



Grand Connection



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 about our programs for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG'S) and other kinship care providers on 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 resources.

Victoria: Evening group!

Meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. in the Fernhill Room on the following dates; Wed., June 6th

Day time group!

Meets from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eagle Creek Village (contact victoria@parentsupportbc.ca for details) on Fri., June 8th.

Nanaimo:

Evening group please note the new location!

Wed., Jun 6th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Bowen Park Complex, 500 Bowen Rd., Nanaimo, Room #4

Daytime group

Tues., Jun 12th

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street. Jack Little A room

Duncan

Evening group

Thu., Jun 14th

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St.

Parksville

Daytime group please call or email for details – 250-468-9658 or parent@telus.net

Fri., Jun 15th

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Parksville – please call or email for details

Courtenay – Comox Valley Aboriginal GRG Support Circle: Evening group

Thu., Jun 28th

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circle groups will resume a regular meeting schedule again in September.

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



GRG Family Nature Camp 2018

(registration deadline is June 10th)

Grandparents raising grandchildren & other kinship care families

This summer we are planning an overnight Nature Camp on Galiano Island, **July 31st, August 1st & 2nd, 2018** for a limited number of GRG families. Parent Support Services carries out fundraising in order to cover most of the costs including: Ferry, accommodations, food and activities for three days and two nights. Our partner, the Galiano Conservancy Association, has planned a wonderful program that engages the natural enthusiasm, curiosity and joy of everyone involved!

Is this trip right for your family? Here are some important details to help you decide:

- ☀ It is best suited for young children 5 years old and over and who are able to do well in a group setting
- ☀ Grandparents are expected to participate with the children and are responsible for their grandchildren throughout
- ☀ You will need to make your own way to the ferry terminal and pay for overnight parking if required and bring a bagged lunch for the first day!
- ☀ On the day of departure if travelling from Vancouver Island you must be at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal no later than 10:00 am.
- ☀ The return ferry to Swartz Bay leaves Galiano Island at 6:25 pm.
- ☀ There is considerable time spent walking (sometimes on uneven terrain) during the Conservancy programming (all 3 days)
- ☀ Cabins will be shared to allow as many families as possible to participate (families will not be separated)
- ☀ Regardless of the weather conditions, swimming is **not** permitted during the trip due to the liability risk
- ☀ Fires are also not permitted. The Bodega Ridge Lodge & the Learning Centre are both non- smoking facilities

<http://www.parentsupportbc.ca/register-now-for-the-2018-kinship-care-grg-family-nature-camp/>

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/>

If you are receiving this newsletter & wish to be removed from our email list, please let us know at 1- 877-345-9777, or by email at parent@telus.net

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