Facilitator Training Workshop May 2005, 6 participants trained



# Community Parenting Workshops

## Vancouver / Coastal Region

Parent Support Services delivers and facilitates Community Parenting Workshops in the Lower Mainland as hosted by agencies such as North Shore Multicultural Society, SUCCESS Surrey and Coquitlam offices, Immigrant Services Society, West Coast Domestic Workers Association, Vancouver Police Department, Multicultural Helping House Society, Richmond Family Place and SHARE Family and Community Services.

Nine Workshop sessions delivered in 2005-2006 included the topics Balancing Traditional Values/Beliefs with Modern Day Expectations of Parenting, Discipline vs. Abuse Workshops (7 sessions); Workshops on Work and Family: Family and Work, A Healthy Balance, Creating Satisfying Routines, and Using Positive Discipline; Communication Skills; Effective Communication in the Family; Effective Parenting and Understanding Youth Violence

## Island Region

Effective Parenting Workshop: An annual one-day workshop in Victoria hosted by Parent Support Services: 2006 17<sup>th</sup> Annual EPW Workshop theme "Yes! To Parenting" with sessions: Common Sense Parenting; Parenting On the Edge, Yes! To the Future, Parenting Outside Mainstream Culture, Art Expression, Culture and the Next Generation; and Yes to Everyday Parenting. 90 – 160 participating parents annually.

Gathering: Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A one-day gathering for grandparents and their grandchildren hosted by the Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Collaborative Project in Victoria BC November 2005. Included 13 workshop presentations including Intercultural Challenges for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, When Grandparents are Heroes, "In the Best Interests of the Child", Sharing First Nations, Metis, and Blended Families Experience, Legal Tool Kit for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and other topics. Attended by 65 grandparents and 56 grandchildren from Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

Shawnigan Lake Parent Support Circle Workshops: Hosted by Shawnigan Lake PSS facilitators, periodic evening workshops for parents included sessions Encouraging Cooperation and Domestic Harmony. Attended by 14 parents.

# Special Projects 2005-2006

## **Vancouver / Coastal Region**

Parent Care: Enriching Families, Building Caring Communities Collaborative Project with Parents Together and BC Council for Families, funded by the **United Way of the Lower Mainland** to investigate organizational structures, cultures and practices toward a successful coordination and amalgamation of services to parents in BC. 2004-2006

## **Island Region**

Aboriginal Parent Support Circle Project in collaboration with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and funded by the **United Way of Greater Victoria** to develop and enhance supports for urban Aboriginal families in the Greater Victoria region. 2004 and continuing into 2007.

Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project in collaboration with the University of Victoria School of Social Work and Association of Family Serving Agencies, funded by the **Strategic Initiatives Investment Fund** to advocate for and develop supports for grandparents raising for their grandchildren on Vancouver Island. 2004 - 2006

## **North Region**

Prince George Research and Development Project conducted to re-examine, renew and redefine the role of Parent Support Services in providing support to parents and the Prince George community. 2005 - 2006

Parent Resource Coordination Project with the Active Parenting Committee and Children First Initiative and funded by the **Children First Initiative** to coordinate the Active Parenting Program and develop a Parent Resource Coordination initiative in Prince George. 2006 and continuing into 2007

# Parent Education Programs

## **Vancouver / Coastal Region**

### **Tuesdays with Kapamilyang Filipino Parenting Workshops:**

*A series of 7 weekly workshop sessions offered in 2004 and 2006 and developed with the PSS Filipino Steering Committee and the Multicultural Helping House Society for Filipino parents in Vancouver. Session topics include*

Balancing Traditional Values/Beliefs with Modern Day Expectations of Parenting, Discipline vs. Abuse, Enhancing Self-Esteem, Parent Self Care, How To Talk So Kids Will Listen, Building Positive Relationships with Children and Understanding Stages of Child Development.

## **Island Region**

### **Parent Awareness Program:**

*An annual 7-month parent support and education program developed by Parent Support Services through input from parents in the community and funded by the **United Way of Greater Victoria**. Twenty-eight weekly session topics include*

Self Awareness, Beliefs and Values, Personality Styles, Child Development Stages, Identifying Feelings, Empathic Listening, Communication Skills, Discipline vs. Punishment, Self-Esteem, Self Care, Building Healthy Boundaries, Assertiveness and Anger Management, Family Meetings, Engaging Cooperation, Parenting Styles, and other topics.

## **North Region**

### **Active Parenting Program:**

*Developed by Active Parenting Canada, this program is coordinated in Prince George by Parent Support Services since 2006 with funding from the **Children First Initiative** and with the collaboration of the network of local agencies offering the Active Parenting Program.*

### **Systematic Training for Effective Parenting Program:**

*Developed by the American Guidance Service, this 7-week program was initiated by PSS Prince George Steering Committee members in 2001 and is offered twice annually in Prince George by PSS in collaboration with Carney Hill Neighbourhood Centre. Session topics are*

Understanding Yourself and Your Child, Understanding Beliefs and Feelings, Encouraging Your Child and Yourself, Listening and Talking to Your Child, Helping Children Cooperate, Discipline That Makes Sense, and Choosing Your Approach.

# Collaborative Partners

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our Partners for helping Parent Support Services.

