

APFA Creston Gathering
 Lower Kootenay Indian Band Gym
 October 21, 2005

In your Community, where does a child in crisis go?

Response:	No. of Responses:	Comments:
Friends/family/neighbor	11	
School (teacher, advocate)	2	
Youth/Family Worker	5	
Friendship/Youth Ctr./Church	2	Not available in rural communities.
Internet Chat Rooms	2	Parents appear to be unaware of the dangers of this.
Streets/drugs/alcohol	1	

What does the Community do with a child in crisis?

Family/Community members assist	7	
Access Band/Community Resources	4	Safe house, youth centre.
Refer to MCFD	5	State that community does not want to deal w/situation, so MCF is called.

What informal Community Groups support Children & Families in your Community?

Cultural Groups	18	Drumming/dance group, elder's,
Church	3	
Youth Groups	8	
Preschool/Daycare	5	Offer support programs to parents.
Sports Groups	1	

If you had a magic wand, what Family Services would you improve in your Community?

Response:	No. of Responses:	Comments:
Culturally appropriate programming	18	Stress traditional family systems. Elder involvement. Aboriginal staff.
Family Support Services.	18	Training re: Child, Family, Community Service Act. Teach life skills, parenting, etc. Involve all family members.
Standards	14	Need to have competent staff. Improve communications between staff & community. Members treated respectfully.
Youth Programs	7	
Improved funding.	3	

What do you like/dislike about the Regional Service Plan?

Response:	No. of Responses:	Comments:
Transfer of Authority	5	
Consultation Process	4	It's good that Community has a say in RSP.
Dislike or have concern for:		
Equality of service & Standards. Bureaucracy	16	Will each reserve have adequate services? Nepotism needs addressing. Will dollars be spent on actual service or more towards administration? Will it be bogged down w/forms?
Funding	2	Will it be adequate?
Cultural aspects	2	Elder's need to be involved as authority figure in decision making. Too many different nations to be culturally specific.

What Community Members do you see taking responsibility for Family Services in your Community?

Response:	No. of Responses:	Comments:
Band Council		
Elders/family/neighbours	27	
Community leaders	1	Teachers, church reps. Scout leaders.