

Newsletter July to December 2025

With gratitude, we acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish Nations and Nuu-chah-nulth Nations of southern Vancouver Island



Our Services

- Prenatal Education and Outreach
- Children and Family Programs
- Kingfisher Preschool
- Parenting Education
- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Family Support Program
- Family Development
- Youth Outreach and Navigator
- Life Skills. Inclusion and Outreach for adults with diverse abilities
- Home Sharing Services
- Individual, Couple, Family and **Group Counselling**
- Single Service Walk-In Counselling
- Toy and Book Lending Library
- SFRS Community Thrift Shop

Juan De Fuca Health Foundation supports regional Health Initiatives with a generous 50/50 Raffle!



A huge THANK YOU to the Sooke and Juan de Fuca Health Foundation for selecting us as the inaugural recipient of the 50/50 fundraiser raffle draw! We are deeply grateful to Victor and Edith Newman, our wonderful winners, for their unwavering support of SFRS over the past 40 years. Your generosity and commitment mean the world to us!



At the end of June 2025...

Kingfisher Preschool celebrated our 37th graduating class!

Thank you to all of the past and present preschool teachers and Kingfisher families for making this amazing preschool what it is!





Contact Us

See INSERT Children and Family Programs-Sooke and West Shore

Main Office and Mailing Address

100-6672 Wadams Way, Sooke BC V9Z 0H3 Monday-Friday 8:30am- 4:30pm Phone 250-642-5152 Fax 250-642-7663

Colwood Services Location 345 Wale Rd.

Langford Services Location 2800 Bryn Maur Rd.

For ways to donate visit our website

www.sfrs.ca



Sooke Family Resource Society SFRS Community Thrift Store

Child Care Resource and Referral 250-940-4882

Services for Adults with Disabilities South Vancouver Island 778-433-2023

SFRS Community Thrift Shop 2065 Anna Marie Rd., Sooke 778-352-3001

SFRS

Hey Teens!!!! Check out two new summer groups just for you! These two groups support youth ages 13-19 throughout the summer. Sunny Side Up is a drop-in group and the Outplay Project is accepting registrations now! (see poster for registration and more info)



Do you shop at Fairway Market?
Come by our Wadams Way location and

pick up your SFRS Fairway Market Community Card! This excellent 'giving-back' program gives 5% of every dollar loaded on the card



back to SFRS in support of programs & services.

To show your support through this great program please request a registered gift card directly from SFRS. The gift cards come empty and can be loaded at your favorite Fairways location.

Contact Julie Ball at <u>iball@sfrs.ca</u> for more details!

SFRS Community Thrift Store

Reduce Reuse Recycle REINVEST

SFRS Community Thrift Shop

Summer is here and we've been busy!
Our pop-up location at Sunriver and shop on Anna
Marie have been bustling thanks to the incredible
generosity of the Sooke community.

Come and say 'Hello' when you see us at the Sooke Lions' Canada Day Celebration in July and All-Sooke Days coming in August.

SFRS would like to wish a heartfelt 'THANK YOU' to our amazing staff and volunteers who make it all possible!

The SFRS Community Thrift Store is a safe space, committed to excellent service and strong community.

Building relationships—one step at a time!

Store Hours:
Wednesday—Saturday
9am-4pm
2065 Anna Marie Rd.



Shelly Rice is SFRS's LONGEST participating volunteer at over 25 years!! Thank you Shelly for all you have done and all you continue to do for SFRS!

Items to drop off?

We accept clothing items anytime during open hours and household items on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10am to 1pm. Please call ahead for information about dropping off larger furniture items like tables, chairs, dressers, etc. 778-352-3001

Prenatal Education and Outreach

Prenatal Classes, One-to-one Prenatal Education and Emotional Support, Pregnancy Resources, Prenatal Vitamins, Food Vouchers



Prenatal Group classes for pregnant women and a partner Cost: \$200 subsidy available

Upcoming Class Dates: To be announced For more information Contact Teresa Norquay Phone: 250-642-5152 ext 108

tnorquay@sfrs.ca

Member of BC Association of Pregnancy Outreach Programs A partnership program of Island Health Best Babies program



Family Support Program

This is a free and voluntary program that provides support to families in Sooke and the West Shore who may be experiencing difficulties with family life and parenting.

