



Grand Connection



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.

Victoria

Wed., Jun 7th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.- Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room
Wed., Jun 21st **4:00 pm – Picnic at Beckwith Water Park, 857 Beckwith Ave. Hot dogs and beverages provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.**

Duncan

Wed., Jun 14th 10 a.m. to 12 noon 187 Trunk Rd., Sands Reception Centre. Parking & entrance on Ypres St.

Nanaimo

Wed., Jun 7th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Child Development Centre, 1135 Nelson St. **(On site child care is available)**
Tues., Jun 13th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street.

Parksville

Fri., Jun 2nd 12:00 noon, lunch meeting please call or email for details (250-468-9658 or parent@telus.net)

Courtenay – Comox Valley Aboriginal GRG Support Circle:

Thurs., Jun 22nd 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aboriginal Headstart Preschool 956 Grieve Ave., (park in the back alley of AHS preschool)

The GRG Support Circle groups On Vancouver Island will resume their regular meeting schedule in September. If you need assistance or information over the summer and are in Victoria please call 250-384-8042 or email 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 Or please consider the resource listed below.

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

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/>

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You are invited to the GRG Family Nature Camp (a partnership between Parent Support Services of BC and the Galiano Conservancy Association).

- Come connect with other grandparents and grandchildren (and other kinship families).
- Connect with nature.
- Reconnect with your family.

When? July 4th to 6th

Where? Galiano Island – The Gulf Island closest to Vancouver, where you will explore ancient forests, stunning sandstone & pebble beaches and more.

What does it cost?

-What Parent Support Services Society of BC fundraises to cover:

We cover the costs of the ferry - (If you are 65+ bring your Gold Card so that PSS can pay a reduced fare)
We cover 3 days and 2 nights of accommodations, food and activities.

-What you need to pay:

- You pay your own way to the ferry terminals at Swartz Bay or Tsawwassen;
- You pay for parking at the terminal if you need it
- You bring a bagged lunch for the first day!

Space is limited. Priority will be given to families who have not attended before WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO APPLY Applications considered on a first come, first served basis

To Register click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/J4HAtYZOdWlWf7202>

Watch a short video about the camp – here <https://vimeo.com/88550369>

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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