



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 March & April 2019

Victoria – View Royal - day time group! Eagle Creek Village, Quality Foods Store, 27 Helmcken Rd., Victoria
community meeting rm, upstairs

Fri., Mar 8th 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fri., Apr 12th 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Victoria, (Esquimalt – evening group) at Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St., Victoria - Viewfield Room.

Mon., Mar 4th 6:30-8:30 pm

Mon., Mar 18th 6:30-8:30 pm

Mon., Apr 1st 6:30-8:30 pm

Mon., Apr 15th 6:30-8:30 pm

Mon., Apr 20th 6:30-8:30 pm

Duncan – Evening group Sands Reception Centre, 187 Trunk Rd. [\(please note the location change!\)](#)

Thu., Mar 14th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

Thu., Apr 11th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

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

Wed., Mar 13th 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Child Development Centre, 1135 Nelson St., Nanaimo

Wed., Apr 10th 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Child Development Centre, 1135 Nelson St., Nanaimo

Nanaimo - Daytime group Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third St. Nanaimo - Jack Little A room

Tues., Mar 5th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 – *Join us for a discussion on “Contact and Connection with your teen”*

Tues., Apr 16th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 – TBA

Parksville/Qualicum Beach Daytime group Family Place, 494 Bay Ave., Parksville - Rm 121

Fri., Mar 15th 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Fri., Apr 12th 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

2019 BC Budget Information

<https://www.parentsupportbc.ca/2019-bc-budget-what-does-it-mean-for-kinship-care-families/>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren BC on Facebook



The GRG BC Facebook group provides a larger opportunity for connection, 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/>

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March Workshops that may be of interest;

Laurel Behaviour Support Services – offering a few free workshops (**Effective Behavioural Strategies**) in **Victoria** on the following dates

- **Mar 12th** **6 pm to 8 pm** **Saanich Neighbourhood House,**
- **Mar 13th** **12:30 pm to 2:30pm** **Sooke Family Resource centre**
- **Mar 14th** **6 pm to 8 pm** **Westshore Child & Youth Family Centre**

****REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED DUE TO LIMITED SPACES****

Call toll free to 1-855-437-7095 for questions and to register or email: laurel@posAbilities.ca

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

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

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