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# COASTAL FAMILY RESOURCE COALITION

## GOVERNANCE

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### MISSION

To develop the capacity on the West Coast to address the needs of children, youth, families and communities by improving communications and networking between service providers, agencies, communities and funders.

### GOALS

1. To **build relationships** among a full range of service providers in the public, private, volunteer and corporate sectors who support children, youth and families
2. To **develop an inclusive and integrated model for service delivery** based on research, best practices and local knowledge.
  - a) To engage broader perspectives from service providers, agencies, clients and communities in developing this model.
  - b) To build broad based commitment to develop and implement the model.
  - c) To create confidentiality protocol related to case conferencing and referrals.
3. To **improve cross cultural communication and awareness** within the Coalition
4. To **increase community knowledge and awareness of existing programs, services and resources** available for families and individuals on the West Coast
5. To **promote accessible Universal, Targeted and Clinical community programs and services** that support the health and development of families
6. To **create a community understanding** of the importance of supporting the healthy growth and development of all families on the West Coast

### GUIDING PRINCIPALS

A system of child, youth and family services in West Coast communities should be:

**Collaborative and coordinated** – supported at local/regional/provincial/federal levels, based on local input, community based, collaborative & coordinated, outcome based, available along the continuum of child development

**Inclusive** – inclusive and sensitive to First Nation’s culture and experience, child centered/family focused, accessible in a variety of settings, Hishuk ish ts’awalk (everything is one and interconnected)

**Outcome based** (evidence based as a tool, not as a constraint) evidence based, cultural based, timely, responsible, flexible, cost effective, include universal, targeted and clinical services, strength based

**Sustainable** – coordination, core funding, programming as a ladder of services, advocacy and policies, responsibility and participation from all of the age groups,

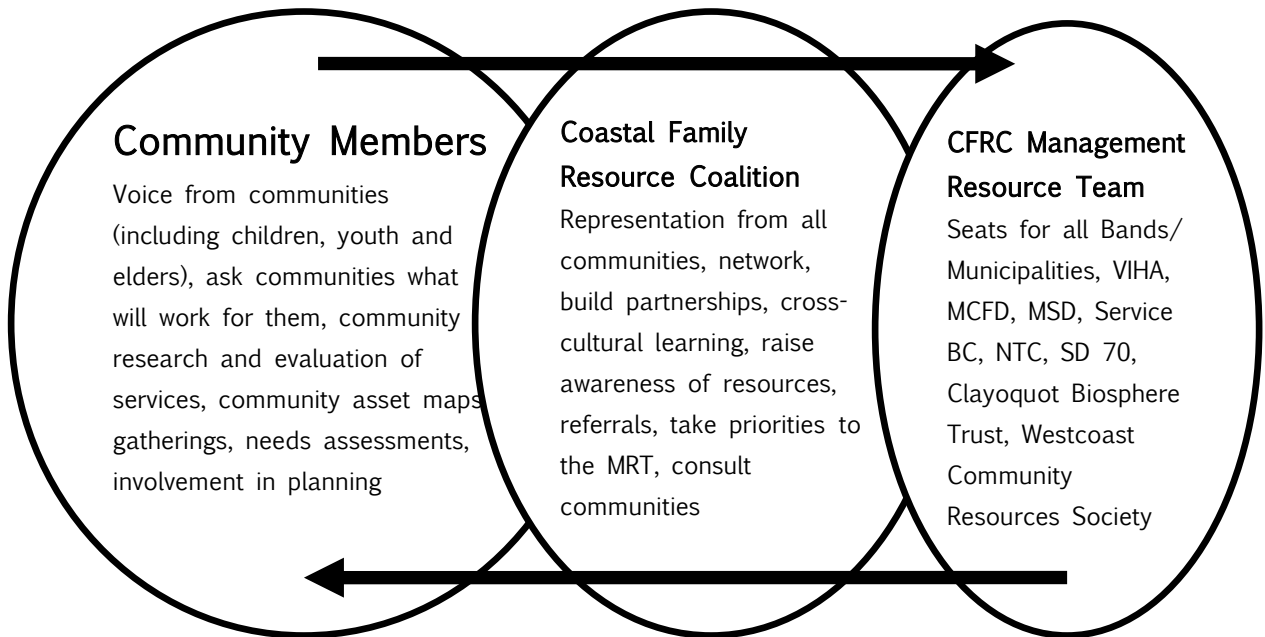
**Accessible** – Community based, flexible delivery model, outreach and “one stop” shop, physical location in every community.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Coastal Family Resource Coalition (CFRC) is a multi-disciplinary network of service providers on the West Coast of Vancouver Island working collaboratively to address child, youth and families services. The Central West Coast Region encompasses the municipalities of Tofino and Ucluelet as well as the Yuutu?it?ath (Hitacu), Toquaht (Macoah), Tla-o-qui-aht (Esowista and Opitsaht), Ahousaht and Hesquiaht (Hot Springs Cove) First Nations.

CFRC meets monthly alternating between 8 west coast communities to identify, plan, implement and evaluate regional service integration activities. Service integration activities include advocacy, program development and resource development as well as ongoing network and relationship development to meet regional priorities. CFRC priorities are set through monthly check-ins with regional partners and a biennial planning forum from which an evaluation framework is developed and approved. Information for planning is derived from community consultation, research, local health data and evaluative information from local CFRC partners.

The CFRC is supported by the Management Resource Team, made up of a group of regional decision makers. The primary objective of this group is to assist in leveraging assets (monetary and non-monetary) in order to support the approved priorities of the CFRC. The Management Resource Team meets every second month in person or by teleconference.



## PARTNERS

The CFRC is an inclusive multidisciplinary network open to anyone with an interest in child, youth and family development and programming in the West Coast Central Region with regular attendance and participation from:

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| Vancouver Island Health Authority  | Service BC                                    |
| Ministry of Child and Family Services  | School District 70                            |
| Ministry of Social Development   | RCMP  |
| Clayoquot Biosphere Trust  | Westcoast Community Resources Society         |
| Pacific Rim Hospice  | Ucluelet and Tofino Strong Start Facilitators |
| Local Head Start Facilitators  | ECE Centres and programs                      |
| District of Ucluelet and Tofino – Parks and Rec as well as Council Representatives                     |   |
| First Nations Health and Community Reps from Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Hesquiaht, Toquaht, Yuutu?it?ath |   |
| Nuu-cha-nulth Tribal Council: Nursing, Child and Family Services, USMA, Mental Health                  |   |

## WORKING GROUPS AND STEERING COMMITTEES

The CFRC utilises working groups to direct specific activities and support identified priorities. The following are active working groups of the CFRC designed to target a specific group of service providers or plan around an identified priority:

- ECE Working Group
- Youth Workers Group
- Priority Based Working Groups - Tech In Balance Working Group

The CFRC acts as a Steering Committee for several initiatives which have formed out of service integration efforts representing inter-organizational collaboration or regional collaboration.

- West Coast Dual Literacy Program and Plan
- Family Ties Program – Partnership between NTC and VIHA

## DECISION MAKING AND PLANNING

The CFRC hosts a biennial planning forum from which an evaluations framework of regional priorities indicated by CFRC partners is developed. These priorities, regional research and community input provide the basis for sound decision making at the CFRC. Decision making and priorities follow the CFRC Service Integration Model adopted in 2005. The CFRC acts as the steering committee for the dispersal of Success By Six Strategic Implementation and Aboriginal Engagement funds as well as DECODA Literacy Solutions funding through the West Coast Dual Literacy Plan. Decisions on capacity-building funds are presented at the CFRC monthly meetings and approved by consensus.

