

## **A CRN**

I'm here to tell you something about the CRN  
Those of you who know us well are saying "Not Again!!!"  
But some of you are new to this and need some information  
The principles, the vision and then there's legislation.

But let's start with the basics. What is CRN about?  
A Community Response Network can surely help you out.  
You bring a microcosm of your community together  
And help get people talking to make situations better.

We're a registered non-profit with a board and staff we've fashioned.  
We have almost no money, but we've got heart, drive and passion.  
Our home base is Vancouver, but the CRNs themselves  
Are all around BC - from Kaslo to Sechelt.

We invite you to the table to enhance relationships  
With those who care about abuse, neglect and guardianship.  
We give you tools that you may use in working everyday  
But mostly we are focused on the HOW, as you might say.

We've learned a lot of lessons since beginning long ago.  
A Pilot Project started things in '95, you know.  
We look at how communities work together to end abuse.  
Education and events help people learn the truth.

We treat each other with respect; we have a laugh or three.  
We look at power and inclusion and capability.  
You're invited to the table; your knowledge is required.  
Unless we hear from everyone the picture's not entire.

We help to get some protocols for best practices in place.  
We do workshops like this one and give Prevention a face.  
The AGA, and RAA are Acts that are connected  
But CRN's aren't limited to those who are affected.

We come together believing that abuse can have an end:  
The nurse, the support worker, the banker, and the friend.  
The key is strong relationships, and a willingness to trust.  
Along with information and some time, just to adjust.

We work so people on the street will have the information  
To know what help is out there to stop abusive situations.  
This is not a type of service; we do not handle cases.  
We are coordinating bodies with many different faces.

I hope I've given you a taste and left you wanting more.  
Our website is a treasure trove of stuff – free resource store.  
The address is in your package with some other helpful things.  
To join the CRN, give your Coordinator a ring!