

Annual
Report

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2016

Victoria Family Court and
Youth Justice Committee



2016 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Annual Report

Vancouver Island Crisis Line:

1-888-494-3888

for people needing emotional support, including suicide and mental health issues

TTY 1-866-872-0113

BC-wide 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

Online Service for Youth

www.YouthInBC.com

Online Service for Adults

www.CrisisCentreChat.ca

Seniors' Distress Line 604-872-1234

Mental Health Support (BC-wide)

310-6789

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2016 Membership

- ❖ **Cynthia Day, Chair**, Councillor (Colwood)
- ❖ Lilja Chong, Councillor (Alternate Colwood)
- ❖ **Ron Mattson, Vice Chair**, Councillor (View Royal)
- ❖ Morelea Milne, Councillor (Metchosin)
- ❖ Olga Liberchuk, Councillor (Esquimalt)
- ❖ Susanne Currie (Esquimalt)
- ❖ Sigurd Johannesen, (CRD*)
- ❖ Lanny Seaton, Councillor (Langford)
- ❖ Matt Sahlstrom, Councillor (Langford)
- ❖ Tim Chad, Councillor (Sidney)
- ❖ Peter Wainwright, Councillor (Alternate-Sidney)
- ❖ Jack McLintock, Councillor (North Saanich)
- ❖ Geoff Orr, Councillor (Alternate-North Saanich)
- ❖ Murray Weisenberger (Alternate-North Saanich)
- ❖ Michelle Kirby, Councillor (Oak Bay)
- ❖ Bill Warburton (Oak Bay)
- ❖ Marilyn Holman, (Saanich)
- ❖ Marcie McLean, Councillor (Highlands)
- ❖ Leslie Anderson, (Alternate-Highlands)
- ❖ Ebony Logins, Councillor (Sooke)
- ❖ Charlayne Thornton-Joe, Councillor (Victoria)
- ❖ Helen Hughes, (Victoria Citizen Rep) (CRD*)
- ❖ Geanine Robey, Restorative Justice Liaison
- ❖ Jennifer Gibbs, Mobile Youth Services Team
- ❖ Jana Sawyer, Saanich Police
- ❖ Ranj Atwal (MCFD), (CRD*)
- ❖ Cate Bennett (MCFD)
- ❖ Sue Hendricks, Director, Aboriginal Programs and Relationships
- ❖ Gillian Lindquist, Restorative Justice Victoria
- ❖ Jessica Rourke, Restorative Justice Victoria
- ❖ Georgia Peters, (CRD*)
- ❖ Mitzi Dean, Executive Director, Pacific Centre Family Services Association (CRD*)
- ❖ Marie Bourque (Central Saanich)
- ❖ **Bill McElroy, Treasurer & CRAT/SEY Chair** (CRD*)
- ❖ Joel Conway, The Fortress Foundation
- ❖ Christine Kenwood, Single Parent Resource Centre
- ❖ Tim Dunford, Trustee, Saanich School District 63
- ❖ Barb Menzies, Trustee, Saanich School District 63
- ❖ Ravi Parmar, Trustee, Sooke School District 62
- ❖ Dianna Seaton, Trustee, Sooke School District 62
- ❖ Deb Whitten, Trustee, Victoria School District 61
- ❖ Jordan Watters, Trustee, Victoria School District 61
- ❖ Kathy Rochlitz, West Shore R.C.M.P.
- ❖ Bryson Hill, West Shore R.C.M.P.
- ❖ Gord Irving, Boys' & Girls' Club
- ❖ Shirley Williams-Yuen, John Howard Society of Victoria
- ❖ Victoria Court Registry, Ministry of Attorney General (Vacant)
- ❖ Public Safety and Solicitor General (Vacant)
- ❖ Central Saanich Police (Vacant)

*CRD – the Capital Regional District appoints up to seven (7) members at large

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Chair's Report

Our job as the **Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice (VFCYJ) Committee** is to be aware of the circumstances for youth and families who may come into contact with the justice system. We represent the community for government - municipal, provincial and federal.

2016 began with a presentation on Secure Care – looking at the benefits and drawbacks to denying youth's rights in order to treat addictions - without doubt, the most controversial discussion this committee considered. Those who face the terrible realities of addiction and suicide were clearly affected and we continue to examine models from other parts of Canada, including Alberta, where residential care facilities exist.

We heard about services available at Ledger House (supporting youth mental health) and the challenges that exist where resources are tied to specific needs and may even be untapped due to specific criteria for their use not being met. British Columbia continues to be a leader in youth mental health policy, although resources continue to be in short supply. The BC School Centred Youth Mental Health Committee has been promoting mental wellness initiatives that include public schools, post-secondary institutions, community and public health professionals.

Towards the end of 2016 we approved funding for the Balancing Our Minds Youth Mental Health Summit. Previously a Vancouver Event, they have decentralized to five smaller summits around the Province (one being Vancouver Island) and as a result, a collaboration of all 4 local school districts, local agencies and non-profit organizations and individuals has agreed to work collaboratively to bring this summit to the Greater Victoria area. Geared towards destigmatizing mental health and empowering youth, a one day awareness building event will be held in the CRD in 2017. Committee members can volunteer to assist.

We had a presentation from 'Rainbows' Nanaimo, a volunteer agency focused on helping children and families with grief issues. Resources are available where a core committed group has ensured that they exist, and Nanaimo's group is willing to help other areas get started. We also had presentations from service agencies providing professional services in Victoria including Communica and 1-Up Single Parent Resource Centre. Pacific Centre Family Services Association has been a regular contributor to our committee. Together, all offer an array of services on a fee for service basis, a sliding fee scale based on the ability of the family to pay, or even free where these services have been sponsored by government. Where possible, I have included information each agency shared with the committee (immediately following the speaker listing).

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for people needing emotional support, including suicide and mental health issues

With CORE funding cuts, it remains a challenge to maintain an index of available services. Crisis Line <http://www.vicrisis.ca/> is the best link. **You do not have to be in critical need to call.** The 24-hour Vancouver Island Crisis Line is an Island Health contracted service and can direct children and families to services available in their community. There do exist committed professional and volunteer groups who offer a variety of programs. Children or families may need extra assistance from their municipal representatives to find appropriate programs.

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The committee closely follows reports from the **BC Children's Representative** www.rcybc.ca. 2016 saw Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond's tenure come to an end – our first Representative for Children and Youth, a position with parliamentary standing to report out directly to the Legislative Assembly. Our hope is that the next Representative for Children and Youth will be able to help government choose to service Families and Children better. Our service agencies consistently report the need for CORE SERVICE FUNDING and special project funding, while helpful, still needs a system of services to augment.

The VFCYJ Committee continued to lobby to retain youth services and containment facilities here on Vancouver Island, with full support from all 13 municipalities, and 4 school districts. Despite the province's insistence that the Youth Containment Facility must close for financial reasons, the facility continued to remain open, although local youth were sent to mainland facilities. News Reports documented increased tensions and a riot at the Burnaby Youth Detention Centre:

July 20th Global News

"It was a hectic night for guards at the Burnaby Youth Detention Centre after seven male young offenders, all between the ages of 15 and 17, started a riot. The facility suffered extensive damage. One unit was damaged first, then the group moved to a supervisor's station and a second unit. They also damaged the sprinkler system in the second unit and started a fire, which some young offenders had to put out There were no injuries to residents, staff or police and the youth were contained within the centre at all times. "All youth are safe and accounted for." Andrew Cronkhite, director of programs for the Burnaby Youth Secure Custody Centre, said the main factor behind the riot appeared to be have a room search that resulted in a loss of privileges earlier in the day."

"The Youth Centre does not have its own Emergency Response Team so it had to wait for Burnaby RCMP to collect resources. Staff have expressed concern about increasing levels of violence since the Victoria Youth Detention Unit was shut down and those young offenders were moved to Burnaby."

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July 20th Burnaby Now.com:

"... in a statement released by the Ministry of Children and Family Development. "Further suggestion that the closure of the Victoria Youth Custody Centre is somehow linked to this incident is misleading, given the fact that the youths who were involved in this incident are from the Lower Mainland and the Interior and would not have been housed on Vancouver Island," - See more at: <http://www.burnabynow.com/news/update-prison-riot-a-result-of-gang-ties-says-union-1.2306112#sthash.cifokoJb.dpuf>

The **Crime Reduction Education Division (CRED)**, of Pacific Centre Family Services, works with youth exiting gangs throughout the CRD. CRED applies annually for civil forfeiture funds, which leaves this service vulnerable without secure ongoing funding. CRED works collaboratively with the Mobile Youth Services Team at least once a week, attuned to gang and sexual exploitation. Gangs and Drugs were the subject of a Forum at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention and it emphasized the spread of Gangs throughout BC and the lack of good outcomes for families and gang members, even when they want to get out.

<http://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Convention/2016/2016~Documents/Mon-Saanich-Gang%20Violence.pdf>

We know from Data gathered from South Island School Districts that protective factors for youth include friends, relationships and community connections. The **Mobile Youth Services Team's (MYST)** mandate is to help prevent the sexual exploitation of youth. This mandate has expanded over the years and includes working with and supporting the high risk youth in the Capital Region. Most are girls who are drug addicted and chronically go missing from their place of residence. Unfortunately home for most of these kids are primarily foster homes, group homes etc. Youth continue to be highly mobile within the Capital Region and resources that cross all boundaries like MYST and CRED are helpful to them. Consistently available services are in short supply and with many agencies losing funding, closing or reducing services, it is hard to keep track of available services within the CRD.

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For many youth the one consistent community connection is the Mobile Youth Services Worker. Concerns have been raised this year that Cst. Jennifer Gibbs may be moved out of that position, leaving the youth who have come to depend on that relationship vulnerable. Having served on this committee since 2003, I have seen four MYST worker changes and can attest to the great loss to the community during these transitions.

Each Spring, **CRATSEY** brings [Taking Care of Ourselves: Taking Care of Others, \(TCO²\)](#) an interactive theatre style presentation put on by **The Children of the Street Society**, to local middle and high schools to help inform youth. Presentations are based on the real life experiences of youth who have worked with the Society and this helps to provide tools to prevent exploitation. Bookings are coordinated through the Mobile Youth Services Team (Jgibbs@oakbaypolice.org) and presentations in 2017 will be February 20 – 24. Joel Conway, Fortress Foundation, made the committee aware of the film [Over 18: A Documentary About Pornography](#). The committee wrote a letter of support for the Federal Motion M-47 and encouraged our municipal partners to do the same, which read: *“That the Standing Committee on Health be instructed to examine the public health effects of the ease of access and viewing of online violent and degrading sexually explicit material on children, women and men, recognizing and respecting the provincial and territorial jurisdictions in this regard, and that the said Committee report its findings to the House no later than July 2017.”* Widespread availability of pornography (not your father’s playboy magazines) is impacting youth and families as depicted in the film by Hope for the Sold. Watch the trailer here: <https://youtu.be/A4yYJDiugSI>

In spite of the ongoing funding challenges, RJ Victoria has persisted - in no small part because of its highly trained, dedicated volunteers and skilled leadership. RJ Victoria continues to work with all levels of government to support their initiatives and recognizes our collective desire to make the world a better place. Going beyond the many programs they offer, RJ Victoria has helped local governments to understand the impacts of restorative justice support - to police, crown counsel, and local families who want to have the best outcome possible after a conflict. Despite saving money for the provincial government, the province continues to consider funding for RJ to be a ‘community’ (municipal) responsibility. Efforts have been made to preserve funding through awareness building. In November, RJ Victoria was awarded the inaugural Restorative Justice Memorial Award. A report from Geanine Robey, RJ Liaison is included in this report.

