

Coming ACTIVITIES in 2008

National Family Week, Oct 5-11, 2008

National Family Week© has been celebrated since 1985 when it was proclaimed an official week by the Government of Canada. It is always the week before Thanksgiving, which is a time of family togetherness.

Appreciation Day for Family Service Work

Plans are being developed for an event to mark this special day.

National Child Day, Nov.20, 2008

This day marks the adoption by the United Nations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

AFSA Newsletters:

Prepared for **February, April, August and December**, attempts to offer details on all AFSA special community events. We invite all our members to get involved to shape the future and priorities of AFSA. Submit an article to the newsletter, suggest a topic for an educational event or join a committee. Make your membership count and get involved!

Regional Parenting Educators:

AFSA plans to continue to offer support to existing networking groups and work to enhance program development.

Additional Ideas:

AFSA Coordinators welcome ideas from members. There are great possibilities for partnerships to host workshops, presentations, guest speakers.



BRINGING FAMILY SERVICES TOGETHER

Committed to ensuring a healthy community
for families in the Capital Region since 1985.

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Our 22nd Year

AFSA was organized in 1985 to provide members, representing a variety of Victoria family serving agencies, an opportunity for networking, communication, advocacy and support. AFSA keeps current with provincial, national and world wide family service events in order to sponsor local activities to mark special occasions.

AFSA 2007 COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Theresa Aspol	Greater Victoria Citizen Advocacy
Brenda Wilson	Citizens' Counselling Centre
June Preston	Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children
David Burns	Child and Family Counselling Association(CAFCA)
Liz Bloomfield	Single Parent Resource Centre
Anita Edwards	Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre
Kathi Whiting	Boys and Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria
Jennifer Owen	Big Brothers/Big Sisters

SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF AFSA IN 2007

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Ministry for Children and Families;
VIHA;
Queen Alexandra Foundation;
BC Council for Families;
Island Parent Magazine;
BCASW,
School of Social Work, U/Vic
and our members.

Membership dollars and involvement are essential to our ongoing success.

2007 ANNUAL MEETING

April 3, 2007

Guest Speaker: Ms. Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, BC Representative for Children and Youth

2007 Events

May 25

AFSA, in association with the B.C. Council for Families, was pleased to host Ms. Bev Digout, Coordinator, Parenting Education Saskatchewan.

November 26

AFSA hosted Mr. Tim Brodhead, President & CEO, J.W. McConnell Family Foundation for a luncheon discussion on ***Health of the Non-Profit Sector – is this sector at risk?*** Mr. Brodhead's talk was followed by a moderated panel discussion.

Panel Guest Speakers:

Sandra Richardson, Victoria Foundation
Jennifer Charlesworth, Federation of Families
Mark Medgyesi, Ministry of Public Safety, Strategic initiatives
Maureen Young (moderator), Coast Capital Savings

Quarterly **AFSA news** is distributed electronically to approximately 250 organizations and individuals.

AFSA BELIEF STATEMENT

We believe that by supporting each other and working together through cooperation, exploration, creativity and innovation in a diverse society, we enable our members to support and strengthen families. AFSA members believe that families can be environments where individuals can nurture and be nurtured by others, feel a sense of belonging and self-worth and accept and celebrate the self-worth of others. Within families we can teach and learn together.



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