



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

Sooke/West Shore Community of Practice for Frontline Professionals Supporting Children,  
Youth and Families

## **Summary of First Meeting (Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 2022)**

### **Attendance:**

**34 individuals** attended the first CoP meeting from various different organizations including: PSR Collaborative; Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation; Thrive Social Services; BGC South Vancouver Island; Westshore Secondary; Children's Health Foundation - Bear Essentials; Victoria Sexual Assault Centre; Langford Fire; YMCA-YWCA; Hulitan Family and Community Social Services; Sooke Family Resource Society; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Power to Be; SD62; Inter-cultural Association; Sea to Tree; Foundry Victoria; Island Health; Pacific Centre Family Services Association; Family Smart; Island Community; Indigenous Child and Youth Mental Health.

### **Discussion Themes – Broad Overview:**

- 1) What would you like out of this CoP?** Main themes included: opportunities for knowledge and information sharing (discussions, guest presenters, info. about services, discussions of trends etc.); networking opportunities; and space for connection.
- 2) What shared training would you like to see happen?** Various responses including: suicide prevention; substance use/harm reduction; trauma; personality disorders; gaming addiction; and more.
- 3) Format and Frequency of Training:**
  - a.** A striking majority of folks voted to keep these meetings in person. As such, **we will continue to meet in person unless we are restricted from doing so.**
  - b.** The majority of folks voted to have meetings roughly bi-monthly to quarterly. **We have decided on the following meeting schedule:** September; November; January; March; May (just shy of bi-monthly with breaks over the summer and for the December holiday season).

**Our next meeting will be scheduled for late January.** You will receive an invite and agenda (based on your input from the Nov 16<sup>th</sup> meeting) once the date has been selected.