Cynthia Day, Chair, Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Guest Speakers 2016

January 20

Panel Discussion on Secure Care

Rick Schwartz,
Youth Defense Counsel

Ceri Sanderson,
Senior Advocacy Advisor,
Representative for Children and
Youth

Dr. Grant Charles,
Associate Professor, School of
Social Work, UBC

February 16

Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre

Christine Kenwood

602 Gorge Rd. East, Victoria, BC V8T 2W6

<http://www.singleparentvictoria.ca/> P: (250) 385-1114

E: info@1-up.ca / Christine@1-up.ca

April 20

Hosted by Esquimalt Nation, **Chief Andy Thomas** and Staff

May 18 (two speakers)

Communica Dialogue and Resolution Services Society (formerly known as Dispute Resolution Centre)

Susan Belford, Program Coordinator

102-2220 Sooke Road, Victoria BC V9B 0G9 Email: susanb@communicabc.org

[250-383-4412](tel:250-383-4412) cell [250-508-6233](tel:250-508-6233)

Rainbows Nanaimo

Isabel VanGrootheest, Registered Director for Rainbows VI

Phone 250-751-7888 www.rainbowsnanaimo.ca

rainbowsnanaimo.blogspot.ca

June 15(three speakers)

Susan Gmitroski, Island Health, Coordinator of Ledger House

Email:susan.gmitroski@viha.ca

Mary's Farm & Sanctuary

Mary Rostad, 1128 Finlayson Arm Rd, Victoria, BC V9B 6H7

250-478-4116 www.marysfarm.ca

David Segal, Human Nature Counselling

250-885-0275 <http://humannaturecounselling.ca>

October 19

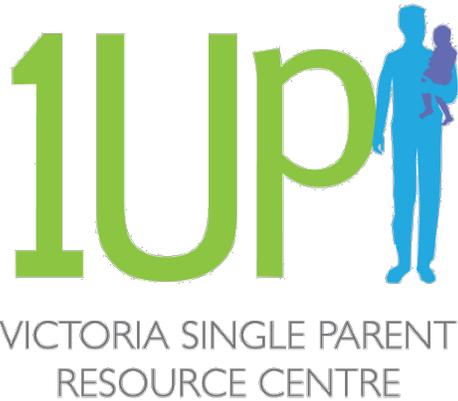
Cornerstone Youth Society - **Darin Reimer** www.sanctuaryyouth.org

Fortress Foundation - **Joel Conway** – Preview Trailer of “Over 18” Child Porn Addiction Documentary

November 16

South Island Wellness Society - **Lila Underwood,** 8960 West Saanich Road

Phone-778-426-2997



Registered nonprofit charity since 1978

Single Parents in the CRD

- 14,630 single parent families
- 79% mom-headed, 21% dad-headed
- Median income lone parent \$44,160 (couple family \$84,500)

Single Parents at 1Up

- over 1800 member families
- 87% moms
- 13% dads
- 76% earn <20,000 annually
- 16% earn 20,001-30,000 annually
- low income, isolated

1Up offers

- **Practical support**
- **Opportunities for growth**
- **Sense of hope to one parent families across the GVRD**

Recent Good News for Single Parents

- End of child support “clawbacks”
- Single Parent Employment Initiative
- Changes to MSP premiums



1Up's news ...

- ✓ **NOT moving ... staying put**
- ✓ **food workshops & parenting coach**
- ✓ **Community outreach**



- Dialogue and Resolution Services Society

RE-THINK. RE-LEARN. RESOLVE.

- ❖ **Our Vision:** to be members of a strong, healthy, collaborative community
- ❖ **Our Mission:** to assist individuals, groups and communities to manage difference to promote strong, healthy, sustainable relationships.
- ❖ **Our Mandate** is to provide timely, affordable conflict management and communication services and education. We emphasize relationship building and cultural awareness and collaborate with other community organizations to address community issues.



Subsidy is available for all Communicica's Services



Formerly The South Island Dispute Resolution Centre, Communicica offers:

- ❖ Dispute resolution services such as mediation, arbitration, parenting coordination, coaching, and group facilitation.
- ❖ Training in conflict management and communication.
- ❖ Working with individuals, groups and organizations we develop collaborative solutions.



- ❖ **Mediation:** Parties decide the outcome with the help of a neutral mediator. The goal is for the parties to build a solution that will work for all. It is appropriate for community, commercial and family disputes.
- ❖ **Parent Coordination:** a child centered process for families who remain embroiled in ongoing conflict after their separation or court matters are complete.
- ❖ **Arbitration:** A semi-judicial civil process where parties present evidence to support their version of events. They may call witnesses. The Arbitrator decides the outcome.
- **Coaching:** explores specific personal issues related to conflict. By examining the situation, identifying barriers and building appropriate skills, people can begin to resolve things themselves.
- **Group Facilitation:** helps groups manage difficult conversations; identify and solve issues and work together effectively.
- **Training:** Communicating through Conflict; Peacebuilders
- ❖ Communicac’s family mediation service includes processes for parent-teen and elder concerns as well as separation or divorce.
- ❖ While all Communicac’s services are available on a sliding fee scale, some programs are fully funded and available free of charge:



- ✓ Supported Family Mediation
- ✓ Re-entry Mediation
- ✓ Youth Reconnection Dialogue

Communicac: Dialogue and Resolution Services, 102-2220 Sooke Rd,
250-383-4412 Fax. 250-383-9536

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Web: www.communicabc.org

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Communica’s practitioner community includes fully qualified mediators, lawyers, counsellors, and social workers who are certified to practice family and civil mediation. Members of many professional associations, their diverse training includes trauma informed practice, restorative justice, intercultural acumen as well as best practices in conflict resolution.

We thank our funders:

- BC Gaming
- Notary Foundation
- United Way of Greater Victoria
- Victoria Foundation
- City of Colwood
- Colwood RCMP



RM-Society:

'Supporting Grieving Youth through Rainbows'

Would YOU like to support Rainbows in Nanaimo area?

Our RM Society meets on a monthly basis and provides financial support to Registered Director Isabel VanGroothoest – She supports current sites and is busy developing new sites in Nanaimo (& Vancouver Island) at (faith) Communities, Schools, and other Agencies.

► Become a **MEMBER** of RM Society for \$5.- a year.

► You can make a **DONATION**

Cheque payable to: **RM Society**

charitable number
892645979RR0001

Donations from communities outside of Nanaimo will be used for their own community's program development.

Mailing Address:

RM Society
c/o Christ Community church
2221 Bowen Road
Nanaimo, BC V9S 5J3

Rainbows is an international non-for profit organization that fosters emotional healing among children & families grieving a loss through separation, divorce, death, foster care, incarceration or other life altering crisis

Curricula:

- Sunbeams – Preschool
- Rainbows – Elementary
- Spectrum – Adolescent
- Kaleidoscope – College, Adult
- Prism – Single Parent

Silver Linings – Community Crisis Response

Luminaries - Developmental challenged adults*
** new program in development*

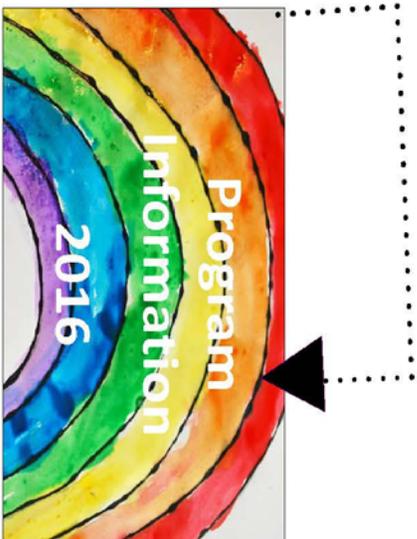
The curricula consists of journals, activities, games, and stories that are designed to help participants express their feelings and move through grief.

Each curricula addresses the topics of Self, Family, Belonging, Fears, Blame, Trust, Forgiveness, Step-families, Feelings, Changes, Transitions, Coping, Reaching Out, and Acceptance.

Who can offer the program?

Community Agencies supporting family & children
Elementary schools
Secondary schools

Program free of charge.



An effective Peer Support Group
Program for children and their families; whether single-parent families, step-families, foster families or families in painful transition

 **250-751-7888**
rainbowsnanaimo@gmail.com
Vancouver Island program info
www.rainbowsnanaimo.ca

How is Rainbows structured?



- Rainbows Canada (Ontario)
- Owns program in Canada since 1987
- Distributes program materials
- Provides training to Registered Directors

- Registered Directors
- Responsible for program
 - Oversee the development of sites
 - Train Coordinators and Facilitators

- Coordinators
- Responsible for sites
 - Screens and trains Facilitators
 - Offers program to the community or it's own organization
- Facilitators
- Delivers program to small groups of participants made of kids/teens/parents

Does someone need to go for Director Training before starting Rainbows in Victoria?
 No. Isabel the current Director on VI will support anyone who is willing to become a Coordinator and will help the program get started. If eventually someone wants to become a Director, that is great. Rainbows Headoffice in Ontario offers training every summer.

What is needed for the Victoria Region to provide Rainbows?
 In order to offer Rainbows to families in the Victoria region, an agency needs to take on the responsibility and ensure that the program is offered in a **safe place** according to Rainbows policies.

What is the cost for setting up a Rainbows site?
 Rainbows is offered free to participants, so in order for a site to proceed, an agency must be responsible for set up and operation costs.

Program materials from Rainbows head office: \$600.- for some needed materials to get a few small groups started. Crafts, snacks & other supplies not included.
 Facilitator & Coordinator training: \$65 per person + travel cost for Director.

Kids said...

Girl age 4: "It made me happy being in a group".

Boy age 9: "I get to talk about stuff without people laughing at me and don't tell other people. I got to talk about my dad!"

Girl age 5: "I get to play with my friends and have lots of fun. I get to share things - I got nicer and nicer."

Girl age 9: "It made me more confident in myself"

Boy, age 9: "Rainbows taught me that it is not my fault"

Parent: "It's amazing when you have a common bond with someone, how easily you can feel comfortable with them."

Facilitator: "I really see the kids learning new coping skills and talking about difficult issues."

Parent: "It felt like a safe place to share. It was helpful to be able to ask others who were further along in their journey, how they got through certain parts. It's also good to hear that everything I'm feeling is valid and that things will get better. I have made a couple of good friends that I hope to continue a friendship with."

Parent: "I don't feel like the social anomaly that I initially thought I was when my husband died. It helps to talk to others who are dealing with the same thing..."

Girl age 14: "I liked the people & it helped a lot. It took my mind of my dad!! The program is perfect."

Boy age 17: "The friendship and the fact that I could talk to anybody. It was just a good setting"

Boy age 17: An open place to talk about feelings, it helped me open up my feelings...



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VICTORIA, B.C. - October 20th, 2016--

Canadian Doc Seeks to talk about Kids and Porn

On November 12th 2016 at 6:30pm, the Victoria based non-profit FORTRESS Foundation will be hosting a public screening of Over 18, a documentary about pornography produced by Canadian charity, Hope for the Sold. The film tackles an issue that many people would rather ignore; the effects of pornography on children and youth. It follows the true story of a boy who became addicted to pornography at the age of nine while playing on his computer in his family's living room. The film has several interviews with experts from around the world as well as people who are still active in the porn industry today. In a recent interview with CBC, Jared Brock, founder of Hope for the Sold and the film's director said, "Ninety per cent of boys under the age of 18 have looked at porn and 60 per cent of girls... The stuff that they're accessing isn't the Playboy that the previous generation saw – breasts in a magazine. It's body-punishing sex." The way relationships and intimacy are depicted across the porn industry is not healthy, with the majority of porn framing abuse of women as erotic.

The statistics are truly staggering. 9 of 10 boys view pornography, with the average age of exposure being just 12 years old. But it's not just a male issue - 60% of girls having seen porn by age 18, and 57% of girls and 83% of boys have seen group sex online. Jared and his wife, Michelle, are taking the film on tour across Canada, doing in-person screenings from Montreal to Victoria in order to raise awareness of this important issue. To find out more about the documentary and the work of Hope for the Sold you can visit over18doc.com.

