



Grand Connection



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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., Nov 9th 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eagle Creek Village, Quality Foods Store, community meeting rm, upstairs
- Fri., Dec 14th 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eagle Creek Village, Quality Foods Store, community meeting rm, upstairs

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

- Mon., Nov 5th 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, Viewfield Room.
- Mon., Nov 19th 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, Viewfield Room.
- Mon., Dec 3rd 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, Viewfield Room.
- Mon., Dec 17th 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, Viewfield Room.

Duncan – Evening group

- Thu., Nov 8th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St.
- Thu., Dec 13th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St.

Nanaimo - Evening group **Child care space is available with registration call or email for further details!**

- Wed., Nov 14th 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Child Development Centre, Nanaimo
- Wed., Dec 12th 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Child Development Centre, Nanaimo,

Nanaimo - Daytime group

- Tues., Nov 20th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street. Jack Little A room
- Tues., Jan 15th 2019 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 – Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street. Jack Little A room

Parksville/Qualicum Beach Daytime group **New meeting space!**

- Fri., Nov 23rd 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Family Place, 494 Bay Ave., Parksville Rm 121
- Fri., Jan 15th 2019 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Family Place, 494 Bay Ave., Parksville Rm 121

Courtenay Evening group

- Thu., Nov 22nd 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aboriginal Headstart Preschool 956 Grieve Ave., (park in the back alley of AHS preschool)
- Thu., Jan 24th 2019 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aboriginal Headstart Preschool 956 Grieve Ave., (park in the back alley of AHS preschool)

Save the Date!!!

What: Workshop Event: *Electronic Media and Young Children; Postive and Negative Effects On Development.*

When: **Wednesday, November 28th 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Where: Yakimovich Wellness Centre, Hillside Seniors Health Centre, 1454 Hillside Ave., **Victoria**

Who: Guest Speaker: **Ulrich Mueller, PhD** from the University of Victoria Speakers Bureau

Please RVSP by Friday, Nov 23rd for this free event as seating is limited.
Email victoria@parentsupportbc.ca or call 250-384-8042

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/>

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