



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 July & August 2019

Victoria – View Royal - day time group! Now that the children being out of school we thought we would change things up and invite you to bring them with you to **View Royal Park** (60 Pheasant Lane, Victoria, BC V9B 5J7).

The meeting will be less formal; it will give grandparents a chance to connect while the children play at the park.

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

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

The **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circles** in **Esquimalt, Duncan Nanaimo** and **Parksville** are pausing for the summer and will resume again in **September** once the children have returned to school

GRG Family Picnic in Nanaimo. *Open to all grandparents on Vancouver Island!*

Wed., July 10th 5 pm to 7 pm **GRG Family Picnic**, Bring the kids and something to share! Parent Support Services will supply hotdogs and drinks. Location: Bowen Park, 500 Bowen Rd, Nanaimo, (upper picnic shelter). More details to follow via email!

Over the summer our toll free information and support line is open as is our Facebook group for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in BC. If you need help connecting to one of these services or wish to find out how to join a group in the fall, please feel welcome to connect with your local program coordinators on the island, **Brandi 250-384-8042** in the **Capital Regional District** and **Sandi 250-468-9658** for **Central & Northern Vancouver Island**.

Let your voices be heard!

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

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 in the Capital Regional District;

Cannabis Conversations for Parents of Youth and Young Adults

Join us for a dialogue on:

- The impact of cannabis on adolescent brain development
- When and how experimentation leads to problematic use
- Harm Reduction methods
- Effective parenting strategies

Kristen Korol, MD, Youth Addiction Lead, Island Health
Youth Substance Use Lead, Foundry Victoria

Date & Time: Wednesday July 3rd, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: The Foundry Victoria - 818 Douglas St. Beside the Noodle Box

(Space is limited)RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2MPottJ>

Save the date! Join the **Parent Support Services Society of BC** on, **September 8, 2019** as we celebrate **Grandparents Day** in Nanaimo & Victoria. Times and locations to be announced.

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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