






The Delta CRN Is

Adults vulnerable to abuse, neglect or self neglect; community agencies; the South Fraser Health Region; government ministries; financial institutions; senior's groups and senior counselors; law enforcement; church groups; local MLAs; and families and concerned citizens who come together to coordinate support and assistance for vulnerable adults who are experiencing abuse, neglect or self-neglect.

Abuse of Adults Can Include:

-  financial
-  emotional/psychological
-  physical/sexual
-  medication
-  isolation/restraint
-  neglect or self-neglect.

Abuse, neglect or self-neglect may be deliberate or it may be

UNINTENDED

Delta Community Response Network Resources

In an Emergency

Call 911 or

South Fraser Regional Crisis Line

604-951-8855

For Information About the Delta CRN,

Call Deltassist Family & Community

Services 604-594-3455

For Information About Resources, Call

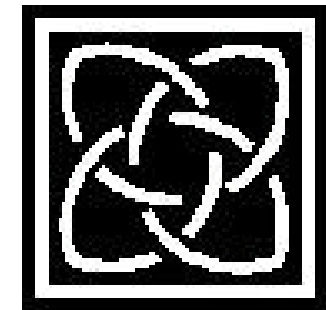
Deltassist Family & Community Services

Information Centre 604-946-9526

The Mission of the Delta Community Response Network is to assist the community in recognition, prevention and elimination of abuse, neglect and self-neglect of vulnerable adults in Delta.

Delta Community Response Network

Supporting and Assisting Adults Experiencing or At Risk of Abuse, Neglect or Self-Neglect.



"Together We Are Stronger"

Our Vision is that all adults in Delta will live in a safe and caring community where there is an inherent respect for each other.

Abuse, neglect and self-neglect have traditionally been connected with our elderly people: research has shown that 8% of BC seniors experience some form of abuse. Abuse is greater for people who have developmental, physical or mentally disabling conditions as well as other adults unable to seek support and assistance, including people who cannot make themselves understood in English. The risk of abuse or neglect is still higher for women.

The Delta Community Response Network (Delta CRN) feels that often people in our community are in a position to see that a person needs help. It might be a neighbour hearing cries or yelling, a hairdresser seeing odd bruises or a bank teller noticing unusual transactions. Perhaps a person has become withdrawn or appears fearful. Maybe someone has noticeably lost weight, or appears dirty and unkempt. Perhaps someone suddenly seems confused, disoriented or unable/unwilling to participate in previously enjoyed activities. These are not definitive signs of abuse or neglect – but may signal that a person needs help.

There are service providers who can help once they are made aware that abuse, neglect or self-neglect may be occurring. They provide support and assistance to adults that can help their situation. Some can take legal action if abuse is occurring. We want to help people respond promptly and with sensitivity. Our long term objective is to build supportive networks around people so that abuse, neglect or self-neglect no longer occurs.

Guiding Principles of the Delta CRN

- ⚙ Zero tolerance for situations of abuse, neglect or self-neglect, while recognizing that all adults are entitled to live in a manner they wish, and to accept or refuse support, assistance or protection as long as they do not harm others and are capable of making decisions about these matters.
- ⚙ Adults are presumed capable.
- ⚙ All adults should receive the most effective but least intrusive form of support, assistance or protection when they are unable to care for themselves or their assets.
- ⚙ Recognition of the cultural diversity that exists in Delta.
- ⚙ Prevention requires a comprehensive and inclusive response from the community.
- ⚙ A safe, secure environment is a right not a privilege.
- ⚙ Individuals must be held accountable for their behaviours.

The Delta Community Response Network fosters change and works toward prevention of abuse, neglect and self-neglect of vulnerable adults through community education and advocacy. Prevention requires a comprehensive and inclusive response from the community.

Delta CRN Members include...

- Deltassist Family and Community Services;
- Delta Home Support Services Society;
- Delta Community Living Association;
- First Heritage Delta Credit Union, ScotiaBank, Bank of Montreal, VanCity;
- Canadian Mental Health Association – Delta;
- Delta Continuing Education;
- Delta Police and Victim Services;
- South Fraser Health Region -
 - Continuing Care
 - Community Licensing
 - Delta Hospital
 - Delta Mental Health
- Gateway Society;
- Northcrest Care Centre, Crestlene Lodge;
- Delta Parks and Recreation -
 - Kennedy House & McKee House
- Mood Disorders Association;
- Kinsman Retirement Centre;
- Surrey/Delta Immigrant Services;
- Delta Advocates for Community Mental Health;
- Senior Citizen Counselors;
- Scottsdale House;
- Ministry for Children and Family Development;
- And many others.

Some 50 people and organizations are part of this growing network. We welcome new members that will broaden the diversity of the network and illustrate the divergent populations that reside within Delta