The Family Support Program offers one-to-one support and mentoring to improve parenting skills, confidence, and self-sufficiency. Family Support Workers help families increase family life skills and create healthy home environments.

To contact a Family Support Worker

West Shore: 250-216-7453 Sooke: 250-642-5152



Kingfisher Preschool

Kingfisher Preschool Program Encourages

- A positive self-image
- Positive self-esteem
- A love of learning
- Independence
- Creativity
- Self-discipline
- Flexibility and resilience
- The ability to make good choices
- The ability to solve problems alone and with others



Preschool Class Schedule:

Mon, Wed, Fri AM 9:00am—1:00pm Tues & Thurs AM 9:00am—11:15am Tues & Thurs PM 12:45pm—3:15pm

Please call 250-642-5152 Ext. 106 or email: kingfisher@sfrs.ca for registration information



Child Care Resource and Referral

The Sooke/West Shore CCRR is a child care support and referral program. We help parents find child care, with Affordable Child Care Benefit applications, and other child care needs. The CCRR provides set up and ongoing support for Registered License Not Required child care and support to Licensed child care facilities. We also provide support services and training for parents and child care providers.

Resources for Parents

At the CCRR, we recognize the hard work and challenges that the parenting role may bring. Therefore, we strive to provide information in the following areas: how-to steps to select child care that best fits your family's needs, Affordable Child Care Benefit information, Toy Lending and Resource Library, as well as parenting workshops.

You may be eligible for the Affordable Child Care Benefit please find more information at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-funding/child-care-benefit

Phone: 1-888-338-6622, option 4

Resources for Care Providers

The CCRR provides start-up and operating information including: obtaining insurance, professional consultation and support, start up funding information, ECE bursary funding information, referrals to community resources, facility visits, and listing on a registry of care providers.

We encourage providers to access our professional development opportunities that include: Family Child Care Training, networking opportunities, and playgroups for child care groups, as well as our Toy and Equipment Lending Library, resources, and regular CCRR newsletter.

For more Sooke/West Shore CCRR service information: www.sfrs.ca

www.gov.bc.ca/ChildCareResourceReferralCentres or Toll-free 1-888-338-6622 (Option 4)



Funding for the CCRR is provided by the Province of British Columbia

CCRR Hours of Service

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:30 at the Sooke and West Shore CCRR service locations.

6672 Wadams Way (Sooke) / 345 Wale Road, Colwood (West Shore)

Wednesday evenings in Sooke 4:30-6:30 Saturday mornings in the West Shore 8:30-12:30

CCRR Consultant contact information: 250-940-4882

Sooke-WestShoreCCRR@sfrs.ca

CCRR Consultants available during service hours. You can book (pre-arrange) in-person and virtual appointments with a CCRR Consultant to assure their availability.





BE OUR HERO! BY HELPING US TO HELP OTHERS

Your donations go a long way in supporting resilient, connected communities and every bit counts!

Here are some ways you can Pay-it forward today:

- * Through our website www.sfrs.ca link to **Canada Helps** (www.canadahelps.org)
- * In Person at our Sooke office: 100-6672 Wadams Way
- * Donate your points by using our CO-OP # 89969
- * Pick up your registered Fairway Market Community Card.

South Island Community Connections (SICC)

The SICC program offers services to individuals with diverse abilities throughout southern Vancouver Island. Our exceptional team of caring & experienced staff provide skill development, outreach, community inclusion, and employment support.

SICC is a person-centered, inclusive and fully accessible program designed to support individuals to living their best life, achieve greater independence and form life-long connections.



