



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

Victoria – Westshore - day time group!

Meets from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eagle Creek Village (contact victoria@parentsupportbc.ca for details) on **Fri., August 10th** , **Friday, Sept. 7th** and again **Friday, Oct. 12th**

GRG Support Circle groups in the following communities;

- Victoria, (Esquimalt – evening group)
- Duncan
- Nanaimo
- Parksville
- Courtenay

will resume a regular meeting schedule again in September.

Grandparents' Day Event Sept. 9



for more info visit: grgstroll.ca

Victoria: For the Grandparents' Day event in Victoria there will be details unfolding as the date comes closer... Sunday, September 9th come by for a slice of cake in celebration of Grandparents' Day! 12 noon until 2 pm at Willows Beach in Oak Bay by the Kiwanis Oak Bay Tea Room. Activities for the kids, too!

Nanaimo: Sunday, September 9th please come by for a hotdog and a visit between 11 am to 2 pm at the Lower Picnic Shelter. Bowen Park, 500 Bowen Rd Nanaimo, BC.

Please feel welcome to share my fundraising page!

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/parent-support-services-society-of-bc/p2p/grandparents-day-2018/team/sandi-halvorson--central-northern-vancouver-island-team/captain/sandi-halvorson--central-northern-vancouver-island-team/>

FASD Awareness Day

September 9th

<http://fasday.com/>

Open all summer long!

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

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/>

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 or visit <http://www.bc211.ca/>

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