



# 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)**

### **Meeting schedule for February & March 2019**

#### **Victoria – View Royal - day time group!**

- Fri., Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eagle Creek Village, Quality Foods Store, 27 Helmcken Rd., Victoria community meeting rm, upstairs
- Fri., Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eagle Creek Village, Quality Foods Store, 27 Helmcken Rd., Victoria community meeting rm, upstairs

#### **Victoria, (Esquimalt – evening group)**

- Mon., Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St., Victoria - Viewfield Room.
- Mon., Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Family Day! 😊
- Mon., Mar 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St., Victoria - Viewfield Room.
- Mon., Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm, at Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St., Victoria - Viewfield Room.

#### **Duncan – Evening group**

- Thu., Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St.
- Thu., Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m – Sands Reception Centre, 187 Trunk Rd. [\(please note the location change!\)](#)

#### **Nanaimo - Evening group** [Child care space is available with registration call or email for further details!](#)

- Wed., Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Child Development Centre, 1135 Nelson St., Nanaimo
- Wed., Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Child Development Centre, 1135 Nelson St., Nanaimo

#### **Nanaimo - Daytime group**

- Tues., Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 – Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third St. Nanaimo - Jack Little A room  
*Join us for a discussion on "The purpose of the Teenage Brain."*
- Tues., Mar 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 – Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third St. Nanaimo - Jack Little A room

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

- Fri., Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Family Place, 494 Bay Ave., Parksville - Rm 121
- Fri., Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Family Place, 494 Bay Ave., Parksville - Rm 121

#### **Courtenay Evening group (Comox Valley Aboriginal GRG Grandparent Support Circle)**

- Thu., Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aboriginal Headstart Preschool 956 Grieve Ave., Courtenay - (park in the back alley of AHS preschool)
- Thu., Mar 28<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aboriginal Headstart Preschool 956 Grieve Ave., Courtenay - (park in the back alley of AHS preschool)

## 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/>

### February Workshops that may be of Interest

Thursday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Oaklands Elementary School, **Victoria**

**Childhood Anxiety** presented by Julie Anne Richards, M.A., R.C.C., Registered Clinical Counselor and Psychoeducational Consultant

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/childhood-anxiety-presentation-tickets-53577683293?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=eventcard>

Wednesday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Island Savings Centre in **Duncan**

**Creating a Culture of Child Protection**, presented by Sexual Health Educator Kerri Isham

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/creating-a-culture-of-child-protection-tickets-53867493122?aff=efbeventtix&fbclid=IwAR3dlzFzF-fi1kGwjJr8VlpHf9vRY01zUyt59Ib2fXXmDfZ8bT5IT4XGca8>

Tuesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Brechin Elem in **Nanaimo**

**Childhood Anxiety** presented by Julie Anne Richards, M.A., R.C.C., Registered Clinical Counselor and Psychoeducational Consultant

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/childhood-anxiety-presentation-tickets-53577683293?fbclid=IwAR1dxldzQscGIUZ3YZ3RwT4jG01COQwxlQQsMBijWuOPRf36PLkPbgK6Tvk>

Thursday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 2306 Edgelow St., **Victoria**

**6 must have conversations with your teen**, presented by Sexual Health Educator Kerri Isham  
Sponsored by the PAC

### **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)

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](mailto:parent@telus.net)

For information and other resources please visit [www.parentsupportbc.ca](http://www.parentsupportbc.ca)



Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ParentSupportBC>



Parent Support  
Services Society of BC

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia and...



United Way  
Greater Victoria