Contact: Joel Conway
FORTRESS Foundation
(p)778.433.3476 (e) info@fortress-foundation.com

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FOR THE
SOLD**

REGISTER HERE
bit.ly/porndocumentary



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Restorative Justice Victoria honoured by Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General

By Geanine Robey, Restorative Justice Liaison

In November 2016, Restorative Justice Victoria was honoured by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General with its inaugural Restorative Justice Memorial Award. RJV was recognized for its commitment to innovative partnerships that have advanced the work of restorative justice and brought caring and respectful service to victims, offenders and their communities. Through eleven years of action, research and program development, RJV has built a program that now has four staff and over 100 volunteers that service the City of Victoria and Esquimalt and Oak Bay municipalities. Through educating citizens; building partnerships with police, Crown, and community; training facilitators and mentors; and developing evaluation measures for use at each step in the RJ process, RJV has earned its reputation as a model program in BC. despite a persistent lack of stable funding and increasing referrals.



MPSSG Crime Prevention Awards,

November 7, 2016

Left to right: MLA Sam Sullivan,

Etta Connor (Peninsula Crossroads Community Justice Program, award nominator), Alyne Mochan (RJV Chair),

Sgt. Todd Wellman (RJV volunteer),

Hon. Mike Morris (Minister Public Safety &

Solicitor General),

Gillian Lindquist (RJV Executive Director)

Helping the community to better understand crime victims' needs, RJV hosted symposia honouring National Victims of Crime Week (2014 – 2016). Informed in part by these events, it became apparent that to better address the needs of victims and ensure both improved access to services and their improved overall quality not only in Victoria but across B.C., better communication, collaboration and formal working partnerships between Police Based Victim Services (PBVS) and Restorative Justice programs was needed. To that end, RJV, with Civil Forfeiture funding from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, undertook to research and publish the Restorative Justice-Victim Services Partnership Guide. The guide included numerous recommendations, tools and initiatives for building and/or strengthening relationships between PBVS and RJ programs and, enhancing victim-centred services. It was published in 2016 and made available on-line across the province.

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Another key contribution made by RJV and completed in 2016, was in collaborating with project partners, community agencies and practitioners across BC toward the development of shared practice standards for restorative justice. Funding for this work was secured through the provincial Ministry of Justice by a provincial working group, including RJV's Gillian Lindquist and Shanna Grant-Warmald, to explore victim-sensitive standards in restorative justice.

The aim of the working group was to help pave the way for strengthened relationships between restorative justice and its participants; as well as with victim service providers and other referral sources and stakeholders. As has been reported to the VFCYJC in previous years, numerous BC government reports have called for greater use of restorative justice while also pointing to the need for provincial standards, performance measures and, reporting and evaluation to assure quality and control across BC.

The resulting report on RJ practice standard represents an attempt to meet the minimum conditions of human rights as articulated by the United Nations and legalities that pertain to assisting people who have been involved in a criminal harm. Adoption of these standards is at this point, voluntary but nevertheless, essential to establishing and maintaining a high-quality program that can demonstrate as RJV does, its effectiveness and its ethics to participants, community stakeholders and funders.

Congratulations to Restorative Justice Victoria for being a provincial leader in the field of restorative justice.



Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Annual Financial Statements
December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2016

Opening Balance December 1, 2015: **\$ 29,436.95**

Expenses:

Lunches:	\$ 3,155.53
Secretarial:	\$ 2,400.00
Office Supplies/Internet:	\$ 815.56
Grants: (See Note 1)	\$ 14,000.00

Total Expenses: \$ 20,371.09

Revenue:

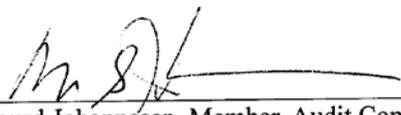
CRD Grant:	\$ 14,405.00
CASA	\$ 5,133.58
Interest:	\$ 27.36
Total Revenue:	\$ 19,565.94

Closing Balance November 30, 2016: **\$ 28,631.80**

Notes:

1. \$2500 Grant to Communica (Dispute Resolution Ctr)
\$2000 Grant to Cornerstone (Sanctuary Youth)
\$3500 Grant to Mary's Farm
\$2000 Grant to Teen Fest
\$2000 Grant to Community Response Centre
\$ 500 Grant to CRAT
\$1500 Grant to Community Policing Westshore
2. \$10,000 reserved for Mental Health Project
3. Financial Statements compiled on a cash basis
4. VanCity Shares (not included in Financial Statements) \$6.19

We have reviewed these financial statements and the accompanying documentation and confirm that they are a fair representation of the financial position of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee.



Sigurd Johannesen, Member, Audit Committee
Date: December 29, 2015



Bill Warburton, Member, Audit Committee
Date: December 29, 2015

Court Watch Sub-Committee Annual Update 2016

In the spring of 2016, the chair of CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children unfortunately had to wind down the not for profit due to funding shortages. It was approved that the chair would take over the court watch sub-committee as it had been relatively inactive for a period of time. Committee members were able to attend sessions Thursday afternoon's at the downtown court, to witness first appearances for parents whose children had become involved with the Ministry of Children and Families. Opportunities to debrief the court process, meet with some counsel, and report back to the larger committee on issues and concerns that they personally viewed, was instructive. The chair would also bring highlights of what was happening in the court system on other issues relevant to the mandate of this committee.

In the fall, the chair, as a result of her involvement with the Indigenous Perspectives Society, took the opportunity to visit the First Nations Court in Duncan on two separate occasions, again bringing interested parties up with her. Provincial Court Judge Garth Smith, a Metis, was more than gracious in accommodating our presence, as were the participants in the court process. To say that the impact felt by those of us unfamiliar with this specific approach, was profound, would not be stretching the truth. The court was supported by elders, native court workers, ceremonial and cultural traditions. Honest endeavours of healing were roundly supported, the strength to overcome adversity was palpable, feel good moments were frequent. In the interests of access to justice, the chair has sought to broaden the referral base to include those eligible First Nations offenders from the CRD catchment. She has written to the Criminal Justice Branch managers, as they currently are the gatekeepers for file referral to a First Nations Court, to encourage Crown in the CRD catchment to flag appropriate files for referral. The Judge confirmed that other First Nations Courts throughout the province take in referrals and the Duncan First Nations Court has the capacity to accept more cases. She has also been working with the defense bar to make them aware of this opportunity and encourage them to raise the issue as well.

Of particular note, the Victoria family court does not have any Native Court workers available to assist families in either child protection proceedings or family cases. To that end, the Chair has been discussing what options might exist within the existing First Nations serving agencies to assist in this area until a fully funded position is made available. Discussions are ongoing.

The Chair is also a member of a local initiative of lawyers who act for parents in child protection proceedings. There is grave concern about the lack of checks and balances within the Child, Family and Community Services Act, lack of adherence to policy amongst many other issues. This group prepared a working document, entitled, "A Call to Action" which has been widely distributed amongst the legal profession. The group continues to advocate for law reform in the area and has taken the opportunity to meet with members of the Opposition to advocate for reforms. The initiative has broadened its base of membership to include researchers and First Nations who share many of the same concerns. This is a work in progress, with future meetings scheduled.

Respectfully Submitted, Georgia Peters

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2016 Priorities Committee Annual Report

Committee: The Priorities Committee (Committee) consists of the VFCYJC Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and one or two members appointed by the Chair. The Committee reviews applications received for extraordinary funding and grants to other agencies. Members of the Committee include: Priorities Chair Ron Mattson (VFCYJC Vice-Chair), Cynthia Day (VFCYJC Chair), Bill McElroy (VFCYJC Treasurer), Marcie McLean and, as of October 2016, Matt Sahlstrom.

Committee Mandate: The Committee's goals are outlined in the Priorities Purpose document. It represents the belief of the Committee that simply observing the circumstances for youth is not enough, members of the committee want to manage our scarce resources to maximize our knowledge and investigate options that could possibly make a difference for youth and their families so that we can make informed recommendations to local, provincial and federal governments. In 2017 the Committee will review its mandate to consider expanding its grants criteria (begun in 2016).

Application Process: The Committee works to ensure that when a grant request comes forward to the committee, all the necessary information is in place to allow for an informed decision. The application is reviewed via email and a recommendation (with additional information if needed) is brought to the main committee for a decision, usually through a formal report.

2016 Applications: As of October, 2016, the Committee has approved four applications and has two applications under review. Applications for funding assistance approved in 2016 include:

1. Mitzi Dean, Youth Matters Committee– requested a \$2,000 grant to enable 8 non profit organisations serving youth to attend TeenFest. (Booths at the event cost \$500 each which is a barrier to some agencies). (approved)
2. Mary's Farm Society – requested a \$3500 grant for the Registration fee for one female participant in year long therapeutic program: "Sister Herd" (\$350 x 10 months). (approved)
3. Victoria Child Abuse Prevention & Counselling Centre and Victoria Sexual Assault Centre – applied for a \$2000 grant 2,000 in funding for the purchase of furnishings and decorative materials for the reception/waiting areas of the Victoria Community Response Centre. (approved)
4. Capital Region Action Team (CRAT) –request for \$500 to hold a Special TCO2 (Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others) Presentation – addressing Sexual Exploitation/Human Trafficking (approved). These applications follow; please note that not all applications receive the full amount requested, amounts are as detailed in the treasurer's report.

Applications under review as of October 2016 include: Cornerstone Youth Society, Darin Reimer (Executive Director); and Communica: Dialogue and Resolution Services for the Youth Reconnection Dialogue Outreach and Promotion Project.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Mattson, Chair Priorities Committee

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Form for Goods and Services Submissions

(Grants and extraordinary committee expenses)

Please send your submission to rmattson@shaw.ca and vfamcourt@gmail.com for distribution

1. Date of Application: May 2016
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying: Mitzi Dean, Youth matters committee
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects:

The youth matters committee has coordinated events across the region over the past 10 years to ensure that youth and youth focused agencies have access to up to date knowledge about services and options for youth in the region.

4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:

The objectives of TeenFest are to engage youth and share knowledge with them about services and opportunities across the region. While this includes businesses it also includes non profits and healthy activities. All promoters offer interactive engagement with the youth on the day and the event is non stigmatised so that youth gather information on critical as well as trivial matters. The FCYJC has asked the youth matters committee to consider reconvening a regional youth conference and the proposal is to achieve this in partnership with Teen Fest.

It is proposed that the Family Court Youth Justice Committee commit up to \$2000 to enable 8 non profit organisations serving youth to attend the event. Booths at the event cost \$500 each which is a barrier to some agencies. TeenFest will partner with the Committee and match the funding to enable up to 8 non profit organisations to attend for a cost of \$2000 to the committee.

5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization).

This dovetails with the work of the FCYJC and priorities of ensuring that up to date information is accessible to and shared with youth in the region. Working in partnership and ensuring that up to date information about services for youth is available are key success criteria for the Committee as well as other youth serving networks and collaborative groups across Victoria.

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6. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			
<u>Total</u>			
Expenses:			
FCYJC	4 Non profit booths at the event	\$2000	
TeenFest	4 Non profit booths at the event	\$2000	
Facility		\$	
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$4000</u>	4,000

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored:

TeenFest already secures sponsorship to make the event free for youth and families and they are offering to match funding for non profit organisations supported by this proposal.

8. Catchment area served – target population: Capital Regional District.

9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

Ensure youth and families have up to date information of the range of healthy activities, services and interests that can be found and pursued in the region.

10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):

interactive, engaging information booths and a goody bag from key information booths.

11. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?): The event takes place on November 5th 2016.

12. Evaluation framework: TeenFest will monitor numbers of booths, sponsors and youth and families who will participate in the event. TeenFest receives feedback that informs future plans and events to benefit youth and families further.

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Please send your submission to rmattson@shaw.ca and vfamcourt@gmail.com for distribution

1. Date of Application: September 2016
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying: Mary's Farm Society
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects:

Mary's Farm and Sanctuary is a safe and tranquil setting for all people to learn, grow and heal. With 30 acres of pristine pasture, gardens, and forest paths, the land is home to plentiful farm animals, wildlife and a few dedicated staff. In the spirit of respecting and nourishing the web of life, fostering dynamic relationships between our animals, guests, and the land underlies all that we offer.

