



BC Association of Community Response Networks

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect...Together

Introduction to the BC CRN

The BC Association of Community Response Networks

OUR VISION

safe communities in which each person is valued, respected and free from the fear of abuse and neglect.



BC CRN History/Description

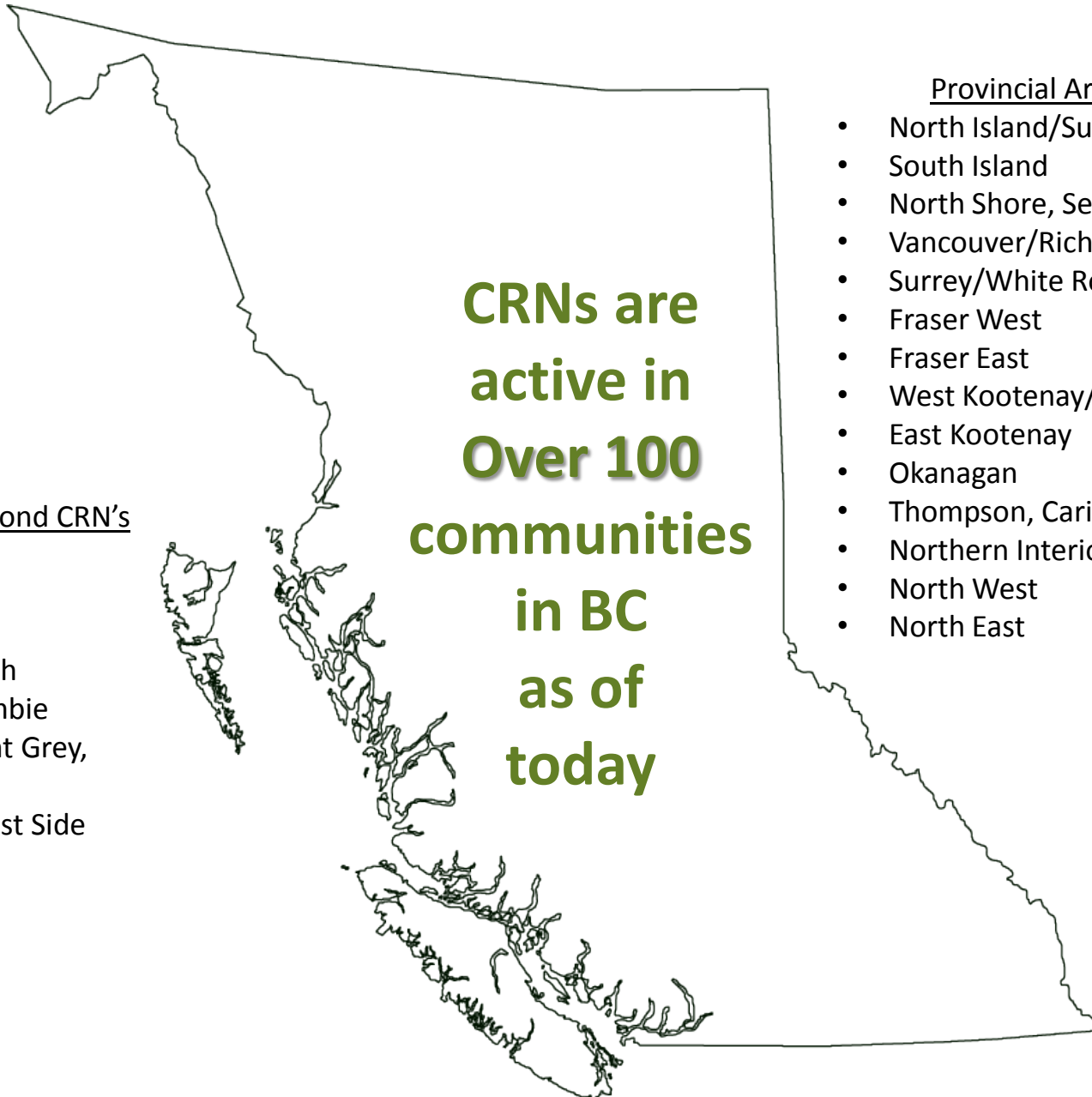
- The movement started in the 1980's
- Spearheaded by small group of people who wanted a better way of supporting Persons With Disabilities and people supporting seniors and dealing with abuse.
- The Adult Guardianship Act, Part 3 gives us tools to support and assist adults who experience abuse neglect and self neglect
- The Non Profit Organization Formed as an Association in 2003
- Today there are 18 part-time contractors and a full-time Executive Director working virtually and supporting 14 provincial regions with over 100 CRNs



The BC Association of Community Response Networks

A provincial organization that grew out of the need to create an on-going, support structure for the benefit of local CRNs all working to provide a coordinated response to the abuse ,neglect and self-neglect of adults in their community.





Vancouver/Richmond CRN's in 2013

- West End
- Marpole
- Fairview, South Granville, Cambie
- Kitsilano, Point Grey, UBC
- Downtown East Side
- First Nations

Provincial Area CRN's

- North Island/Sunshine Coast
- South Island
- North Shore, Sea to Sky
- Vancouver/Richmond
- Surrey/White Rock
- Fraser West
- Fraser East
- West Kootenay/Boundary
- East Kootenay
- Okanagan
- Thompson, Cariboo, Shuswap
- Northern Interior
- North West
- North East



Local CRN's or Community Response Networks

are a diverse group of concerned community members who come together to create a coordinated community response to adult abuse, neglect and self-neglect.



Principles that Guide our Work

The BC CRN holds true the following principles:

- Inclusion
- Meaningful Participation
- Power sharing
- Assumption of capability / building of capacity



CRN's or Community Response Networks

"The work is as much about the process of working together as it is about the outcomes."

