



# Grand Connection



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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., Sep 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room  
Wed., Sep 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room



**A daytime GRG Circle in the West Shore starting this fall & is now open for registration.**

Please email [victoria@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:victoria@parentsupportbc.ca) or, call 250-384-8042, to register or find out more!

### **Nanaimo**

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)**  
Tues., Sep 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street.

### **Duncan**

Thu., Sep 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St., Duncan, B.C. **(note new time & location)**

### **Parksville**

Fri., Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon, lunch meeting **please call or email for details (250-468-9658 or [parent@telus.net](mailto:parent@telus.net))**

### **Courtenay – Comox Valley Aboriginal GRG Support Circle:**

Thurs., Sep 28<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aboriginal Headstart Preschool 956 Grieve Ave., (park in the back alley of AHS preschool)

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)

## 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.

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## Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> *Grandparents' Day Festivities*

Parent Support Services will be on location at the Oak Bay Tea Room –Willows Beach, Victoria. 10 am to 2pm

- We welcome you to a fun filled family event!
- Celebrate grandparents with activities for kids and prize draws!
- Learn about grandparents who are raising their grandkids fulltime!

And!

Parent Support Services will be on location at Woodgrove Centre, Nanaimo 10 am to 2pm

- We welcome you to visit our information table!
- Learn about grandparents who are raising their grandkids fulltime!

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