4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:

We would like to ask the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee to sponsor the program fee (or portion thereof) for one participant in our "Sister Herd" program. This is a small group program for female youth ages 13-17 that are experiencing social anxiety, depression or isolation and may or may not be currently attending school. The girls will spend Mondays from 10 – 3 immersed in the beauty of nature, animals, art, and mindful being at Mary's Farm and Sanctuary. A strong emphasis is placed on creating a safe, positive and supportive environment for each girl to thrive.

The FCYJC is aware of the challenges teenage girls are experiencing in high school. As a result they are experiencing severe social anxiety and not willing to leave their homes. The safety of the Sanctuary and unconditional love and acceptance of the animals helps these girls to overcome their anxiety.

5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization).

To our knowledge this is a unique and much needed program. The only limitation is that we have to operate on a fee for service basis at this time which limits families' access. Our goal as a not for profit is to help make Mary's Farm programs accessible to all.

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6. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			\$3,500.00 (or portion)
<u>Total</u>			
Expenses:	Registration fee for one female participant in year long therapeutic program "Sister Herd" \$350 x 10 months	\$3,500.00 or portion thereof	
Facility		\$	
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$3500.00</u>	

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored: We are exploring partnership possibilities with The Center for Earth and Spirit. This organization already has charitable status which we do not as of yet.
8. Catchment area served – target population: Victoria and surrounding areas.
9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work: Teenage anxiety, depression and social isolation can lead to suicide.
10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided): one female youth (perhaps FCYJC has a youth in mind?) will receive immediate access to our year long "Sister Herd" program. If FCYJC cannot fund the entire registration fee, Mary's Farm Society will sponsor the remainder.
11. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?) The start date is September 19 and runs Mondays 10-3 for the school year. Late registrations will be accepted until capacity (8) is reached. The program can be expanded to a second day if needed.
12. Evaluation framework: This program is evaluated by the facilitators after each day. Feedback is received from the participants and their families regularly. A program evaluation is completed at the end. Here is a testimony from a parent:

"The calm and attention you devote to the girls is what has allowed our daughter the space to want to open up and spread her wings at the farm. I can see how the confidence she has gained in your safe environment has allowed her to risk taking more chances in other areas of her life too. I cannot emphasize enough that the freedom and voice you give the girls, that is so lacking in most opportunities for girls that age, is such a precious gift to them. What you do at the farm is nothing short of miraculous and our family is so appreciative of your relationship and investment in our daughter. "

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1. Name of organization / person(s) applying: CRAT (Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth)
2. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects:
CRAT was formed in 1998 in response to increasing numbers of youth selling sex on Victoria's streets. Since then we have worked to raise awareness and to educate youth and youth workers about this issue. We do this mainly by bringing over TCO2 (Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others) from Vancouver once a year and putting on a workshop/symposium about sexual exploitation/human trafficking every 18 months or so. CRAT is part of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee.
3. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:

To allow TCO2 to put on 3 special presentations:

February 25, 2016: to have a public presentation at the new Royal Bay Secondary Theatre. This would be an evening presentation to allow parents, teachers, school principals, Trustees, local government officials, students, RCMP, etc. An opportunity to see the tco2 presentation outside of school hours.

April 17, 2016: To have tco2 make a Sunday afternoon presentation on Salt Spring Island, in conjunction with presentations by the Mobile Youth Support Team (MYST) coordinator, Capital Region Education Division (CRED) coordinator and Capital Region Action Team (CRAT) Chair.

April 25, 2016: To have tco2 make an afternoon presentation in the Saanich Peninsula for local governments, RCMP, SD63 Trustees and staff, principals, counsellors, First Nations leaders, etc. This will provide an opportunity for them to see the value of having tco2 make presentations to schools and venues in the Saanich Peninsula.

4. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application:

This request will provide funding to cover costs in having these special presentations, such as theatre rental, travel costs, meals, parking and incentives for attending the presentations.

5. Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization). Yes, Mobile Youth Support Team (MYST), Pacific Centre Family Services, Children of the Street Society, Salt Spring Secondary, Royal Bay Secondary, Town of Sidney, Mary Winspear Centre, etc.

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6. Budget:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			
VFCYJC	Applied	\$500.00	\$500.00
In kind donations	Confirmed	\$500.00	
CRAT	Confirmed	\$200.00	
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Expenses:			
Rent and supplies		\$350.00	\$350.00
Travel and parking		\$150.00	\$150.00
Admin, organization	In kind	\$500.00	
Misc. Meals, refreshments, copies		\$200.00	
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored:

Because of the timing of these events, and the small amount requested, other funding avenues and partners have not been explored.

8. Catchment area served – target population: Throughout the CRD.

9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

Sexual Exploitation on the internet is a growing concern. Human Trafficking in the Greater Victoria area is growing. Most of this activity is hidden from public view. We need to raise the awareness of those who work with youth so that they can identify these issues and provide the necessary supports.

10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided): 3 public performances of tco2.

11. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)

Dates noted above.

12. Evaluation framework: Feedback from audiences.

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1. Date of Application:

January 28, 2016 – Victoria Community Response Centre

2. Name of organization / person(s) applying:

- Victoria Child Abuse Prevention & Counselling Centre (formerly Mary Manning Centre):
210-1175 Cook Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 4A1
- Victoria Sexual Assault Centre: #201-3060 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria, B.C. V8T 3J5

Contact person for follow-up:

- Sandra Bryce, Executive Director, VCAPCC (Ph.250-385-6111)
- Makenna Reilly, Executive Director, VSAC (Ph.250-383-3232)

3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects:

The Victoria Community Response Centre (VCRC) is a Ministry of Justice initiative and a collaborative project of the Victoria Child Abuse Prevention & Counselling Centre, the Victoria Sexual Assault Centre, and other multi-disciplinary teams serving survivors of child abuse in all its forms and of sexual assault aged 13 and up. With a grand opening scheduled for February 17, 2016, VCRC will house two ground breaking programs that enhance services for survivors of such violence: Child Advocacy Centre and Victoria Sexual Assault Clinic. First of its kind in British Columbia, the new and innovative model will shift key services and supports for clients from the hospital and police stations to one central location - VCRC. Two lead agencies for the multi-disciplinary case management project, VCAPCC and VSAC, will work together alongside Island Health, local police and RCMP, and various community partners to provide a one-stop trauma-informed service for survivors of child abuse and sexual assault in a non-institutional venue.

The following outlines background of the two lead organizations and their related experiences:

Victoria Child Abuse Prevention & Counselling Centre (VCAPCC)

VCAPCC is the only non-profit agency dedicated to treating child and youth victims of sexual, physical and emotional abuse in the Greater Victoria area. Early intervention and support for families affected by abuse can reduce its long-term effects.

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Every year VCAPCC delivers accredited services to more than 300 children and non-offending family members. Staff works with families, schools, police and professionals to ensure a coordinated, holistic approach to supporting children, youth and families. Services are accessible and the clinical team consists of child and family therapists with Master's level credentials. A continuum of services is provided at every stage of healing from crisis management, hospital accompaniment, counseling, court preparation and post-court follow up. VCAPCC also provides resources to Victims Assistance Programs (VAP) on Vancouver Island and Sexual Abuse Intervention Programs (SAIP) in British Columbia.

Some of recent achievements include a 2011 Service Excellence Award from the BC's Representative of Children & Youth and a 2014 BC Crime Prevention and Community Safety Award for a Community Organization. Most recently, VCAPCC received a three-year Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) accreditation again for a resurvey conducted in December 2015 with an exemplary conformance for collaboration with community partners.

Education and prevention is at the center of our philosophy. VCAPCC makes every effort to educate and engage the youth in the community and is a proud recipient of funding from Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) over the past years.

•Victoria Sexual Assault Centre (VSAC)

VSAC is a feminist organization committed to ending sexualized violence through healing, education, and prevention. Dedicated to supporting women and all trans survivors of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, through advocacy, counselling, and empowerment, VSAC is a leader in sexual assault response and is uniquely positioned as the only community-based sexual assault centre in Greater Victoria serving teenage girls and women, and the majority (75%) were between the ages of 13-30. Each year VSAC responds to on average 80 sexual assaults and has over 800 Victim Service Program client contacts.

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), a collaborative response between VSAC, Forensic Nurse Examiners, Island Health, RCMP and the police, provides immediate emotional support and information to people of all genders, 13 years and older, who have been sexually assaulted within the past 7 days. Upon request by survivor, SART also facilitates accompaniment to hospital and medical and police involvement.

Other programs and services available at VSAC include the 24-hour crisis & information line, Victim Services, prevention, counselling, and community outreach.

4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate

We request \$ 2,000 in funding for the purchase of furnishings and decorative materials for the reception/waiting areas of the Victoria Community Response Centre. Recent survivors of child abuse and sexualized violence experience emotional and psychological turmoil and a sense of depersonalization. Well-designed, thoughtfully decorated reception areas contribute to reducing stress and increasing positive emotions for those who are in the most vulnerable state of mind when visiting such a facility for the first time.

The goals and objectives of the Child Advocacy Centre are consistent with the mandate of the Family

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Court and Youth Justice Committee in that it is a proactive strategy that streamlines and connects community resources to support children and youth in the telling of their story in a child and youth friendly environment. It is collaborative, community based and child and youth centred.

5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application:

The Board of Directors of VCAPCC includes senior child abuse investigators, school counselors, youth and others committed to improving services for children and youth.

Project has received confirmed funding from provincial and federal Departments of Justice and Victoria Foundation.

Justice and health leaders will provide support and community leadership as members of the CAC's Steering Committee.

6. Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (i.e. in the Greater Victoria area or within your organization)

VCAPCC mission is the prevention and treatment of abuse in all forms. The Centre respects restorative interventions and outcomes including trauma informed practices and evidence based service delivery. VCAPCC works with many other organizations in the realization of its mission including the Victoria Sexual Assault Centre, TEAM VICTORIA, Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Pacific Centre Family Services Association.

This project provides trauma informed integrated services by multi-disciplinary teams that involve justice and mental health professionals including police, counsellors, forensic nurses, the Crown, etc.

7. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative, please include funding from other sources and feel free to attach a spreadsheet if needed:

\$2,000 will be used to fund the purchase of furnishings and decorative materials for the reception/waiting areas of the Victoria Community Response Centre to create an atmosphere where clients and non-offending family members visiting the new centre feel comfortable and welcomed. Our design goals are to reduce stress and address clients' needs for relaxation and comfort while providing multi-disciplinary teams with a calm work environment.

In summary, the 2015/16 budget of \$110,000 includes expenses for renovations (soundproofing, safety and confidential spaces), salaries, promotions, equipment (including gun locker, specialized video and recording equipment), training, program delivery (soft room supplies and toys), building (lease, janitorial, security), travel, evaluation and sustainability planning.

Funding for 2015-2016 is confirmed from BC Ministry of Justice (\$ 40,000); Canada Justice (\$65,000) and the Victoria Foundation (\$14,000). These funds are complemented by in kind contributions by VCAPCC.

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8. Other funding avenues/partners being explored:

An application for funding for \$ 24,000 is under consideration from Vancouver Foundation for the 2016/17 fiscal year. There is also confirmed funding in 2016/17 from the BC and Canada Departments of Justice.

9. Catchment area served – target population:

Children, youth and families of the Greater Victoria region

10. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

In 2008, the Public Health Agency of Canada reported that 1 out of 3 female children and 1 out of every 6 male children experience unwanted sexual acts. There were 85,440 substantiated cases of child abuse and another 18,000 unsubstantiated cases. These are only the cases reported. Substantiated maltreatment is projected at 14 children out of 1,000. This project addresses child abuse earlier than later to reduce its long term effects including youth delinquency, addictions, depression and mental illness.

