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News from the BC Association of Community Response Networks

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Edition - June 2010

CRNs TAKE ACTION

The Fifth Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is Tuesday, June 15, 2010. We are proud to acknowledge this important global day of awareness all over BC throughout the month of June. Please visit our website at "www.bccrns.ca for more information. We invite you to check out upcoming local events and help us '*Shine a Light on Seniors Living in Dignity*'. Thank you to local CRN volunteers for your great generosity of time and spirit. We appreciate your important work of...*Building Safe, Inclusive Communities*.

LOCAL CRN INITIATIVES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

South Surrey: Health Fair – Guildford Rec. Center

FRIDAY, MAY 14TH

South Surrey: Health Fair at Christina Place

JUNE 7- JUNE 21

Kelowna: Downtown World Elder Abuse Banner up for 2 weeks over one of Kelowna's main streets.

IN THE MONTH OF JUNE:

Inter Tribal Health Authority (ITHA): Various activities in 29 Vancouver Island Communities.

North Shore: Tsleil-Waututh Nation Lunch; Farsi-speaking Service Providers Lunch. Educational Forum / Presentation will be held at Seniors Coalition by Jane Osborne and Skylar Pepin. Community resources display will be at Kiwanis Care Centre, coordinated by Skylar and Liesel Gilson.

Vancouver Island North, Comox Valley and Campbell River: Joint training of Vancouver Island Health Authority and Kwakiutl health staff using the flowchart of intervention from the FNIHB report; celebration of the new draft protocol and WEAAD 5th Anniversary, led by April Struthers and HCC Campbell River social worker. This is an example of work of non-profits, health authority, First Nations communities, and government flowing together to make a difference.

Sunshine Coast: Educational Forum / Information Table in front lobby at Community Services Society, main building; workshop by April Struthers on "Recognizing Abuse and Community Protocol".

Summerland: Community resources display, distribution of posters and community information; Seniors Drop in Centre and community bulletin boards; information table at The Sweet Tooth Café in Summerland. We will offer a free coffee and muffin to those who visit our CRN info table, and have two volunteers to answer questions and hand out informational materials.

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Kelowna: Senior's Safety Fair and Refreshments... featuring IHA Designated Agency Response to Adult Abuse and Neglect: The Emerging Landscape of Adult Protection in BC.

- Reflections from a decade of "designation"
- Support and Assistance or Adult Protection?
- The Evidence of Prevalence
- Reporting 101
- Cultural Competence
- New Developments Underway

Revelstoke: WEAAD Educational Presentation: BCACRN Press Release given to local newspapers--one print, one online newspaper. Local Cable TV: CRN & PGT video showings for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

WEEK OF JUNE 15

Nelson: In partnership with the Nelson Elder Abuse Prevention Centre, we will host an Open House, providing a brief presentation on WEAAD and local resources; provision of materials on Abuse & Neglect and BCACRN, Q & A and networking.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Abbotsford: Diversity Health Fair-table with information pertaining to World Elder Abuse Day and other informative information and resources pertaining to the topic of Elder Abuse.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Hope: Lunch with guest speakers

JUNE 10, 2010

Kamloops: Community resources event at the Seniors Expo in North Hills Shopping Centre - we will serve cake and coffee - with support from the Centre for Seniors Information.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

Abbotsford: We will provide brochures, placemats and other informative items to raise awareness on the issues of Elder Abuse and World Day at a regular lunch Monday for approximately 60 seniors who live in the community.

Victoria: Luncheon and NETWORKING - SAFE HOUSING; a presentation on subsidized housing recommendations, discussing possible solutions to problems and planning small, significant steps for improvement. This event is taking place at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

South Surrey: the Peninsula Community Response Network (CRN Community) will be holding a Luncheon presentation 'SENIORS CARE IN B.C.-WHAT YOU OUGHT TO KNOW' at Peace Portal Church; Keynote Speaker. Kim Carter (B.C. Ombudsperson) will talk about the role of the Ombudsperson and Seniors. Education, Refreshments and Door Prizes.

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Penticton: a workshop/forum on "Self Neglect " from 8:30 to 1:00 with Alison Leaney and Kathleen Cunningham as speakers as well as some local panel members., including the coroner

Salmo: Educational event at the Seniors Villa. Heather von Ilberg will do a presentation and the RCMP will discuss safety in the home. Lunch will be served. The local Golf Course will use the placemats and have a table and posters to be distributed to those having lunch. Tuesday is Seniors' day at the golf course, - an ideal time to provide information to seniors.

Kaslo: We have an open house every Thursday where we offer refreshments, information and referral for Kaslo and the region north because it coincides with the regional bus. We will have an information table downtown from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for distribution of brochures, bookmarks and other appropriate literature & for the sale of lovely iris cards. We are also distributing posters all over town and asking 4 local restaurants to have the posters on their tables (2 per table, to show both sides). We may have a taped interview on the local cable channel and a written blurb on the cable channel's "Community Notice Board".

Hope: Information Open House

Kamloops: Display Table- to serve cake and coffee at Desert Garden Seniors

Centre - with support from Seniors Outreach Services.

Cowichan Valley...Seniors Resource and Support Society - will be holding a Prevention of Elder Abuse Seniors Annual Picnic, at The Picnic Pavilion at Providence Farm, Duncan. We will provide informational materials, prizes, flashlights, lunch, entertainment with the "Over the Hill Gang" and the St John Ambulance Therapy Dogs will be our "greeters".

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16:

Revelstoke: Seniors Association June Birthday Celebration/Tea with WEAAD event. We will join the Revelstoke Seniors' Association at their June Birthday Celebration with our presentation: 'Shining A Light on Human Rights for Older Persons', and feature two new poems written by members for the occasion. This is their largest 'birthday celebration' tea of the year, (also celebrating July birthdays). We will provide (free) draws for garden flower bouquets (contributed by CRN members), and sets of greeting cards, and flashlights along with a number of gift certificates for 'Tea or Coffee with a Friend'. We will use the lovely posters as placemats, which can be taken home. These will be excellent along with CRN bookmarks, pamphlets and our own Revelstoke Adult Safety Brochures in English and Italian.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

Prince George: The PG Council of seniors will be hosting a short presentation and tea at AiMHi for approximately 25 people; AiMHi is an agency for Community Living, but the event will be a CRN event to promote education, awareness and will highlight some the resources we have in Prince George, including the CRNs. We will distribute posters and bookmarks to the senior's centers.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Powell River: Powell River Senior Citizens Branch 49 has agreed to host a BBQ event, featuring World Elder Abuse Awareness. There will be a central display of WEAAD materials, hosted by Branch members, VCH staff person & RCMP representative. In addition we will commence a purple ribbon campaign in the next week with small displays & ribbons going to Pharmacies, Doctors offices, Seniors Center, Hospital & service groups such as the Legion.

SATURDAY JUNE 19

Vernon: Community Resources display/Information Table about Adult abuse and neglect, hosted by the local CRN, during the Sunshine Festival. This provides an opportunity to raise awareness about adult abuse and neglect and offer information and resources for those needing help. Members of the local CRN will be available to answer questions and hand out provincial brochures, bookmarks, posters and also the local CRN brochure. There will be a draw prize, donations for flashlights, and an opportunity to purchase note cards.

Revelstoke: NOVEMBER 3RD 2010:
Revelstoke Senior's Wellness Fair (CRN display table, etc.) highlighting Adult and Elder Abuse Issues.