



**The Village Initiative**  
Helping children, youth and families thrive

## **Sooke/West Shore Community of Practice for Frontline Professionals supporting Children, Youth and Families**

### **What is a Community of Practice?**

A Community of Practice (CoP) is made up of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly. The important part is the focus on what we do: the details, tactics, strategies, and practical tips that are a part of our practice - and a sense of community that supports one another as they work together to support others.

### **Who Can Participate?**

Frontline professionals who support children, youth and families across the Sooke and the West Shore region. This may include: clinicians such as school counsellors or social workers, peer support workers, outreach workers, system navigators, anyone who is providing direct services to children, youth and families across the region.

### **Focus**

The focus of this community of practice is to support professionals and the important work they do providing evidence-based services to children, youth and families across our region. In particular, this CoP will:

- Provide a safe and welcoming space for members to troubleshoot situations and share lessons learned from others' experiences
- Continuously identify ways to support each others' practice
- Gather information to identify knowledge and resource gaps to better support children, youth and families.

### **What's in It for You?**

This CoP will support your practice as we:

- Connect with others doing similar work across from various sectors
- Share latest research, resources, promising practices, and BC initiatives
- Share what we've learned, common needs, ask questions as we work together, across sectors to help children, youth and families thrive.

**Format**

The initial CoP meeting will be 1.5 hours in length. Each gathering will be determined by participants, with different participants having the opportunity to share learning or seek others' input to guide their journey. A blend of in-person and virtual meetings is possible - all to be determined by what you and others in the community find helpful.

Facilitation will be provided by a rotating series of experienced facilitators.

**Schedule**

TBD

**Interested in participating?**

Express your interest using [this link](#).

**For More Information**

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