

Coming ACTIVITIES in 2007

National Family Week, Sept. 30-Oct.6, 2007

National Family Week© has been celebrated since 1985 when it was proclaimed an official week by the Government of Canada.

Appreciation Day for Family Service Workers

Discussions are planned to present this event.

National Child Day, Nov.20, 2007

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

AFSA Newsletters

February, April, August and December offers details on all AFSA special community events. We invite all 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 2006 *Our 21st Year*

The Association of Family Serving Agencies, 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 BELIEF STATEMENT

We believe that by supporting each other and working together through cooperation, exploration, creativity and innovation 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.

AFSA 2006 COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Theresa Aspol	Citizen Advocacy (AFSA Coordinator)
Brenda Wilson	Citizens' Counselling Centre
June Preston	Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children
Tina Pearson	Parent Support Services
David Burns	Child and Family Counselling Assoc.(CAFCA)
Liz Bloomfield	Single Parent Resource Centre
Leisha Lee	Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre
Kathi Whiting	Boys and Girls Club Services of Gr. Victoria

SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR AFSA ACTIVITIES IN 2006

AFSA receives no ongoing funding. The organization and presentation of AFSA events is supported through a variety of sources. AFSA is grateful for the support of the following:

Ministry for Children and Family Development; VIHA; Queen Alexandra Foundation; BC Council for Families; Community Council; Island Parent Magazine; BCASW, School of Social Work, UVic and our members.

Membership dollars and involvement are essential to our success.



2006 EVENTS

January 26– AFSA's 2005 Annual Meeting recognized the **United Nations' INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MICROCREDIT**

Guest Speaker: Howard Waldner, Chief Executive Officer Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

Topic: "Current Vision for VIHA"

May 5 - AFSA in association with **the B.C. Council for Families** was pleased to be host to Hilari Hauptman, Kinship and Family Caregiver Program Manager in Olympia, Washington State for the past twelve years. Hilari's topic was Creative Community Responses to the Challenges of Kinship Care

October 2 - During **National Family Week** AFSA hosted **A Recognition Event in Appreciation of Family Service Work**

Panel Guest Speakers: Hon. Ted Hughes, O.C., Q.C., LL.D. (Hon.), Former B.C. Deputy Minister, Attorney General; Dr. Michael J. Prince, U/Vic, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development; Dr. Carol Matusicky, Executive Director, BC Council for Families; Dr. Allan Irving, Director, U/Vic School of Social Work; Mr. Les Leyne, Columnist, Victoria Times-Colonist, Event Moderator: Jody Paterson, Executive Director of PEERS

Guest speaker: Ms. Lesley du Toit, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Family Development

RECOGNITION IN 2006

AFSA was proud to be presented with a **2006 Distinguished Services to Families Award** by BC Council for Families