



THE
NATIVE
COURTWORKER
AND COUNSELLING
ASSOCIATION
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

25 YEARS



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Native Courtworker and Counselling
Association of British Columbia
Annual Report for
The Board of Directors of the
NCCABC would like to thank all of
the people who have supported
the Association over the years.
The NCCABC is in its 25th year of
servicing First Nations people
throughout British Columbia
and across Canada.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ANNUAL REPORT
Hugh Braker, President

As the NCCABC approaches twenty-five years of community service to aboriginal people in the province of British Columbia, it is extremely unfortunate that we are now facing the problem of ever-decreasing funding from governments and the strain this causes the delivery of quality service to aboriginal people.

This past year, the NCCABC Board of Directors has had to make some difficult decisions in addressing the severe financial challenges facing the Association. The Board has struggled to maintain Native Courtworker field services as much as possible. Board size was reduced to 12 members from 16, and some executive staff positions eliminated.

The Association is funded by the Attorney General's Ministry. The programme is cost-shared by the Province with the Federal Department of Justice. Since 1993/94 fiscal year, the federal government has cut back funding to Native Courtworker programs across Canada. Although the Ministry of Attorney General has maintained the same level of funding, we have not received an increase to our operating budget for a number of years. The result is that the current budget does not allow for the expansion of services or for even maintaining current services. Costs have risen but our budget has not. The new changes to the BC Gaming Policy have also greatly reduced the revenue we once generated from casino.

We have been fortunate that *United Way of the Lower Mainland* have allowed us some financial freedom to purchase computer equipment and to fund our twenty-five year community events. This has been made possible through a sustaining grant we receive each year from United Way.

TWENTY FIVE YEAR EVENTS



MISSION STATEMENT

The Native Courtworker & Counselling Association of British Columbia provides assistance to aboriginal people in conflict with the law, and ensures they participate fully in the justice system through a holistic approach to prevention and intervention.



VINCENT THEO STARR, Watson Elementary School, Cilliwack, B.C. • Grade 2



THE STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST



Given in memory of
Joey Steinke

This year the NCCABC is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

To celebrate, a family day was hosted in August at Prospect Point at Stanley Park. The picnic was open to all families and focused on family events. It was a beautiful day for the event. The NCCABC also sponsored a number of dances at the annual powwow event in Kamloops in August. The Association presented awards to the winners of the special dances.

The 25-year committee approved the hosting of a Justice Conference, in cooperation with the University of British Columbia. The conference took place in May 1998. The theme "Aboriginal People and Justice", included keynote speakers from the United States and Canada. Over forty speakers made presentations.

The Association received an overwhelming response to our student essay contest. The three categories included kindergarten to grade twelve students. These awards were presented in memory of three Native Courtworkers: namely Simon Danes, Winnifred Marcellais, and Florence (Joey) Steinke. We were also fortunate that sponsors such as Indian and Northern Affairs, IWA, BC Hydro, BC Rail, Keylock Consulting, Equitable Life gave generous donations to fund this contest.

This year also saw the passing of our most senior Native Courtworker, Ms. Florence (Joey) Steinke, who covered the community of Fort Nelson and the northern circuit for over twenty years. The 25 year committee therefore marked her passing with an award in her name.

National Directors Meeting

The Association hosted the 1998 National Directors meeting of Native Courtworker programs in Kelowna. The major discussion was the recommendations of the Aboriginal Courtworker program Issues Paper and the proposed tripartite process with the federal and provincial governments and carrier agencies.

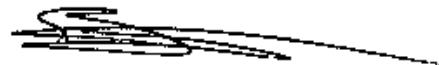
Coalition Against No Fault Insurance

In June 1997, the Association joined the Coalition Against No-Fault Insurance. The Association believed that claims by aboriginal people for benefits and damages have been traditionally resisted by the Insurance Corporation of BC. We were very pleased that the membership, representing more than 200 groups urged the provincial government to reject no-fault insurance. We continue to believe that ICBC treats aboriginal people unfairly.

First Nations Summit

The NCCABC continues to pursue a closer relationship with the First Nations Summit and believes our respective expectations in this relationship can be met through an arrangement in which key justice issues are identified and common objectives pursued.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, please accept our sincere gratitude for the excellent services provided by all NCCA staff. Decreasing the Association's deficit-service load and freeing resources for future priorities will require creative and strategic planning over the next year.



Hugh Braker, President

Given in memory of
Simon Danes

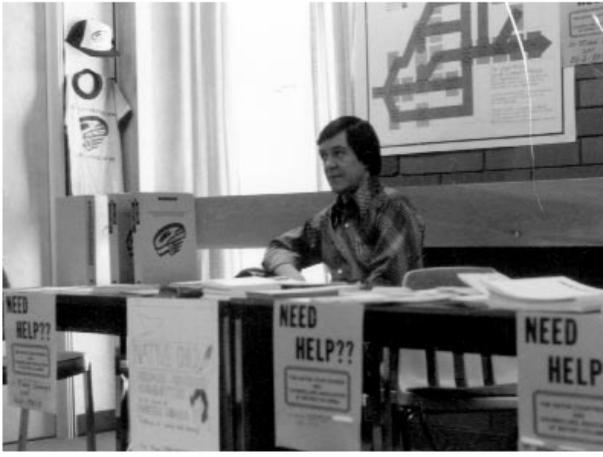
Veronica B.R.D.Archie,
100 Mile Junior Secondary
14 years old

On March 12, Raymond Daniels died of exposure. But other people feel that it was more than that. That a crime took place. He was given beer at a young age. He died when he fell down in a ditch and froze to death, Raymond had drank for lots of years. Alcohol and drugs took his life. Whoever bought the drugs and alcohol for him broke the law. It was an adult who broke the law. The same goes for another friend who died jumping in front of a truck and was killed. Again, an adult killed a young life. Since then, I have been very angry at the supporters for buying the alcohol. If these adults did not buy it, we would have more young people alive today.

