

Richmond Family Violence Prevention Network

- 2007 RCMP community forum
- March 2007 championed by RCMP/VCH/CHIMO/Family Services
- Broad partnership of 40 individuals, organizations, government, justice & health services
- Aligned with Safe Communities Richmond

Members

- Canadian Mental Health Association
- CHIMO Crisis Services
- City of Richmond
- Family Justice Centre
- Family Lawyer
- Family Services of Greater Vancouver
- Legal Services Society
- Ministries
 - MCFD
 - Attorney General
 - Public Safety & Solicitor General
- RCMP Victims Services
- Richmond Addiction Services
- Richmond Multicultural Concerns Society
- Richmond RCMP
- Richmond School District
- Richmond Women's Resource Centre
- Richmond Children First
- Richmond Food Bank
- Richmond Community Corrections
- Safe Communities Richmond
- SUCCESS
- Touchstone Family Association
- UBC: School of Nursing & Population & Public Health
- VCH-Richmond
 - Public Health, Mental Health, acute care
Social Work, Community Engagement
- Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family & Support Services
- Turning Pint Recovery Society
- Public Legal Education
- Volunteer Richmond

Goal

- Collectively address the complex issue of family violence
- Continuum: prevention, services to those experiencing violence & justice within the context of all Richmond populations
- A coordinated, integrated specific response to violence

What we strive to do

- Work to make a difference
- Raise awareness
- Share resources
- Identify service gaps
- Advocate for change
- Build a comprehensive community-based approach & response

Examples of what we have done so far

- Cell phone campaign
- Partnership with Safe Communities
- Support White Ribbon campaign in Richmond business community & secondary schools
- Presentation to City's Safety Committee
- Healing Hope & Justice conference
- Work towards a HH&J centre

Healing Hope & Justice Centre

- Based on models in Canada, US & UK
- Co-located wrap around services
- Voice of clients embedded
- Warm welcoming environment that inspires hope
- Cooperative, participative governance
- Team of staff & volunteers
- Key stakeholders are committed
- Changing communities hearts & minds about family violence

HH&J Centre Work to Date

- Slow but hopeful
- Work committees
 - Location
 - Service delivery & partnership development
 - Marketing & fundraising
 - Operations
 - Engaging Clients

Challenges

- Multicultural & multilingual community
- Changing economic climate affecting:
 - funding to local NGOs
 - commitment to building an integrated co-located service centre for women & children experiencing violence
- Changing champions & leaders in e.g. community organizations, RCMP, City
- Keeping focus on all ages & populations
- Keeping focus on the continuum (prevention, service, justice)

Expanding across VCH

- Dedicated resources to intersectoral & community partnership building
- Dedicated resources to facilitating and sustaining the infrastructure of a community based coalition
- Leadership : regional & local HSDAs
- Community engagement
- Training & education
- Integrated commitment