"We need to change our thinking about who can make changes happen - it's not just highly placed people."



BC CRN Purposes

1. To **promote** safe communities, through community networks, to **prevent** abuse, neglect and self-neglect of adults
2. To **support** communities in their **responses** to adults experiencing or at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect or self-neglect



BC CRN Purposes

3. To **sustain** these community networks **providing programs and services** to help with their activities and operations.
4. To **support** other **initiatives** that benefit adults experiencing or at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect or self-neglect



BC CRN In Action:

We work with all community groups including:

- Health Authorities
- Public Guardian & Trustee
- Police
- Provincial Social and Health Service
- Justice Organizations
- Ministries

to achieve our purposes.



BC CRN In Action:

We Work in Partnership with People:

- City Wide Service Providers
- Community Specific Service Providers
- Faith Based Organizations
- Front Line Businesses such as Grocery Stores, Pharmacies and Banks
- Community Champions
- Community Policing
- Neighbourhood Houses



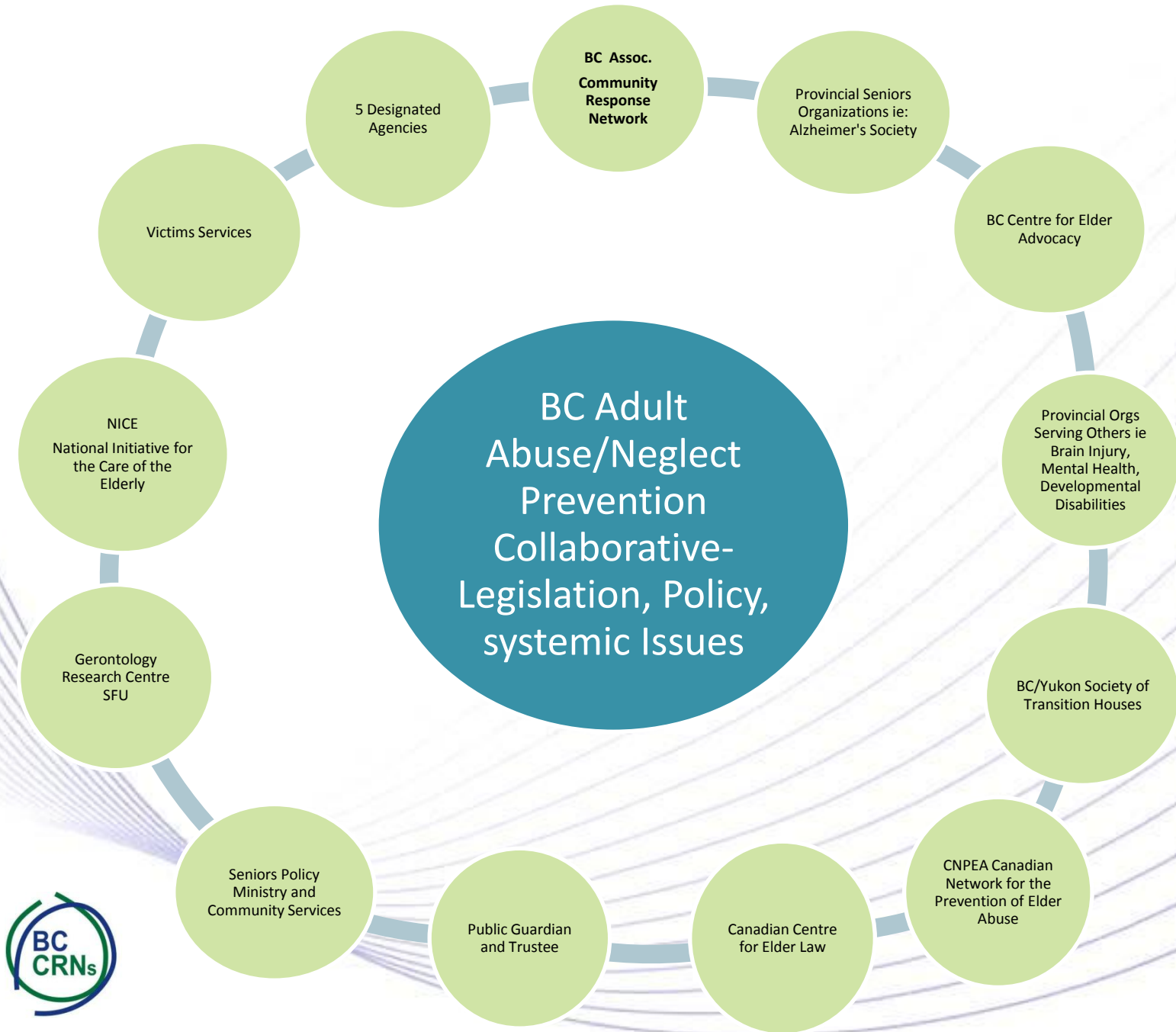
CRN Community Network Profile



**We are Part of the Provincial Adult
Abuse/Neglect Collaborative
and the
Canadian Network for the Prevention of
Elder Abuse**



**BC Adult
Abuse/Neglect
Prevention
Collaborative-
Legislation, Policy,
systemic Issues**



BC CRN In Action:

Programs & Services

- Monthly Provincial Teleconferences
- BC CRN Web Site
- Small Development and Project Grants
- Support and Assistance from Regional Mentors



BC CRN In Action:

Programs & Services continued

- Education & Awareness Materials Including:
 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
 - “It’s Not Right” and Gatekeepers
 - Recognizing Abuse and Responding in a Least Intrusive Manner
- Advocacy at a Provincial and National Level



Our Work is Guided by:

The belief that together we can stop adult abuse and neglect.

We also know:

“Legislation alone doesn't keep people safe. Communities keep people safe.”





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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15

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