

# SAFE RELATIONSHIPS SAFE CHILDREN

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# BACKGROUND OF THE SRSC COMMITTEE

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***Honouring Kaitlynne,  
Max and Cordon:  
Make Their Voices Heard  
Now***  
Representative for Children  
and Youth  
March 2012



# BACKGROUND OF THE SRSC COMMITTEE (CON'T)

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- 2008, Kaitlyne, Max, and Cordon, were killed by their father, Allan Schoenborn.
- There was a history of multi agency involvement for some years prior to these deaths.
- Allan was known to have problems with addictions, mental illness, and domestic violence.
- An investigation and review into these deaths lead to the 2012 release of the Schoenborn report by the Representative For Children and Youth (RCY), titled *Honouring Kaitlyne, Max and Cordon: Make their voices Heard*.
- **This report identified gaps in child protection, mental health, and criminal justice systems, and shortcomings in the collaboration between services, and had that not been the case, these deaths could have been preventable.**



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- The *Safe Relationships, Safe Children* Provincial project is in response to a recommendation from the report
- It's intended to build collaboration between the children serving agencies and the adult serving agencies
- In simplest terms, the project is intended to change practice by taking a broad, integrated approach across the various agencies and partners within each community including health, adult serving community agencies, and child serving systems to identify and serve the needs of children and families who struggle with the three core issues that are the focus of this work:
  - parental mental health problems/challenges,
  - problematic substance use and
  - intimate partner violence issues. ”

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- Provincial SRSC project roll out – 3 phases
  - Phase 1 One urban and one rural pilot community (Richmond and Vernon) (2012)
  - **Phase 2:** Two urban and two rural pilot communities in each Health Authority region (2013)
  - **Phase 3:** Implement model province-wide

Abbotsford was part of phase 2:

recruited members

organized and held a conference – 130 registrants from children and adult serving agencies

focused on educating the audience on the complex interplay of IPV, MH and SA and it's

impact on families, and on information sharing

# POST PHASE 2

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- SRSC committee completed mandated project – now what? Let's continue.
- We've met quarterly ever since
- Hosted an additional 3 conferences (most recently this past spring)
- Only SRSC committee still operating in the province (that we know of).
- Phase 3 never got off the ground

# AGENCIES LEADERS REPRESENTED AT THE SRSC TABLE

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- Abbotsford Crown Council
  - SARA for Women
  - FVACFSS
  - Elizabeth Fry Society
  - End Abuse MCC
  - Abbotsford School District
  - Archway Community Services
- Abbotsford Division of Family Practice
  - Abbotsford Restorative Justice
  - Abbotsford Police (IPVU)
  - MCFD
  - UFV
  - Community Corrections



# FOCUS OF THE SRSC COMMITTEE

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- Maintain and promote strong collaboration between the adult and children serving agencies
- Collaborate on community issues and resolution to such issues
- Explore gaps in service for our community and strategize filling those gaps
- Host educational and connections opportunities, when possible, to bring front line service providers together. Lunch and Learns and Community Forums
- Ensure that no repeat of the 2008 incident which caused innocent lives to be lost, in Abbotsford. Collaboration amongst all service providers must remain strong and continue to strengthen.



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