For more information, contact: Julie Ball, Program Manager Phone: 250-642-5152 ex.123

Email: jball@sfrs.ca





Empowering Personal Wellness

Discover Your Potential—Live Your Best Life

The EPW Adult Activity Club currently runs three times a week on Tuesdays (drop-in), Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The club provides adults living with diverse abilities opportunities to make new friends, enhance skills, and have fun in a warm, welcoming environment. Club members participate in a variety of activities of their choice, attend workshops, and challenge their cooking skills. Activities include day trips and excursions, local attractions, craft and gift making, movie days, board games and fitness as well as special holiday themed activities and events.

For more information, contact: Julie Ball, Program Manager Phone: 250-642-5152 ex.123





Welcome Home Program

Welcome Home matches individuals living with developmental disabilities with a Home Share Provider and living arrangement that suits their unique needs. Living arrangements vary from a room in a family home to an independent suite. The Home Share Provider supports the individual with their goals towards independent living.



Support may include:

- Personal hygiene reminders
- Help with budgeting
- Meal planning and preparation
- Transportation support and
- Community engagement

The individual and Home Share Provider share their space and aspects of daily life so finding a proper match is essential! Potential Providers undergo an extensive screening process to ensure they are the right fit for home sharing.

For more information, contact: Joseph Owton, Home Share Coordinator

Phone: 250-642-5152 ex.124 Email: welcomehome@sfrs.ca



Caring For Community Counselling Program

Counselling fees are based on a sliding scale

The Counselling Program is here to help you with challenges you may be facing including:

- Depression
- * Anxietv
- * Relationship Conflict
- Grief & Loss.

We have Registered Clinical Counsellors available to support your counselling needs. We also have student counsellors available to see you at a reduced rate.

Our team works with individuals, couples, children, youth and families with confidentiality and compassion.

This service is available in Sooke and is available either virtually or in-person



Single Session Walk in Services in Sooke! Same-Day Counselling

Our single session walk-in counselling services are offered at 6672 Wadam's Way on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays from 10:00am-2:00pm. Please come in during those hours to see a counsellor the same day. Services are free and for adults 19 years and older. Virtual appointments are offered during those hours if you experience barriers to attending in person. This service can also refer to other resources such as SFRS Short Term Community Counselling.



Cost should not be a barrier to wellness!

Fees for this service have been waived thanks to generous funding from Island Health. Sooke Short Term Community Counselling Program (STCC)

Free Counselling service in Sooke. Are you over 19 and suffering from mild to moderate mental health issues that you would like help with?

Call 250-642-5152 for information or walk in to our single session services for a referral.

Youth Outreach & Navigator



A specialized **Youth Outreach** Worker is available to meet with youth who are experiencing significant life challenges, including mental health and/or substance use concerns.

The Youth Outreach Worker offers assessment and support to help youth resolve their concerns. This may involve connecting young people with appropriate services to ensure they have the skills to work through their challenges long term.

Youth Outreach Workers and SFRS recognize youth as a unique population. To better serve their needs and build meaningful connections, meeting times and locations are flexible.

For more information call our main office at 250-642-5152

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Sooke Food Bank	250-642-7666	Goldstream Food B

250-474-4443 Sooke Volunteer Centre 778-365-1878 Transition House (Victoria) 250-592-2927 Sooke Shelter 250-419-3978 Service Canada 1-800-622-6232 Sooke Transition House 778-966-2591 Senior's Centre 250-474-8616 Loan Cupboard 250-389-4607 Serenity House—Colwood 250-686-9756 WorkLink 250-478-9525 250-642-3685 WorkLink Langford Library—Sooke Branch 250-642-3022 Library—Juan de Fuca Branch 250-940-4875 WestCoast Medical Clinic 250-642-4233 St. Anthony's Urgent Care Clinic 250-519-6919 LifeLabs—Sooke 1-800-431-7206 LifeLabs—Langford 1-800-431-7206

Vancouver Island Crisis Line 1-888-494-3888

Where to find help/resources in SOOKE and WESTSHORE



Are you happy with our services? Can we do a better job?

We want to hear from YOU!

In order to improve our services we need to hear about your experience with SFRS services and staff.



Please reach out to a member of our team or send us an email at info@sfrs.ca

We value your input!

