

WELCOME TO THE SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN RESOURCE BOOKLET (2007)

We hope this Resource Booklet - A Work in Progress - provides you and your family with valuable information and resources. We also hope it will be used by agencies, caregivers, and other individuals who may want to help you locate such information and services or may want to begin to offer programs or support for grandparents and other grand relatives raising grandchildren.

In our initial B.C. research, described in the history section of this Resource Book, we learned so much we didn't know. We found the fierceness and determination of the grandmothers we talked with quite overwhelming. They were determined to protect their grandchildren and yet they were most often doing this important work in isolation. When we asked more about this isolation, the grandparents said that their efforts to get help and relevant information were fruitless. Policies were indecipherable and services that might be in place for other parents just didn't fit with their experience and their needs.

This Resource Booklet is the outcome of the SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN (SGRG) project, September 2004 - May 2006, made possible with generous financial support from the Strategic Initiatives Investment Fund through the Queen Alexandra Foundation, and in kind and financial support from the project partners including Parent Support Services Society of BC; the School of Social Work, University of Victoria, and the Association of Family Serving Agencies.

We thank all the grandparents who added their voices to this Resource book project.
PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS: Barb Whittington (UVic School of Social Work)

Tina Pearson (Parent Support Services- Victoria)
Pat Mackenzie (UVic School of Social Work)
David Burns (Association of Family Serving Agencies)
Leslie Brown (UVic School of Social Work)
Marion Gracey (Project Coordinator)

If you know of a grandparent who might use this booklet please let Barb Whittington know at bwhittin@uvic.ca The at cost price is \$15.00 per copy. The booklet is also available on line at www.parentsupportbc.ca or on the UVic School of Social Work website at <http://socialwork.uvic.ca/research/projects.htm>

PLEASE ENJOY THIS SGRG RESOURCE BOOKLET OR DONATE IT BACK TO ANOTHER GRANDPARENT, THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OR AN ORGANIZATION, SCHOOL OR AGENCY THAT WOULD USE IT.