This project addresses the recognized need by community and governments for non-institutional, child friendly venues that serve abused children/youth and improve trauma-informed community responses by removing barriers for victims in the telling of their story and for families to navigate two systems (justice and health) in a difficult time. The project seeks to influence:

- The routines, behaviors of health, police and mental health providers in delivery and location of services to abused children
- The flow of resources between institutions and community agencies
- The beliefs about service models that are in the best interest of the child empowering their voice.

11. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):

- Successful operations of a Child Advocacy Centre in Victoria
- Creation of a welcoming, non-institutional, child friendly space where children/youth and their families feel safe and comfortable
- Development of best practices and collaboration with national and international child advocacy centres.

12. Timeframes (e.g. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)

The Centre will open in January 2016 after renovations of space. Sustainability planning and program evaluation will support long term funding for the Centre.

13. Evaluation framework (How will you know if your project has been a success and how will the Family Court Committee know?):

Evaluation of outcomes will be supported by VCAPCC's Nucleus data base. Outcomes are based upon trauma informed best practices and from other CAC's across Canada. This information is augmented by accreditation requirements that include surveys, assessments, pre and post questionnaires, etc.

Specific outcomes include:

- Engagement of police and health leadership
- Successful implementation of multi-disciplinary teams
- Improvements in best practices for services to abused children

VCAPCC will provide written and verbal reports to the Youth Justice Committee. Recognition of any contributions will be made at the CAC's Grand Opening, on websites and annual reports.

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1. Date of Application: October 7, 2016

2. Name of organization / person(s) applying:

Communica: Dialogue and Resolution Services

Project Name: **Youth Reconnection Dialogue Outreach and Promotion**

3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects:

Established in 1974, Communica: Dialogue and Resolution Services Society (Formerly The South Island Dispute Resolution Centre) provides conflict management and communication courses and workshops, and dispute resolution services such as mediation, arbitration, parenting coordination, coaching, and group facilitation. Communica works with individuals, groups and organizations to explore and implement collaborative approaches.

The bulk of Communica's work consists of helping families in conflict to reach resolution through collaborative mediation dialogue. In addition to general subsidies available, Communica offers a suite of free programs including the Supported Family Mediation Services, Re-entry Mediation or the Youth Reconnection Dialogue program.

4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:

Background:

Youth who have been in the care of the government often find themselves isolated and without supports when they turn 19. They often seek out their families or extended family members with whom they may not have had healthy relationships. Even with the best

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intentions of everyone involved, these interactions can be devastatingly difficult; old conflicts resurface, familiar behaviour patterns are repeated and the youth experience high levels of stress, challenges to self-esteem and mental health.

Youth Reconnection Dialogue (YRD) has been developed by Communica to assist young adults leaving or out of government care to rebuild relationships with a parent, sibling, grand-parent or other family member. These safe, supported dialogues help to restore damaged relationships, resolve past conflicts and plan concrete steps for a positive, supported transition into adult life. With the help of two trained mediator/facilitators, everyone involved will be able to share their experiences, be fully heard and establish a plan to move forward productively. Follow-up is built into the reconnection dialogue process, with regular check-ins with the parties in the twelve months after the dialogue to ensure that agreements endure and assist in the resolution of new conflicts if they arise. Funded by the United Way of Greater Victoria for two years, the work of this innovative program is guided in part by a youth advisory committee.

In the few weeks since the launch of Youth Reconnection Dialogue, however, it has become clear that outreach will be a key challenge to the program's success. Separated from official supports, their files closed, youth who were formerly "in care" cannot be simply referred to the program. They must be reached through grassroots and informal networks; this requires a broad outreach plan including posters, face to face contacts, word of mouth and social media. The program's current funding does not support such outreach.

Goals and Objectives

Primary Goal: To reach out to and connect with young adults (18 to 24) to inform them about and involve them in the Youth Reconnection Dialogue program.

Objectives:

- Liaise with the YRD Youth Advisory Committee
- Connect with and make presentations to youth serving organizations, youth departments of agencies serving marginalized adults, youth branches of religious and political organizations, post-secondary youth groups
- Promote the Youth Reconnection Dialogue Program
- Participate in Communica's marketing plan to create targeted advertising and social media outreach materials as well as connect with traditional media to set up interview opportunities
- Assist interested youth to connect with program intake
- Assist Communica's client service team to process YRD intake applications
- Design and build an outreach system that can be continued into the future using existing Communica staff and volunteers

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5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization).

Communica's Youth Reconnection Dialogue Program is unique in British Columbia; however it complements the work of many agencies providing service to young, marginalized adults. Communica Staff have also been working to build relationship with First Nations agencies such as South Island Wellness which provide similar services for young community members seeking to reconnect with communities (not necessarily family) in the nine South Island Nations. The Youth Reconnection Dialogue Outreach project will help to deepen such inter-agency relationships.

6. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			
Communica In Kind	Volunteer Social media assistant (104 hrs @ \$17/hr)	1768.00	
	Supplies, Resources and Advertising	500.00	
United Way	Youth Advisory Ctte Honaria and meeting costs	6980.00	
<u>Total</u>		<u>9248.00</u>	
Expenses:			
Wages	20 hours per wk @ \$18/hr for 30 weeks	10,800.00	10,800.00
Facility		\$	
<u>Total</u>		\$ <u>20048.00</u>	<u>10,800.00</u>

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored:

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Currently the United Way has provided funding for program development (completed) and delivery of service. However, outreach is not funded; the Youth Reconnection Dialogue Outreach Project is not creating an ongoing staff position, but carrying out a time-limited project.

8. Catchment area served – target population:

Youth 18-24 in the South Island Region. We are open to providing service to youth over 24 as well.

9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

This project will address the need for youth to know about and access the Youth Reconnection Dialogue project so they can repair and rebuild family relationships fractured by the experience of government care. The project will help youth to contact with and enroll in the YRD program.

10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):

Outreach activity plan

Promotional materials, PowerPoint and other presentation materials

On-going outreach system design

11. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)

One time project

Start date: Nov 1, 2016 **End Date:** June 15 2017 (30 weeks not including Dec 15-Jan 7)

Deliverable deadlines:

- Outreach activity plan Nov. 10
- Promotional materials Nov. 15 (new materials created on an ongoing basis between Nov 15, 2016 and Feb. 1, 2017)
- On-going outreach system design May 30, 2017

12. Evaluation framework:

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Evaluation of this project will be based on several criteria:

- Assessment by the Youth Advisory Committee (measured by evaluation questionnaires)
- Quantity of promotional events
- Reach of promotional events (numbers of participants)
- Quality of promotional events (as assessed by participant evaluation forms)
- Quantity of youth enrolled in the YRD program as a result of outreach efforts
- Utility of on-going outreach system design
- Quality of outreach materials created

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Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Priorities Sub-committee

Form for Goods and Services Submissions

(Grants and extraordinary committee expenses)

Please send your submission to rmattson@shaw.ca and vfamcourt@gmail.com for distribution

1. Date of Application: October 12, 2016
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying: Cornerstone Youth Society, Darin Reimer (Executive Director)
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects: Our organization has been in existence for the and run a drop in center for street kids and at risk youth since 2004. In those years we have seen over 30000 visits of vulnerable youth to Sanctuary Youth Center. In 2015 we counted 2140 youth visits with an average of 17 per day opening; we are open on the weekends on Friday-Sunday afternoons. On those days we provide a warm meal, showers, laundry and other services to minimize a young person's vulnerability.
4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate: Our goal is to be able to open more hours per week as a Drop-In Center. We believe that in providing youth with a Center to call their own we see a noticeable decline in youth crime and delinquency.

In order to do so we need to increase our funding both to cover additional overhead costs but also to provide staffing. During our opening hours and even off days, we will allow youth to perform basic tasks in order to complete their required community service hours. Furthermore we work closely with MYST in their effort to minimize the risk to youth on the street. Our aim is to open longer hours with a paid staff present at all times in order to accommodate more youth and so that they are more likely to complete their community service hours. We also wish to open longer in order to provide youth a safe place to belong and to engage in positive relationships with our adult staff and volunteers.

5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization). We collaborate with Imagine Studio Café in helping youth obtain employment there. We have also arranged for youth who have or are aging out to be employed at Stubborn Chef. We collaborate with specific housing organizations in order to provide both youth and aging out young adults with a housing option.
6. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			
<u>Total</u>			
Expenses:			
10 Subway gift cards	\$10 cards	\$10	\$100
10 Thrifty Gift Cards	Gift cards for youth in transition or for our center	\$50	\$500
2 Emergency kits	Capital Iron Emergency kits	\$75	\$150
computer	<u>ASUS M32BF Desktop PC - Brushed Grey (AMD A10-7800/ 2TB HDD/ 12GB RAM/ R7 Graphics/ Windows 1</u> Best buy	\$550	\$550
10 Emergency blankets	MEC or Canadian Tire\ This light and compact emergency blanket can fit into the corner of a daypack as the shelter component of the ten essentials every hiker should carry. Made of Heatsheet®, a single layer of polypropylene film with vapor deposited aluminum. This makes the blanket highly reflective, despite being less than 1mm thick.	\$7 ea	\$70
3 Bluetooth Headsets	<u>Jabra TALK Bluetooth Headset</u>	\$40 each	<u>\$120</u>
10 Value village coupons	<u>for clothing or backpacks</u>	\$25 each	<u>\$250</u>
10 Walmart coupons	<u>for clothing, underwear</u>	\$25 each	<u>\$250</u>
<u>Total</u>			\$1990

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored: We obtain funding through an annual bike ride called 'Ride for Refuge.' (www.rideforrefuge.org) Last Oct. 1 we raised just over 10% of our operating budget through this fundraiser. We also have an application with the Victoria Foundation, and are hoping to receive funds from other charities such as the Oak Bay Kiwanis.
8. Catchment area served – target population:

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Vulnerable youth in the Greater Victoria area/region, including Victoria, Saanich, Esquimalt, Langford, Central Saanich, North Saanich and Colwood.

9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

We provide subway cards to youth as a reward for contributions made or tasks done.

We provide lightly used clothing, shoes, socks, underwear and jackets.

We provide some first aid but wish to improve on what we offer, especially in case of emergency.

We provide references for employment and assistance with resumes, access to social media. A computer would assist us in this.

We provide some exercise area and opportunity for physical fitness.

We provide some opportunity for learning job skills such as carpentry, landscaping and other basic tasks in order that a youth may obtain community service hours.

10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):

Additional job skills and community service hours provided.

We provide a warm well rounded and nutritious meal. And we provides some non-perishable goods when possible.

We provide clothing, underwear, toiletries, socks and sometimes footwear.

11. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)

This project is ongoing; I wish to add an additional staff in January 2017.

12. Evaluation framework:

Evaluation will be determined in the following ways.

Additional hours opened in 2017 Additional community service hours completed.

Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Priorities Sub-committee

Form for Goods and Services Submissions

(Grants and extraordinary committee expenses)

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1. Date of Application: November 8
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying: Balancing Our Minds (BOM): Youth Mental Health Summit
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects: There are many organizations working on the issue of Child and Youth Mental Health. For several years a collaboration of groups has held a Balancing Our Minds Youth Mental Health Summit in Vancouver. This year, they have decided to decentralize to five smaller summits around the Province. One of those regions is Vancouver Island. As a result, a collaboration of all 4 local school districts, local agencies and non-profit organizations and individuals has agreed to work collaboratively to bring this summit to the Greater Victoria area.
4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:
The purpose of this summit is to bring youth together with service providers and those who work with youth having mental health challenges, to learn how to provide better services for youth and to empower youth and their parents to improve mental health outcomes for children. We know a significant number of youth with mental health challenges come into contact with the Criminal Justice system. We are requesting \$3000 to supplement the core funding of \$5000 from Balancing Our Minds. Funding from VFCYJC should be conditional on approval of core funding from BOM.
5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization). The bulk of the funding will come from the Balancing our Minds organization, but the funds will not cover incidentals such as meals and honoraria.

