

Keeping you up to date on events and resources essential for healthier schools and communities

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About Us

We wish to thank all those who attended our 2008 Open House on September 26th. We enjoyed having the opportunity to share our resources, talk about current and emerging research opportunities, and build stronger networks with more than 50 individuals representing a variety of organizations in the province in effort to support the well-being of BC's children and youth.

This month's newsletter has a special focus on restorative justice and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. We hope it is beneficial in supporting your work. To learn more about who we are and what is available through our centre...

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Monthly Themes

Restorative Justice Week, November 16-23

Initiated by Correctional Services of Canada, Restorative Justice Week has been celebrated each November since 1996. Activities and community events are held throughout the province to acknowledge the progress and accomplishments made by restorative justice. Read about restorative justice principles and practices from the [Canadian Public Safety Website](#). This year's Restorative Justice Week theme as well as a listing of some of the latest progress in the field can be found at the [Correctional Services of Canada website](#).

The '[Upcoming Events](#)' Section of this newsletter lists activities happening in the Lower Mainland for Restorative Justice Week.

National Child Day, November 20th

National Child Day celebrates the day that the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This declaration outlines the rights of all children without distinction or discrimination. Click on the links below to learn more about National Child Day and discover some fun ideas about how you can celebrate it with your friends, family, and community.

[UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#) (is the link active?)

[Information, activities, and facts from the Public Health Agency of Canada.](#)
[Ideas for celebrating National Child Day](#)

A number of organizations contributed toward the publishing of a child friendly poster that states all 54 articles making up the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This is a great summary to have for your own reference and a fun way to introduce the convention to your classroom or children at home.

http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/pdfs/NCD-poster_e.pdf

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New Directions in youth justice: law 12 activity guide (book)

Seven lessons introduce the new Youth Criminal Justice Act; discuss restorative justice, and sentencing provisions and procedures. It provides case studies and a simulation on a community justice conference and healing circle, as well as suggested topics for debates.

Hollow water (DVD)

Hollow water is a journey of a family that is torn apart by years of abuse while they struggle to confront their past. This is a powerful tribute to one community's ability to heal and change.

A healing river: an invitation to explore restorative justice values and principals (DVD)

This program is a collection of passionate voices and heartfelt stories that takes you on a journey through the paradigm shift that is called restorative justice. The film takes a thought provoking look at the issues of trauma, recovery and the psychology of restorative process. It challenges us all to take an active role in creating safe and healthy communities. Included are interviews with some of North America's leading thinkers and most experienced practitioners in the restorative justice movement including Dr. Liz Elliott, director of The Centre for Restorative Justice at Simon Fraser University. Recommended for post-secondary, Law 12, and Social Justice classes.

Returning to the teachings: exploring Aboriginal justice (book)

Examines the affects of the Anglo-European culture on the native North American culture. The book provides a description of many of the cultural differences, and points out the challenges of communication between the two cultural groups.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Green Thumb Theatre

September 15 to November 30, 2008, Various BC Locations

Green Thumb presents a number of plays that entertain, teach, and bring awareness to elementary and secondary school aged children across BC. A current act touring BC is called 'New Kid Canadian' and explores the experience of being an outsider trying to fit in. Check out more on Green Thumb Theatre at <http://greenthumb.bc.ca/plays.asp>

Community Justice Initiatives (CJI) Fundraising Dinner & Auction

November 14, 2008, Langley Golf Course Centre, BC

Personal testimonies of the hope and healing brought by restorative justice practices will be shared at this event. To purchase tickets for this fundraiser call (604) 534-5515 or for

more information about CJI go to www.cjibc.org

HIP HOP: Beyond Beats & Rhymes
November 21, 2008, Vancity Theatre, Vancouver BC

Battered Women's Support Services, Chuck D, and Byron Hurt present a documentary on the role of men, women and commerce in mainstream hip hop as a creative initiative for preventing violence against women. Event details and ticket information can be found at <http://www.bwss.org/> (tickets are on sale now).

Abbotsford Restorative Justice Presents 'The Taber, Alberta Tragedy: A Father's Story'
November 26, 2008, Abby Arts Centre, 2329 Crescent Way, Abbotsford BC
Admission is FREE

Dale Lang, Father of Taber shooting victim, Jason Lang, tells his story and shocking response to his son's killer. Also, learn more about Restorative Justice in Abbotsford. For more information on this sponsored event call 604-864-4844 or 604-864-4857, or email office@arrjaa.org.

Children, The Heart of the Matter, Child Care Conference
February 13-14, 2008, Bell Performing Arts Centre, Surrey BC

This conference brings together a variety of people who share in caring for, protecting, and educating children. There are two keynote speakers and many workshops to choose from. For more information call 604-527-8032 or go to http://www.childcareoptions.ca/pdfs/Final_brochure_CHOM_2009.pdf to view conference details and registration.

Hot Topics and Releases

The 2008-2009 Civil Forfeiture Crime Remediation and Crime Prevention Grant Funding Program is provided by the Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Funding for up to \$20,000 may be available for one-time community projects. The application deadline is January 16, 2009. Go to http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/community_programs/funding/ for more information or email SGVSCPD@gov.bc.ca to obtain a hardcopy of the application form.

The Government Non-Profit Initiative (GNPI) has put together a discussion paper on how the provincial government and non-profit sector groups can work more effectively and strategically together. Read it here <http://www.nonprofitinitiative.gov.bc.ca/> by clicking on 'discussion paper'. The GNPI is also seeking your input and feedback on their findings. If you have 15 minutes to spare, please consider participating in the [GNPI Survey as soon as possible!](#)

We Would Love to Hear From You

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