



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 May & June 2019

Victoria – View Royal - day time group! Eagle Creek Village, Quality Foods Store, 27 Helmcken Rd., Victoria
community meeting rm, upstairs
Fri., Jun 14th 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Victoria, (Esquimalt – evening group) at Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St., Victoria - Viewfield Room.
Mon., Jun 10th 6:30-8:30 pm
Mon., Jun 24th **GRG Family Picnic**, Beckwith Park in Victoria. Bring the kids and something to share! Parent Support Services will also be providing some drinks and food items. More details to follow!

Duncan – Evening group Sands Reception Centre, 187 Trunk Rd.
Thu., Jun 13th 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., Jun 12th 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., Jun 18th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

Parksville/Qualicum Beach Daytime group Family Place, 494 Bay Ave., Parksville - Rm 121
Fri., Jun 7th 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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The **Parent Support Services Society of BC** works hard to make sure kinship care voices are heard. *Your input is important – together we can make change happen*

We are inviting anyone who is raising a child or children of a relative because their parents are unable, (the child lives in your home but the parents do not.) to participate in a voluntary survey being conducted by Parent Support Services Society of BC and the University of Northern BC. The goal of this survey is to better understand your needs so that Parent Support Services Society can better advocate with and for you. To participate in the survey call **1-877-345-9777 Ext 111** Email: research@parentsupportbc.ca Or download the survey at www.parentsupportbc.ca/research

Or you can attend a local **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circle** meeting in June to find out more and to pick up a paper copy of the survey.

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/>

Workshops of interest in Central Vancouver Island;

June 14th - **Myles Himmerleich** is an inspiring Canadian motivational speaker who will share his unique challenges living with FASD. There are 2 events in **Parksville** at the Bayside Inn; a session from 12 to 3 for caregivers and an evening session for youth, **registration is required** for both events

Who: For ADULTS

When: Friday, June 14th 2019

12:00pm-3:00pm

Where: Quality Resort Bayside, Parksville

What: Myles is a Canadian motivational speaker who inspires audiences with his personal experience of living with FASD

Register Here: www.bcadoption/adultevent

Cost: Free!

Who: For YOUTH Ages 8-17

When: Friday, June 14th 2019 4:30pm-6:30pm

Where: Quality Bayside Resort, Parksville BC

What: Pizza! Myles uses pizza to show brain differences and provide insight about his successes and struggles of living life with FASD.

Register Here: www.bcadoption/youthevent

Cost: Free!

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

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