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6. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			
Balancing our Minds	Main Funder	\$5,000.00	
Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
In kind and local donations		\$1,000.00	
Total		<u>\$9,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Expenses:			
Venue rental	BOM	\$1,000.00	
Honoraria	VFCYJC	\$500.00	\$500.00
Meals/snacks	VFCYJC	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
Transportation	BOM	\$3,000.00	
Program Materials/Handouts	In Kind	\$500.00	
Local donations	In Kind	\$1,000.00	
Total		<u>\$9,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored:

Main funding from Balancing our Minds. Other local donations of printing, copying, administration, invitations, etc.

8. Catchment area served – target population:

Youth within the CRD

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9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

To stage a day long workshop on the issue of child and youth mental health by bringing 800-1000 youth from 40 schools in the CRD, to discuss the issue of child and youth mental health.

10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):

To hold a day long workshop, bring students to the Venue from all over the CRD and to provide a lunch and snacks for participants.

12. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)

We will start organizing as soon as funding approval is received from BOM. The date of the workshop will be determined in cooperation with local school districts.

13. Evaluation framework:

Feedback from Teachers

Evaluations from participants

Coordination of evaluation framework from BOM

Balancing Our Minds: Youth Mental Health Summit

Application Form

Overview

With support from the Canucks for Kids Fund, BC Children's Hospital is seeking five (5) communities in British Columbia interested in planning and delivering a Balancing Our Minds Youth Summit in their community. A Balancing Our Minds Youth Summit is a one-day event focused on youth mental health, achieving the following goals:

1. Increase knowledge about mental health and substance use
2. Build awareness of available mental health tools, resources and services
3. Decrease stigma towards individuals experiencing mental health challenges

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4. Generate ideas on how to promote mental health and wellness in your school community

Balancing Our Minds Youth Summits are based on the province-wide event Balancing Our Minds held at Roger's Arena from 2013-2016. The event was inspired by the idea that an important first step in changing how mental health is discussed and experienced in our school communities is getting together youth and educators from across the province to engage in thoughtful dialogue, education, and idea sharing on how to better promote mental health and wellness in our school communities.

With support from the Canucks for Kids Fund, BC Children's Hospital will support communities to host their own Balancing Our Minds Youth Summit events in the 2016/17 school year. Support includes financial (up to \$5,000 per community) and planning resources from the Health Literacy Team at BC Children's Hospital. Specifically, a member from the Health Literacy Team at BC Children's Hospital will act as a primary coordinator for the event and will provide support with:

- organizing planning committee meetings
- developing the event theme and agenda
- connecting you with speakers
- speaker support
- connecting with provincial resources
- event details
- attendance at the event (schedule permitting)

The Health Literacy Team will also need the support of a planning committee in each community. The planning committee will use their connections and relationships in the community to help coordinate, plan, and execute the event. Planning committee members will be expected to regularly attend meetings, provide planning support, and volunteer their expertise. A planning committee comprised of community members is essential to the success of the event.

Criteria required to receive funding and planning support for a Balancing Our Minds youth summit are as follows:

- I. The primary focus of the event is mental health and substance use
- II. The primary audience of the event is high school aged youth
- III. Must be a single-day event (i.e. not a wellness week, series of events, etc.)
- IV. Must have a planning committee comprised of community members supporting the event
- V. Must have a support plan in place for the summit event and after the event is over
 - Difficult topics and conversations will arise; there must be a support plan in place to help students who may be triggered by these conversations during the event.

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- Some students may feel more comfortable coming forward for support after attending the event. There must be a support plan in place to properly support students coming forward.
- VI. Presence of local and provincial resources at the event
- Increasing student awareness of available tools, resources, and services is a key component of Balancing Our Minds events. Connecting students with local and provincial resources and services is necessary in accomplishing this goal.
- VII. Youth speakers sharing their lived experience at the event must go through speaker support with a member of the Health Literacy Team

Applications will remain open until **November 4th, 2016**. Once the application period has concluded, the Health Literacy Team at BCCH will go through an application evaluation process in order to select the five (5) communities that will receive support to host a Balancing Our Minds Youth Summit in their communities. Evaluation will be based off of the information provided on this application form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paul Irving at paul.irving@cw.bc.ca. Thank you and we look forward to receiving your application.

Lead School or Organization:	
Address:	<p>Greater Victoria School District - 556 Boleskine Road, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 1E8 Canada Phone: 250.475.3212</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Whitten, Assistant Superintendent – dwhitten@sd61.bc.ca • Marnice Jones, Safe and Healthy Schools Coordinator - mjones@sd61.bc.ca <p>Gulf Island School District: 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2K3 Phone: 250.537.5548</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Livingston, Director of Instruction - Learning Services - dlivingston@sd64.bc.ca <p>Saanich School District:</p> <p>2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton, BC, V8M 2A5 Phone: (250) 652-7300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Stinson, Assistant Superintendent - sstinson@sd63.bc.ca

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	<p>Sooke School district: 3143 Jacklin Road, Victoria, BC V9B 5R1 Phone: (250) 474-9800</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christine McGregor, Acting District Principal of Student Services – cmcgregor@sd62.bc.ca• Cindy Andrew, Chair, District PAC Healthy Schools Committee – cindyandrew@gmail.com (tel: 250686-9209)
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Application Form

1. Summit Content – Please indicate what topics will be addressed through the summit. If available, you may attach a draft summit agenda to this application.

Mental health promotion and fostering resiliency will be at the core of the Summit. Throughout the day there will be an emphasis on the mental health of all youth, focusing on the balance of optimizing positive mental health and supporting those experiencing mental health challenges.

Topics addressed will include:

- What is mental health (“Mental Health 101”)
- What contributes to our mental health and well-being
- Protective factors
- Help seeking
- Community supports and resources
- Stigma of mental health
- Change making opportunities (within and beyond school communities)

Moving forward, the event will be planned in consultation with youth from across the four CRD school districts. We share a commitment to authentic and ongoing youth engagement as part of the planning process, for the day of – and beyond. Accordingly, we do not have an agenda to share at this stage.

2. Intended Outcomes and Benefits – Please list any potential outcomes and local community benefits anticipated as a result of the summit. Please comment on potential on-going engagement or initiatives after the event is over.

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Intended outcomes:

1. Enhanced understanding of mental well being and associated protective factors
2. Increased recognition of the early signs of mental health challenges
3. Decrease stigma around mental health
4. Strengthen engagement of youth in planning of programs and services
5. Increased awareness of resources available for support (for youth and for school communities)
6. Identification of practical and creative strategies for engagement and change making related to promoting mental health and fostering resiliency (in and beyond school communities)
7. Enhanced coordination and collaboration among youth, school districts, youth service providers et al

3. Community Engagement

Which geographical areas (i.e. school districts, schools, communities) will be engaged in this summit?	Capital Region District (that includes 4 school districts as noted above)
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Please indicate **approximately** how many of the following participants are anticipated to be engaged in this summit:

Number of students/youth participants:	700-1000
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Number of school staff:	40
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Number of caregivers, parents or family members:	25
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Number of volunteers (not included in any of the above categories)	15
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Number of youth speakers:	8-10
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4. List of Organizations or Resources Involved: *please attach more if needed.*

Name of Organization/Resource	Contact Person	Role/Expected Contribution:
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<p>Island Health – Public Health and Healthy Schools program</p>	<p>Richard Stanwick, Chief Medical Health Officer</p> <p>Murray Fyfe, Assistant Medical Health officer</p> <p>Connie Haselden, Manager Child Youth and Family Public Health South Island at Vancouver Island Health</p>	<p>Ongoing support to school communities via the IH Healthy Schools program; conference call line to support interagency planning calls and other logistical support of relevance (e.g., onsite volunteers for the day of)</p>
<p>CRD Child & Youth Health Network</p>	<p>Petra Chambers-Sinclair</p> <p>Kathy Easton</p>	<p>The Youth Constellation of this network will be invited to assist with the planning/hosting of the day.</p> <p>Coordinator of the CRDCYHN will provide support in liaising with the extensive membership of this child and youth focused collective impact project (i.e., to promote the day, to disseminate key learning from the day)</p>
<p>Ecole Brodeur (the Conseil Scolaire Francophone school in the South Island)</p>	<p>Lise Landry, Vice-Principal</p>	<p>Partner in hosting school-based effort and in fostering participation from the Francophone school community; volunteers to assist in planning/hosting</p>
<p>Pacific Christian School (Private School)</p>	<p>Kristen Hutchinson, Youth and Family Worker</p>	<p>PCS continues to support youth focused engagement related to supporting and promoting mental health and has taken numerous students to participate in previous BOMs who reached out and was eager to join in our joint proposal;</p>

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		volunteers to assist in planning/hosting
PLAY - CRD wide Physical Literacy and Youth team	Andrea Carey, Co-Chair	Integration of physical activity in to the day; volunteers to assist in planning/hosting
Sooke and West Shore Local Action Team (affiliated with the Substance Use and Mental Health Collaborative of BC)	Bill McElroy, Coordinator Ellen Anderson and Mitzi Dean, Co-Chairs	Key community partner who has been working to support youth engagement as well as youth focused action (e.g., establishing school based health clinics; engaging youth in helping to plan the above and related programming)
Salt Spring Island Child & Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Local Action Team	Justine Thomson, Project Lead for Salt Spring Island Local Action Team	Community partner working to close the gaps in mental health on Salt Spring Island and the surrounding Gulf Islands.
NEED2 Suicide Prevention Education & Support (Victoria)	Justine Thomson, Executive Director, NEED2 Suicide Prevention, Education & Support (Victoria)	Key community partner, NEED2 Suicide Prevention Education and Support, a registered charity, delivers free mental health and suicide prevention presentations to over 3400 students in SD61, SD62, SD63 & SD64 free of charge. NEED2 has been working collaboratively middle and high schools since 1996, educating staff, working with PACS. NEED2 also trains community in ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) and safeTALK to build local capacity to respond to suicide crisis.

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		Last year, Youthspace.ca provided national online emotional response and crisis chat to over 3500 youth via text and chat. The service operates 6 p.m. – midnight (PST) every night of the year.
Victoria Local Action Team (affiliated with the Substance Use and Mental Health Collaborative of BC)		
Saanich Peninsula Local Action Team	David Trill, Coordinator Kate Evans and Monica Braniff, Co-Chairs	Key community partners who have been working to support youth mental health through schools and in the community.
Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee	Cynthia Day, Chair and City of Colwood Councillor	Funding to assist with the event (e.g., cost of bussing for all districts, food)
University of Victoria	Bonnie Leadbeater, Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Victoria Cindy Andrew Helping Schools Program Consultant Centre for Addictions Research of BC	Assist with evaluation of the day and other evaluative efforts related to assessing youth mental health across the CRD Available to provide support to schools/districts across BC re: promoting mental health and addressing substance use
5. Support Plan for the Event: <i>please outline how you plan to support students/youth who could potentially be triggered by the content and discussion during and after the event.</i>		
Event Day		After the Summit

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A supervised, quiet space will be available for self-care purposes • We will have school Counsellors and Youth and Family Counsellors available on site the day of the event. <p>6. Students will be made aware of community and school supports throughout the day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School counsellors and Youth and Family Counsellors will be aware of the students that attended the summit. • If follow up is required counsellors will be notified and brought into the process. • Students will continue to be made aware of community and school supports throughout the day.
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7. Proposed Budget:

Item	Amount (\$)	Details
Venue	1000.00	tbd
Food & Beverage	1.00/person (total cost estimated at 6.00/person)	Fuller amount covered through third party/donations
Program Materials	n/a	Expecting in-kind contributions, as required, from various partners
Audio Visual	n/a	Included via venue
Printing	n/a	If required included via in kind contributions from Island Health and/or school districts
Speaker's Honorarium	500.00	50.00 gift cards for 10 speakers
Travel	3000.00	Bussing/ferry costs (for SD 64 participants) as required
Total Budget:	5500.00	

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Please note:

Funding is limited to up to \$5,000 per community

- I. The funding will be issued following completion of the event and submission of all receipts for expenses incurred
- II. Funding does not support the following:
 - a. Outside coordinator positions
 - b. Follow-up activities
 - c. Other events (beyond the youth summit)
- III. A signed letter of agreement will be required before we begin working together on an event
- IV. Details of funding process will outlined in the letter of agreement

8. Other Sponsorship/Funding: <i>please indicate any funding you currently have for the event, or funding you're looking to secure in the future.</i>		
Organization	Nature of Contribution	Value
Funding/support we hope to secure		
Local grocer(s)	Food and beverage	5.00/person
Wilson's Transportation	Bussing to/from venue as required	3,000.00

Please submit this completed application by email to:

Paul Irving, Project Coordinator, Health Literacy Team, BC Children's Hospital

Email: paul.irving@cw.bc.ca

For questions or further clarification, please contact [Paul Irving](#), Project Coordinator (contact information provided above).



