



# CASTLEGAR CRN NEWSLETTER

A Community Information Source

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The Castlegar Community Response Network (CRN) is pleased to announce that through funding grants from the Castlegar United Way and BC Community Response Network Foundation the work of developing an appropriate coordinated response to vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, and self-neglect will continue.

## SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITIES TO DATE . . .

- Determined a community stakeholder resource list (agencies either directly affected by the legislation or potential for understanding the new legislation). Participating members to date represent Hospice, BC Federation of Invisible Disabilities, Community Services, Home and Community Care, Mental Health, and community members.
- Conducted a community survey that captured a community "starting point" .
- Hosted a CRN informational table at the 2004 United Way Kick-Off.
- Developed and distributed several informational handouts and presentations on abuse, financial abuse, What is a CRN?, and Personal Safety.
- Held eight (8) Community CRN Meetings.
  - Established a Castlegar CRN Terms of Reference (listed on reverse page).

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Castlegar CRN Meetings are held monthly from September to November and January to June annually. Membership is open to any person, community or professional group, or government agency that currently respond to, or are affected by, abuse, neglect, and self-neglect of vulnerable adults.

### Scheduled Meetings:

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|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| ◆ Financial Abuse      | October 26, 2004  | 8:00 - 9:30 am  | Monte Carlo |
| ◆ Working Collectively | November 30, 2004 | 12:00 - 1:30 pm | Monte Carlo |



## UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR . . .

- I. Health & Wellness Event      September 25, 2004      Recreation Com-

## **CASTLEGAR COMMUNITY RESPONSE NETWORK (CRN)TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Castlegar Community Response Network (CRN) will be guided by the Adult Guardianship Legislation (Part III) in carrying out its work.

The CRN will target its efforts towards any adult over the age of nineteen (19) who is vulnerable to physical, emotional, mental, financial, or verbal abuse due to their circumstances in life (i.e. isolation, developmental, physical, mental, cognitive disability, or otherwise marginalized in their community).

The CRN will work in collaboration with vulnerable adults, the general public, caregivers, groups, agencies, organizations, and designated agencies to:

1. Educate vulnerable adults, general public, caregivers, agencies, and professionals on all aspects of abuse, neglect, and self-neglect through:
  - Individual outreach
  - Group presentations
  - Training workshops
  - Accessing resources
  - Prevention Campaigns
2. Builds on Networks through:
  - Determining existing Protocols of Designated Agencies
  - Developing Protocols between agencies.
  - Liaising with Castlegar Area groups working to end abuse of vulnerable adults.
  - Interacting with any Provincial Organizations working to end abuse of vulnerable adults.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of interventions in regards to efforts through:
  - Referrals statistics.
  - Protocols developed.
  - Verbal responses.
  - Group/Workshop written evaluations.

### **For More Information:**

Call Eileen MacLeod, CRN Coordinator, at 365-2104 or

Visit our Website at <http://www.bccrns.ca/crns/members/castlegar/index.php>



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