



# 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.

## **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circle groups ( Vancouver Island)**

### **Victoria – Westshore - day time group!**

Fri., Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eagle Creek Village  
Fri., Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eagle Creek Village

### **Victoria, (Esquimalt – evening group) **Now on Monday evenings!****

Mon., Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, Viewfield Room.  
Mon., Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, Viewfield Room.  
Mon., Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, Viewfield Room.  
Mon., Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, Viewfield Room.

### **Duncan – Evening group**

Thu., Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St.  
Thu., Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St.

### **Nanaimo - Evening group **please note the new location!** Child care space is available with registration**

Wed., Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Child Development Centre, Nanaimo, Room  
Wed., Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Child Development Centre, Nanaimo, Room

### **Nanaimo - Daytime group**

Tues., Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 – Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street. Jack Little A room  
Tues., Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street. Jack Little A room

### **Parksville/Qualicum Beach Daytime group**

Fri., Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meeting location to be announced  
Fri., Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meeting location to be announced

### **Courtenay Evening group**

Thu., Oct 25<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)  
Thu., Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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/>

### Other useful links:

#### Family Law in BC

<http://www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca/>

#### Vancouver Island Crisis Line 1-888-494-3888

<http://www.vicrisis.ca/>

#### Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre – BC's Information Source for Children, Youth and Families <http://keltymentalhealth.ca/>

**Bc211** Vancouver Island residents can dial 2-1-1 and speak to bc211 staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week to connect to community resources. Text service is also available throughout the Island, allowing residents to text the name of their city to 2-1-1 and connect with an information and referral specialist by text messaging. This service is available from 8 am to 11 pm, seven days a week.

Trained and certified bc211 information and referral specialists link people seeking assistance with a wide array of services such as addictions treatment, children's and youth programs, employment programs, food banks, legal aid, mental health supports, newcomer services, shelter and housing, and senior services. bc211 also helps service providers find resources for their clients and provides information for caregivers seeking help for their loved ones. <http://www.bc211.ca/>

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