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CRAT met 5 times during the year in The Esquimalt Nation Room, which is provided for free by Victoria City Hall. Our thanks to the City of Victoria for donating space for the meetings. We were able to provide light lunches to the meeting and to cover expenses for materials and presenters through an annual \$1500 grant from the Capital Regional District. During the year, we continued to raise awareness of the issue of sexually exploited youth in the Capital Regional District and worked to identify gaps in service for these youth. Youth are now being groomed and stalked on the internet, which makes it more difficult to detect and help them. Gangs are increasing their presence.

At the January meeting, Bill McElroy was acclaimed Chair, and Melissa Hyland became Vice Chair. Bill presented the financial statements, showing a balance of about \$1525. The District of Oak Bay keeps the financial records for CRAT: all funds given to CRAT are deposited with Oak Bay and they pay all expenses by cheque. Many thanks to staff at Oak Bay for providing this service.

We brought over Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others (tco2) during the week of February 22-26. They made presentations to 14 groups with a total attendance of about 850. Special thanks to Mia Golden and Constable Jennifer Gibbs for coordinating the presentations. Tco2 will be returning to Victoria February 20-24, 2017. Although tco2 puts on their performances for free, we are required to pay their way over and back to Vancouver, and also provide accommodations and meals. The cost is usually around \$1200.

On April 16, 2016, we went to Salt Spring Island to make a presentation about Sexually Exploited Youth. We coordinated our visit with Miranda de Jong from Children of the Street Society, which also coordinates tco2. Although the turn out was low, we had many influential attendees. As a result, tco2 came to Salt Spring this year to put on performances at 2 schools, and we have been invited back to speak to a service club in May, 2017. We are working on a public showing on Salt Spring Island of the RCMP film "I'm not for Sale" in early 2017.

On September 22, Bill was part of a panel discussion at an evening put together by Joel Conway, titled Men End Exploitation, about the role of men in ending sexual exploitation, held at UVIC.

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We were unsuccessful in getting funding to put on another Human Trafficking/Sexual Exploitation workshop this year. However, we provided names of resources for the Inter-Cultural Association which was funded to provide a 2-day Train the Trainer workshop in December, where Bill made a presentation about sexually exploited youth.

Submitted by Bill McElroy, Chair, December 2016

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VICTORIA FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE

YOUTH MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT

December, 2016

The Youth Matters sub committee has not been meeting regularly as it has not been possible to recruit members to attend meetings. The FCYJC asked the YM committee to explore options for recreating an event to ensure that youth in the CRD are aware of services available to them. In order to achieve this the committee partnered with TeenFest. The objectives of TeenFest are to engage youth and share knowledge with them about services and opportunities across the region. While this includes businesses it also includes non profits and healthy activities. All promoters offer interactive engagement with the youth on the day and the event is non stigmatised so that youth gather information on critical as well as trivial matters.

TeenFest took place in Victoria on November 5th 2016 and was a free exhibition, for youth ages 12 to 18 years, and their families. It gave teens in the Greater Victoria Region the opportunity to connect with each other, their peers, their communities and community leaders. Highlights included a talent contest, performances, interactive sports and gaming activities, over 60 booths to see, learn and sample from and 4 different areas to explore – Life & Education, Cool Stuff, Fashion & Beauty and Health & Wellness.

The FCYJC supported the cost of 4 non profit agencies attending which was matched in sponsorship by TeenFest to enable another 4 agencies to attend free of charge.

Another significant area of work led by the Chair of the Youth Matters Committee was a review of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action from the perspective of the CRD committee. An ad hoc committee was convened involving some members of the RYCJC and external stakeholders who met and reviewed the Calls to Action. A report was submitted to the Committee for consideration and the FCYJC has asked all Municipal Councils to send in informational updates on their action plans in response to the Commission.

The Youth Matters committee has been represented in the community on the Child and Youth Mental Health Action Team (Sooke-West Shore) and BC School Centred Mental Health Coalition.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitzi Dean
December 2016



PACIFIC CENTRE FAMILY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

**Truth and Reconciliation
Commission of Canada**

Introduction

At a meeting of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Family Court Youth Justice Committee (FCYJC) meeting in May 2016 a motion was passed to strike a committee to review the 95 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Process

A number of members of the Committee expressed an interest in supporting this work. A meeting was convened and attended by some Committee members. The Committee reviewed the Calls to Action most relevant and critical to the work of the FCYJC. The table below lists those Calls to Action with a request to the FCYJC for action in respect of those Calls.

Conclusions and Recommendations

It is recommended that this report be tabled as an Agenda Item for the Committee meeting in October 2016 for the Committee to consider each request and the response from the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitzi Dean. August 2016

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Youth Matters Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

	Call to Action	Request to FCYJC
30	We call upon federal, provincial, and territorial governments to commit to eliminating the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in custody over the next decade, and to issue detailed annual reports that monitor and evaluate progress in doing so.	Ask BC government for reports – review at CRD committee. Request Federal Corrections issue annual reports that we can review.
31	We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to provide sufficient and stable funding to implement and evaluate community sanctions that will provide realistic alternatives to imprisonment for Aboriginal offenders and respond to the underlying causes of offending.	Ask Federal and Provincial governments to report on funding.
34	We call upon the governments of Canada, the provinces, and territories to undertake reforms to the criminal justice system to better address the needs of offenders with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Providing increased community resources and powers for courts to ensure that FASD is properly diagnosed, and that appropriate community supports are in place for those with FASD. ii. Enacting statutory exemptions from mandatory minimum sentences of imprisonment for offenders affected by FASD. iii. Providing community, correctional, and parole resources to maximize the ability of people with FASD to live in the community. iv. Adopting appropriate evaluation mechanisms to measure the effectiveness of such programs and ensure community safety. 	Ask governments what reforms are being proposed, request more integrated courts and improve FASD diagnosis process.
35	We call upon the federal government to eliminate Aboriginal healing barriers to the creation of additional lodges within the federal correctional system.	Request update on action to address this.
36	We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to work with Aboriginal communities to provide culturally relevant services to inmates on issues such as substance abuse, family and domestic violence, and overcoming the experience of having been sexually abused.	Request an update and details of a plan.
37	We call upon the federal government to provide more	Request an update and details of a plan.

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	supports for Aboriginal programming in halfway houses and parole services.	
38	We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to commit to eliminating the overrepresentation of Aboriginal youth in custody over the next decade.	PRIORITY: request details of plans.
39	We call upon the federal government to develop a national plan to collect and publish data on the criminal victimization of Aboriginal people, including data related to homicide and family violence victimization.	Request information of the Federal plan.
40	We call on all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, to create adequately funded and accessible Aboriginal-specific victim programs and services with appropriate evaluation mechanisms.	Request an update and details of a plan. Lack of aboriginal – specific Victim services workers: a major gap.
42	We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to commit to the recognition and implementation of Aboriginal justice systems in a manner consistent with the Treaty and Aboriginal rights of Aboriginal peoples, the <i>Constitution Act, 1982</i> , and the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> , endorsed by Canada in November 2012.	Ask for the plan for declaration.
43	We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> as the framework for reconciliation.	Ask for the plan for declaration.
44	We call upon the Government of Canada to develop a national action plan, strategies, and other concrete measures to achieve the goals of the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> .	Ask for an update on national action plan.
47	We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and <i>terra nullius</i> , and to reform those laws,	Ask FCYJC to ask municipal representatives what their municipal plan is to address this. How do municipalities acknowledge their privilege and what strategies do they have for their relationships with aboriginal committees?

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	government policies, and litigation strategies that continue to rely on such concepts.	
55	<p>We call upon all levels of government to provide annual reports or any current data requested by the National Council for Reconciliation so that it can report on the progress towards reconciliation.</p> <p>The reports or data would include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The number of Aboriginal children—including Métis and Inuit children— in care, compared with non-Aboriginal children, the reasons for apprehension, and the total spending on preventive and care services by child-welfare agencies. ii. Comparative funding for the education of First Nations children on and off reserves. iii. The educational and income attainments of Aboriginal peoples in Canada compared with non- Aboriginal people. iv. Progress on closing the gaps between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities in a number of health indicators such as: infant mortality, maternal health, suicide, mental health, addictions, life expectancy, birth rates, infant and child health issues, chronic diseases, illness and injury incidence, and the availability of appropriate health services. v. Progress on eliminating the overrepresentation of Aboriginal children in youth custody over the next decade. vi. Progress on reducing the rate of criminal victimization of Aboriginal people, including data related to homicide and family violence victimization and other crimes. vii. Progress on reducing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the justice and correctional systems. 	<p>Ask governments to provide reports plus more advanced analysis – especially of advantage / disadvantage of Provincial / Federal funding models.</p>
57	We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments	<p>Ask municipal representatives to ask their councils how they will provide education to public servants and how they will give</p>

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	to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> , Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.	recognition to cultural safety qualifications in contracts.
66	We call upon the federal government to establish multiyear funding for community-based youth organizations to deliver programs on reconciliation, and establish a national network to share information and best practices.	Request this is given priority and engage youth and youth organizations in how this is addressed.
82	We call upon provincial and territorial governments, in collaboration with Survivors and their organizations, and other parties to the Settlement Agreement, to commission and install a publicly accessible, highly visible, Residential Schools Monument in each capital city to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities.	How is Greater Victoria planning to address this? How can the FCYJC support this process?

Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee **Constitution**

1. The Family Court Committee shall consist of:
 - a) One elected representative appointed by each of the following jurisdictions:
 1. City of Victoria
 2. City of Langford
 3. City of Colwood
 4. Municipality of Oak Bay
 5. Municipality of Saanich
 6. Municipality of Esquimalt
 7. Municipality of Central Saanich
 8. Municipality of North Saanich
 9. Town of View Royal
 10. Town of Sidney
 11. District of Sooke
 12. District of Highlands
 13. District of Metchosin
 14. School District #61
 15. School District #62
 16. School District #63
 - b) Notwithstanding a) above, each jurisdiction may appoint a non-elected alternate representative to the Committee.
 - c) Up to seven members at large shall be appointed by the Capital Regional District for a minimum of two years.
2. From among the voting members, the Capital Regional District shall appoint a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer according to Sub-section 3 of Clause 4 of the Provincial Court Act. Nominations to be submitted by the Family Court Committee for ratification.
3. Representatives of the Ministries of the Attorney General, Education, Children and Family Development, Public Safety and Solicitor General, Health, Housing and Social Development and police forces and First Nations may be invited to attend as non-voting resource members.
4. It shall be the duty of the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee to submit annual reports and budgets to the Capital Regional District, the participating municipalities and to the Ministry of the Attorney General as per Clause C of Sub-section 4 of the Provincial Court Act.
5. The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee shall develop terms of reference for the conduct of its affairs.

Approved by Committee January 18, 2010

Terms of Reference

A. General Meetings

1. Whereas the Capital Regional District electoral year ends November 30, and whereas the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (the Committee) year ends June 30, therefore, appointees from the municipalities shall hold their positions until the first of January following the November municipal elections.
2. The Committee will normally meet monthly but no fewer than four times a year with additional meetings at the call of the Chair.
3. A quorum shall be seven (7) voting members.
4. The rules of order shall be the same as those outlined for Municipalities in the Local Government Act
5. A vote in abstention is a vote in favour
6. The chair shall exercise a vote and, in the case of a tie, the motion is defeated.