## Vancouver/Coastal Region

BC Step-parents Association  
Collingwood Neighbourhood House  
Children Who Witness Abuse Program, Powell River  
Chinese Steering Committee  
Filipino Steering Committee  
Helping Spirit Lodge Society  
Immigrant Services Society of BC  
Mount Pleasant Family Centre  
Multicultural Helping House Society

Pacific Community Resources Society  
Powell River Child, Youth Family Services Society  
Richmond Family Place  
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House  
SUCCESS  
Sunshine Coast Community Services  
Tia'Amin Health Community Services  
Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Fam. Services Society

## Fraser Region

Abbotsford Community Services  
Burnaby Family Life Institute  
Langley Family Services

SHARE Family and Community Services  
SUCCESS

## Interior Region

Lardeau Valley Community Club  
Nelson Family Place

Nelson Community Services Centre  
Summit Community Services

## Vancouver Island Region

Blanshard Community Centre, Victoria  
Capital Families Association, Victoria  
Child Care Resource and Referral Centre, Victoria  
Cowichan Family Life, Duncan  
First metropolitan United Church, Victoria  
Georgia Avenue Community School, Nanaimo  
Gordon Head Recreation Centre, Victoria  
Hiye'ye Lelum Society (House of Friendship), Duncan  
Hulitan Social Services, Victoria  
Intercultural Association of Greater Victoria  
Island Parent Magazine, Victoria  
Kiwanis Hilton Centre, Port Alberni  
James Bay Community Place, Victoria

Nanaimo Family Resource Programs, Nanaimo  
Pt. Alberni Assoc. for Children with Dev. Disabilities  
Pt. Alberni Infant Development Programme  
Pt. Alberni Women's Resource Society  
Saanich Community Church, Saanich  
Salt Spring Island Com. Services, Salt Spring Island  
Separation and Divorce Resource Centre, Victoria  
Shawnigan Lake Com. Assoc., Shawnigan Lake  
Single Parent Resource Centre, Victoria  
Sooke Family Resources Centre, Sooke  
Society of Organized Services, Parksville  
T'aatnee is Preschool & Daycare, Port Alberni  
Victoria Native Friendship Centre Society, Victoria

## North Region

Aboriginal Infant & Family Development Program,  
Prince George  
Active Parenting Committee, Prince George  
AimHI Infant Development Program, Prince George  
Beech Crescent Community House, Prince George  
Carney Hill Neighbourhood Centre, Prince George  
Child Care Resource and Referral, Prince George  
Children First Initiative, Prince George

Family Y, Prince George  
Crisis Information and Intervention Society  
of Northern BC, Prince George  
Northern Family Health Society, Prince George  
Pine Street Community House, Prince George  
Phoenix Transition House, Prince George  
Ron Brent Community School, Prince George

## Nominations Committee Report

2006

The following members are being nominated to begin a new 2-year term (2005-2007):

- Heather Bordo
- Christine Hoyer
- Cheryl MacDonald
- Shamim Shivji

The following Directors are continuing the second year of their 2-year term (2004-2006):

- Rick Downie
- Rob Kaufman
- Rommel Manikan
- Dolores Romano
- Kamy Zargarpour

Resigned:

- Brenda Dayton Cesareo
- Richard Lindsey
- Brandt Watkins
- Elizabeth Wolfe

## BACKGROUND OF BOARD MEMBERS BEING NOMINATED TO THE PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### HEATHER BORDO

Heather has an undergraduate degree in Psychology (1992), a Masters of Industrial Relations (1994) and an Advanced Coaching Certificate (2003). Heather has worked in internal and external consultant roles across numerous industries, organizations and functional areas throughout her career. She currently has her own business coaching leaders and leading strategy/business planning with organizations. Heather believes strongly in family values and in helping children and individuals realize their potential.

Heather also serves as a member of the board for Jewish Family Services Association.

### CHRISTINE HOYER

Chris comes from London, England, but moved to Canada twenty years ago. She has been a nurse and a counselor as well as a parent to two children, now teenagers. She lives in Victoria and was a volunteer circle facilitator for more than three years before returning to school to study law in 2004. Happily, joining the Board has enabled her to stay actively involved with Parent Support Services.

### CHERYL MACDONALD

Cheryl is V.P. of Operations for The Focus Group, a human resources consulting firm specializing in outplacement, coaching, training and development, organizational effectiveness, retention and performance management. She has more than 20 years experience in management in technical and corporate environments, as V.P. of Operations for a call center of 150 staff, Branch Manager of a recruitment firm and Director of Client Care for a software development company.

### RICK DOWNIE

Born in Vancouver, Rick served in the Canadian Forces for 9 years including a term with the United Nations Force in Cyprus. After obtaining his Masters degree in Social Work, Rick evolved into a Family Therapist working for Mental Health until his early semi-retirement in 2001. Rick has always maintained an interest in Small Business and is dedicated to the values of Volunteerism.

### ROB KAUFMAN

Rob Kaufman is a Chartered Accountant at the firm of Entrust, CA's. He's been actively involved in a number of charities benefiting children since 1998.

### ROMMEL MANIKAN

Rommel has been a co-facilitator of the Filipino Parent Support Circle, and a member of its steering committee, for over two years now. He works with the PLEA Community Services Society of BC as an adult home caregiver.

### DOLORES ROMANO

Dolores is a graduate of Langara College. She also has a counselling diploma and tutors newcomers in English as a second language. Dolores is a member of the Population Health Advisory Committee for Children and Youth with the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board. Dolores is celebrating her twenty-second year as a facilitator for the B.C. Parents in Crisis Society.

### SHAMIM SHIVJI, LL.B.:

Shamim attended UBC and SFU for undergraduate studies. She received her Bachelor of Laws, Osgoode Hall Law School (1986).

Shamim returned to BC in 2003 and is currently practicing as a family lawyer at Ratcliff & Company in North Vancouver, BC.

### KAMY ZARGARPOUR

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