



# Grand Connection

October 2017



Welcome to the Grand Connection! The Parent Support Services Society of BC (PSS) on Vancouver Island has created this publication to bring you the news on what is happening for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG'S) and other kinship care providers across the island!

## **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Support Circles**

Raising children the second time around can feel overwhelming at times. Sometimes it helps to know that you are not alone. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Support Circles are free, confidential groups that provide an opportunity to meet other grandparents raising grandchildren or other relatives who are raising relatives' children to share information, stories and find out about other resources.

### **Victoria**

Wed., Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room
Wed., Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room
Wed., Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room
Wed., Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room
Wed., Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room

**A daytime GRG Circle in the West Shore is now meeting one Thursday morning per month. Please email [victoria@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:victoria@parentsupportbc.ca) or, call 250-384-8042, to register or find out more about the October meeting!**

### **Nanaimo**

Tues., Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street.
Tues., Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street.

### **Duncan**

Thu., Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St., Duncan, B.C.
Thu., Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St., Duncan, B.C.

### **Parksville**

Fri., Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon, lunch meeting <u>please call or email for details (250-468-9658 or <a href="mailto:parent@telus.net">parent@telus.net</a> )</u>
Fri., Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon, lunch meeting <u>please call or email for details (250-468-9658 or <a href="mailto:parent@telus.net">parent@telus.net</a> )</u>

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

Thurs., Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aboriginal Headstart Preschool 956 Grieve Ave., (park in the back alley of AHS preschool)
Thurs., Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aboriginal Headstart Preschool 956 Grieve Ave., (park in the back alley of AHS preschool)

If you need assistance or information over the summer and are in Victoria please call 250-384-8042 or email [victoria@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:victoria@parentsupportbc.ca) and for other Vancouver Island Communities please call the Central Island office at 250-468-9658 or 1-855-474-9777, or email [parent@telus.net](mailto:parent@telus.net)

## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Line (Province wide)

Problem solving, legal and resource information for grandparents and other relatives raising a family member's child

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Toll free in BC 1-855-474-9777 Or email [grgline@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:grgline@parentsupportbc.ca)

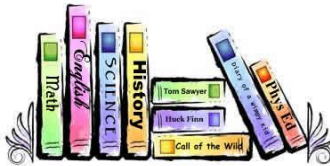
### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren BC on Facebook



The GRG BC Facebook group provides a larger opportunity for connection and the sharing of resources and information. Grandparents raising grandchildren and other kinship care providers in BC can join through the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/145017612556075/>

A Talk about Advocating for Children/Youth During their school year...  
Facilitated by Ann Whiteaker, SD61 Trustee/Parent Advocate



**Tuesday, October 3, 2017 6:30 -7:30 p.m.**

In the Large Community Meeting Room, above Quality Foods, Eagle Creek Village, 27 Helmcken Rd., Victoria

For more info call 250-384-8042 or email [victoria@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:victoria@parentsupportbc.ca)

### **Gary Anaka Educational Workshop**- Sponsored by the Adoptive Families Association of BC

**How to Grow a Child's Brain:** from 9 to 12 & **Understanding the Teenage Brain:** from 1 to 3

Thursday, October 26th, 2017 9:00 AM through 3:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per person and if you are staying for both session you are welcome to bring a bagged lunch. This workshop takes place at Quality Resort Bayside Inn 240 Dogwood Street, Parksville, BC

You can register online by following the link below

<https://www.bcadoption.com/civcm/event/info%3Fid%3D1202%26reset%3D1>

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