B. Amendment of Terms of Reference

A proposed amendment shall be presented at the meeting previous to the meeting at which it is to be discussed. It shall be circulated also to all the committee members in advance of the meeting. One-half plus one of the voting members is required to approve an amendment.

C. Amendments to the Constitution

A proposed change to the Constitution may be initiated by a member of the Family Court Committee or by a participating municipality. The same procedure for amending the Terms of Reference shall apply. Amendments to the Constitution approved in committee will be communicated to participating municipalities and the Capital Regional District for Ratification.

D. Officers of the Family Court Committee

1. The Chair and Vice-Chair and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Capital Regional District under Clause 2 of the Constitution. A nominating committee will be formed in September comprised of retiring members and/or one or two members of the Committee whose responsibility will be to solicit nominations for the Officer's positions as well as to appoint a chair for the Annual General Meeting (someone not running for the executive, such as a past president or long time member).
2. If an Officer or Member of the Committee is unable to complete their term, their appointing agency will be requested to make a new appointment. In the case of an Officer, the committee will be requested to make an interim appointment (from the membership available) to perform those duties until the next AGM.

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E. Duties of Officers

1. The Chairperson shall:
 - a. Chair all the meetings of the Committee
 - b. Appoint sub-committee chairpersons
 - c. Prepare all agendas for Committee Meetings
 - d. Have charge of all correspondence
 - e. Be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees
 - f. Have signing authority for funds jointly with the Treasurer
2. The Vice-Chair shall:
 - a. Undertake duties of the Chair in his or her absence
 - b. Be an alternate signing authority for funds
3. The Treasurer shall:
 - a. Have charge of all monies
 - b. Prepare monthly statements of expenditures and revenues
 - c. Have signing authority for funds
 - d. Prepare annual financial statements and budgets for year ending March 31
4. The Secretary shall have responsibility for:
 - a. Recording of minutes
 - b. Distribution of agendas
 - c. Notices of meetings, and
 - d. Any other secretarial duties as required through the Chair.

F. Committees

Each sub-committee or task force chair shall be appointed by the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Chair at the Annual General Meeting or the nearest possible meeting. The Chairs of the sub-committees may invite interested persons to serve on his/her sub-committee who are not members of the main Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee. The sub-committee Chairs will make reports to the main committee and will recommend speakers, agenda items or other projects be included through the steering committee.

The sub-committees are:
Communications/Planning
Youth Matters
Family Matters
Priorities
CRATSEY
Court Watch

The Youth Mental Health Task Force was created in 2005 and is still functioning to support the creation of a school based medical clinic pilot project that could address youth mental health issues.

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The Steering Committee will be comprised of the sub-committee chairs, the executive and the secretary who may meet physically or electronically to plan the agenda.

Ad Hoc Committees may be created from time to time to study and report on specific matters.

G. Annual General Meetings

The AGM will be held in January to receive the annual report and the annual financial statements for the previous year. The financial statements shall be provided to the Capital Regional District to be included in their Audit. The Annual Report shall be approved prior to distribution to the Attorney General, other ministries, and the Capital Regional District and the participating Municipalities.

The Chair of the AGM will open the AGM with an approval of the Agenda. If there are not seven voting members present for quorum, the AGM shall be postponed to the next regularly scheduled meeting date and notification of the postponement shall be sent to the municipalities and the CRD with a list of those absent from the meeting.

The first order of business shall be a call for Nominations from the floor. Officer's Positions require only one member to make a nomination. If there is only one nomination for a position, no election will be held but the committee shall make a motion to appoint the Officer(s). If there is more than one nomination for the Officer(s) positions, the vote shall be taken via a secret ballot where each member present shall write the name of their preferred candidate(s) on a slip of paper which the Chair of the AGM shall collect and count with the supervision of the recording secretary. If there is any dispute, a recount will be taken in full view of all voting members. Once the election process is complete, the Chair will declare the election results and the committee will make a motion to appoint the Officers as per the election results.

The Chair of each subcommittee and task force shall be appointed by the Chair of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee at the AGM, or the nearest possible committee meeting.

H. Membership

If a vacancy occurs during the year, the body represented by the departed member should appoint a new representative to complete the term. If there is an alternate, they may continue to represent the body that appointed them.

If a member is absent for more than two consecutive meetings, without notice, a letter will be forwarded to that member soliciting future intent. If no response, or a third absenteeism, a letter will be forwarded to his/her sponsoring agency advising of the lack of representation.

Oath of Confidentiality

I, _____ do promise and swear not to disclose or make known any matter or thing which comes to my knowledge by reason of my involvement with the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, except insofar as my official duties require me to disclose, make known, report upon, or take official action regarding the same, or except insofar as I may be duly authorized to disclose or make known the same.

SWORN before me at the City of

Victoria, British Columbia

This ____ day of _____

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9.1 TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

A. Conferences and Seminars - Authorization

Authorization for attendance at all conferences and seminars for which expenses will be claimed is to be obtained in advance in accordance with the following:

1. Committee Member

Approval is to be obtained in advance from the Committee by motion at a regular meeting.

B. Seminars, Conferences and Meetings for which over Twenty-Four Hours absence from Place of Residence will be Required.

1. Per Diem Allowance

Where the absence from place of residence will be in excess of twenty-four hours, an approved per diem allowance will be provided to cover the following:

- a. Meals
- b. Gratuities
- c. Taxi Fares – excepting extraordinary expenses
- d. Cleaning Expenses
- e. Parking Expenses
- f. Telephone calls but not long distance phone calls

Where the common carrier departs after 12:00 noon or returns before 12:00 noon, one half of the per diem rate shall be paid providing the absence is in excess of one-half day.

Adjustments will be made to the per diem rate only where any meals are included in conference registration fee.

2. Accommodation

Accommodation or lodging expenses will be paid based on single occupancy rates.

3. Transportation

a. Lower Mainland to Hope and Vancouver Island including the Sunshine Coast:

Travel by automobile will be paid in accordance with the current automobile expense reimbursement rate. Travel by bus, train, ferry or air-economy class will be paid for the actual expenses incurred.

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b. Travel outside of the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island:

Travel allowance will be paid on the basis of economy class air fare equivalent plus ground transportation when applicable or current automobile expense reimbursement rate where the overall travel cost will be more economical by automobile.

4. Other Expenses

Registration fees for conferences, conventions, seminars, etc., will be paid for single participation only.

C. Seminars, conferences, and Meetings for which Less than Twenty-Four Hours Absence from Place of Residence will be Required.

Where absence is less than twenty-four hours, actual out-of-pocket expenses, including mileage in accordance with the current automobile expense reimbursement rate will be paid. No per diem will be paid.

The daily maximum limit for meals and gratuities is as established from time to time by the Committee.

Meal expenses to the above maximum level will be paid if departure from place of residence is before:

7:00 am – breakfast

12:00 pm – lunch

6:00 pm – dinner

Expenses to the above maximum levels will be paid if return to place of residence is after:

12:30 pm – lunch

6:00 pm – dinner

Reimbursement will not be made for any meals included in conference registration fees.

D. Receipts

Receipts are required in support of the following types of expenditures:

1. Fares – air, bus, train and ferry
2. Accommodation
3. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Registration fees

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- b. Extraordinary taxi expenses
- c. Long distance telephone calls
- d. Parking

4. Per Diem Expenses

Receipts are not required to support those expenditures covered by per diem allowance.

E. Claims Procedure

Claims for travel expenses are to be submitted to the Treasurer of the Committee within thirty days of the period in which the expenses were incurred.

F. Advances

To obtain a travel advance, a written request must be completed and approved by the Treasurer at a regular meeting in advance of the date for which the funds are required.

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Priorities Sub-Committee

Philosophy:

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (FCYJC) will consider support in the form of seed money for community agencies or persons who provide services for youth and/or families having contact with the justice system.

Purpose:

Evaluate applications to the FCYJC for goods and services using set parameters and criteria.
Make recommendations to the FCYJC on applications for goods and services.

Structure:

- * Three or more members of the FCYJC
- * Chair to be appointed by FCYJC Chair
- * Meet as required

Process:

- * Meet at request of Chair on receipt of application(s) to the FCYJC for goods and services seed money. (May communicate via email for simplicity)
- * Review application using criteria as set by the FCYJC
- * Enlist resources from outside the sub-committee as necessary to answer any questions prior to making a recommendation to the FCYJC.
- * Provide summary of review including recommendations, with rationale, to the FCYJC - the recommendations will include a budgeted amount.
- * Project liaison to provide accountability of project progress to the FCYJC

2016 Membership:

Chair: Ron Mattson (VFCYJ Vice-Chair), Cynthia Day (VFCYJ Chair), Marcie McLean, Councillor (Highlands), Bill McElroy (VFCYJ Treasurer), Matt Sahlstrom, Councillor (Langford)

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Form for Priorities Submissions (Grants and extraordinary committee expenses)

Please send your submission to rmattson@shaw.ca AND yfamcourt@gmail.com for distribution

1. Date of Application:
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying:
Contact person for follow-up:
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects:
4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:
5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application:
6. Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. in the Greater Victoria area or within your organization)
7. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative, please include funding from other sources and feel free to attach a spreadsheet if needed:
8. Other funding avenues/partners being explored:
9. Catchment area served – target population:
10. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:
11. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):
12. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)
13. Evaluation framework (How will you know if your project has been a success and how will the Family Court Committee know?)
14. Would you be able to present to the committee upon completion of your project?

This form is intended for your convenience and that of the FCYJC. Please use it for your submission and as a guide.

(Form updated; Jan, 2015(C. Day)

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POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

The Family Court Committee may:

- be a force in educating the public on issues related to Family Court
- sit in on court hearings to monitor the actions of all officials concerned with the welfare of youth and assist judges upon request
- report to the Capital Regional District Board and member municipalities problems which are of concern
- enter and monitor both open and secure custody facilities
- comment upon legislation concerning families and youth and –
- make recommendations to appropriate legislative bodies concerning any matters deemed to be covered by our several mandates

In addition, the Family Court Committee must report annually to the Ministry of the Attorney General and its member municipalities.

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AUTHORITY OF THE FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

The Family Court Committee is constituted under the *Provincial Court Act* with powers and duties as listed under Section 4.1 in addition, it has been designated by the Attorney General of British Columbia (as of June 27, 1984) to be the youth Justice Committee, under section 69 of the *Federal Young Offenders Act*, Bill C-61 (see Sections 4.2 and 4.3).

The Victoria Family Court is authorized by the Ministry of Children and Families to the Community Committee that reviews the circumstances of youth in custody in our local containment centre, and physical environment and programs provided them. To that end, we are assured entry to the youth Containment Centre and access to all necessary information. Centre staff attends the committee as resource people as they are able.

FINANCING AND STRUCTURE OF THE FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Since the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (the Committee) services the Greater Victoria area, it is responsible to the Capital Regional district (CRD) from whence it receives its funding (see Sections 4.5 and 4.6 for CRD Bylaws). The budget is submitted and approved each year in December. However, grants are not received until August of the next year.

One representative is appointed annually by each of the Municipalities of Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Langford, Colwood, Central Saanich and North Saanich, the Districts of Saanich, Metchosin, Highlands and Sooke, the City of Victoria and the Towns of Sidney and View Royal. We also have appointed members from the School Districts of Victoria (61), Sooke (62) and Saanich (63). Up to seven members at large may be appointed by the CRD (selected from nominations received from the Committee and other interested organizations). In total there are up to 23 voting members.

The Committee's mandate involves working with the Ministries of the Attorney General, Public Safety and Solicitor general, Education, Children and Family Development, Social Development, and Health Services. Resource People from these ministries attend general meetings as non-voting personnel, and have also been expected to assist at the sub-committee level. With the increasing workload, only specific projects can expect to receive assistance from Ministry staff, whose assistance is most appreciated.