THANK YOU FROM SFRS!

Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island
Public Health Agency of Canada
Community Living BC
Sooke School District 62
Victoria Foundation
Island Health
RBC Royal Bank
District of Sooke

United Way South Vancouver Island Pacheedaht First Nation The Province of British Columbia

And to all of the local community organizations, businesses and individuals for your support throughout the year!

LENDING LIBRARY

Find the parenting resource that is right for you!

We regularly add parenting materials that are not easily available locally.

Resources available include:

- ♦ Infant, Child development
- Sleep/Toileting/Toddlerhood
- Relationships and Family
- Special Needs
- Mental Health
- Adolescent Development
- Guidance and discipline

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At SFRS, we achieve or surpass more than 1,900 standards set by the Commission on Accreditation of

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Rehabilitation Facilities for our work serving the community.



If you would like to borrow a book, please drop by and see us! Sooke Child, Youth and Family Centre 6672 Wadams Way in Sooke.

Children and Family Services in Sooke

Child and Family Programs in Sooke

Monday Parent and Child Playgroups

Wednesday Parent and Child Playgroups are a drop-in model.

Please only attend/book one playgroup per week. Thank you!

Please checkout our YouTube channel at <u>SFRS Family Resource Programs</u>
to join us for food, crafts, and circle time fun!

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At the Child, Youth and Family Centre—In the Early Years Room 6672 Wadams Way, Sooke

Mondays

Parent and Child Playgroup—drop in

An opportunity to play and learn with your child. Enjoy art, stories, activities and circle time. Meet other parents and children in your community.

9:30am—11:00am

Wednesdays

Parent and Child Playgroup—drop in

A facilitated group with scheduled parenting topics and child-parent activities.

Children join early learning activities with qualified early years staff during most discussion times.

9:30am—11:00am

Wednesdays—registration required - Please email Meghan at mdovell@sfrs.ca

Early Years Neurodiverse Playgroup

This group seeks to increase a sense of belonging and pride in Neurodiversity through supporting Neurodiverse children and their families to reduce isolation, increase parental confidence, and provide information, resources and service navigation.

12:45-2:15pm

Thursdays— this program takes a break for July and August

Family Support Group—registration required

Please email Teresa at tnourquay@sfrs.ca

This group is an extension of our Family Support Program.
The group offers support to parents with children 0-6 years who may be facing challenges in life such as single parenthood, low income, young parenthood, or anxiety. The group will focus on supportive parenting strategies. Every other Thursday.
10:00am—noon





All programs are by donation or free; snacks provided. Programs are for children 0-6 and their caregivers.

Sooke Family Resource Society is a member of the BC Association of Family Resource Programs and the Coalition of Neighbourhood Houses, Capital Region



Children and Family Services in the West Shore

Child and Family Programs in the West Shore are being provided through an online registration process. See below for link.

Any questions can be directed to Erin Holler at eholler@sfrs.ca

Please checkout our YouTube channel at <u>SFRS Family Resource Programs</u> to join us for food, crafts, and circle time fun!

If you would like to be on the email distribution list for updates regarding programming and resources please email Erin at eholler@sfrs.ca

At the Child, Youth and Family Centre—In the Early Years Room 345 Wale Road, Colwood

Tuesdays

Parent and Tot Group—registration required

An opportunity to play and learn with your child. Enjoy art, stories, activities, and circle time. Meet other parents and children from your community.

Ages 0-6 years

9:30am-11:00am

Thursdays

Tummy Time Baby Group - registration required

This group will provide a variety of scheduled topics, guest speakers, and open discussions for parents with children 12 months and under. During this group parents will be able to connect and receive support from the Family Resource Program Coordinator, Family Support worker, as well as other parents.

9:30am-11:00am

Fridays

Parent and Tot Group - registration required

An opportunity to play and learn with your child. Enjoy art, stories, activities, and circle time. Meet other parents and children from your community. Ages 0-6 years

9:30am-11:00am

To REGISTER for any West Shore Play Group visit: https://www.sfrs.ca/programs/west-shore-early-years-services





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