



# PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES *of BC*

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## Request for Parent Support Circle

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (include postal code): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To determine the feasibility of starting a Parent Support Circles in your community, PSS needs the information requested in the following survey. Please answer the following questions and submit the information to the appropriate PSS office. When it is not possible to give exact information, please indicate a range or indicate that it is an approximation.

### A. Why do you want a Parent Support Circle in your community?

Are there other child abuse prevention services or family support programs in the community? If yes, please explain why a Parent Support Circle is also needed in the community, and how it will fit in with the already existing programs. \_\_\_\_\_

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### B. Background on your community:

1. City and community name (eg. Surrey-Newton) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Population of city \_\_\_\_\_

3. Demographic Profile:

• Is the local economy large and diverse? \_\_\_\_\_

• Do you consider yourself or your organization a member of a First Nation, ethnic or cultural community? \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Community Resources**

1. What Social Services resources are available in the community now? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Is there a hospital? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is there a health unit? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is there a college, university/college in the city/community? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Is there a family centre or neighbourhood house? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Is there a community centre? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**D. Community Resources Available for Supporting a Parent Support Circle**

1. Are there family serving agencies (eg. Non-profit, Ministry, education or health workers) who would support a Parent Support Circle through representation on the PSS Steering Committee? Please list and attach addresses and phone numbers. The agencies are: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please attach three letters of support from three agencies in your community. Their names are: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Do you know of potential volunteer facilitators willing to commit to volunteering five hours a week for at least one year, and handle the finances of a Parent Support Circle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Is there a meeting space the Circle can use that is free of charge, once a week for two hours? Spaces need to be accessible, comfortable and private. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**E. Promotional Strategies**

1. Where will parents find out about Parent Support Circles? Where are they likely to see a poster, a brochure or an ad? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Are there people and agencies willing to do the work of promoting the Circle in the local community (eg. Contacting media, distributing posters and leaflets)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**F. Funding Sources**

1 Are there people willing to help raise funds to pay for the cost of the local Circle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 Are there any local foundations or service clubs that might assist a local Circle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please list their name, address and contact persons. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**G. Sustainability of Parent Support Circle**

1. What would be the potential problems, challenges and issues that may arise in running the Parent Support Circle in your community? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How do you propose to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Parent Support Circle?  
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