Since the deaths have happened in our community the youth have decided to start a youth group in the community of Canim Lake Band. The youth would like to prevent further crime and deaths. 24 of our youth gathered on March 24, 1998 at the White Feather Medical Clinic to plan a strategy for preventing death and crime in our community. Our youth gathered from ages 10-19. In the youth group we talked about peer counseling and how it could stop some of the drug use and alcoholism. Right now, we are talking about finding a youth center. We have asked to use the Old Foster Home. The letter has been send to Chief and Council. We will be responsible for maintaining and decorating the place and its surroundings. Peer helping can help adolescents reduce stress. If you start to drink it can lead to some kind of crime. Sometimes people start to drink because they have a lot of stress or because of peer pressure. To prevent stress you can talk to someone your age. I read in a book words can hurt or heal. Terms like fat, dumb, ugly, and selfish can devastate teens which can also lead to stress, which leads to drinking, then can lead to some kind of crime. If your friend has some negative thoughts about stealing or doing some kind of crime you can tell them to go and talk to each other into talking them out of crime. So far I guess you can tell stress is one of the leading things which can lead to crime.

If we got the Foster home, we can talk, spent time together and talk about what is wrong about crime and what is wrong about crime and what it can do to our social life. If we make each other feel better then our friends will make each other think twice about committing a crime. Like getting an adult to buy us liquor and in turn teens won't commit the crime of being drunk in a public place. If a person is doing an illegal drug then peer counselling can prevent or give each other a choice about that drug. The youth center will be our place and we will make the rules. There will be no drugs or alcohol in the building. We will save up money for a camera to survey the place. This will be our place where we will have constant meetings on how to prevent more death and crime.

So, Raymond's death was a sad loss but it helped the teens open our eyes to notice that we need more people noticing that we need to stop crime, NOW! The youth getting together can help prevent crime by stopping adults from buying liquor for kids under age. If we can prevent alcohol and drugs with our peers then we can stop kids from freezing to death on the sides of the roads or jumping in front of vehicles. Therefore, Raymond's death helped the teens get together to stop crime. I would like to hope that Raymond Daniel is looking down on us and is going to help through this crisis.





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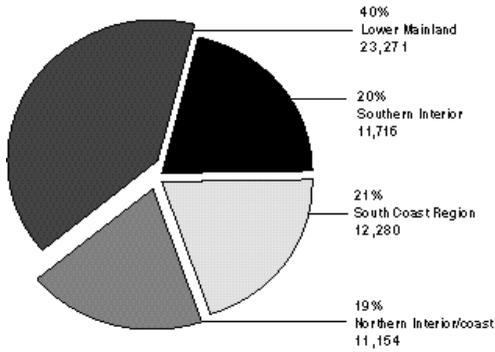


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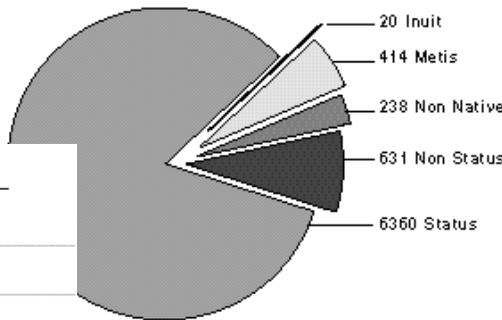
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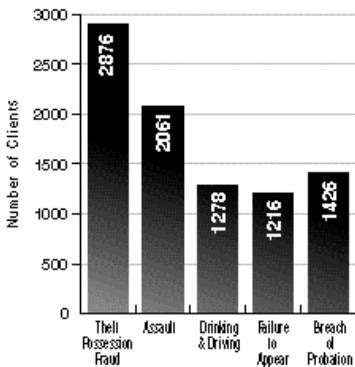
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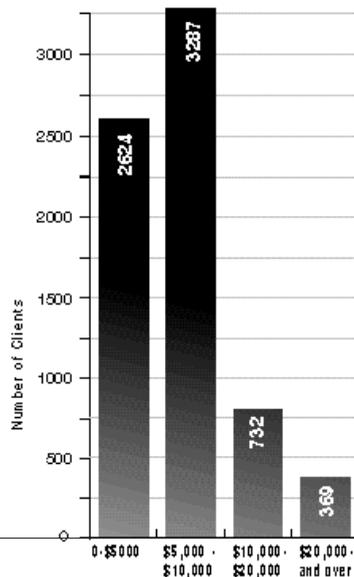
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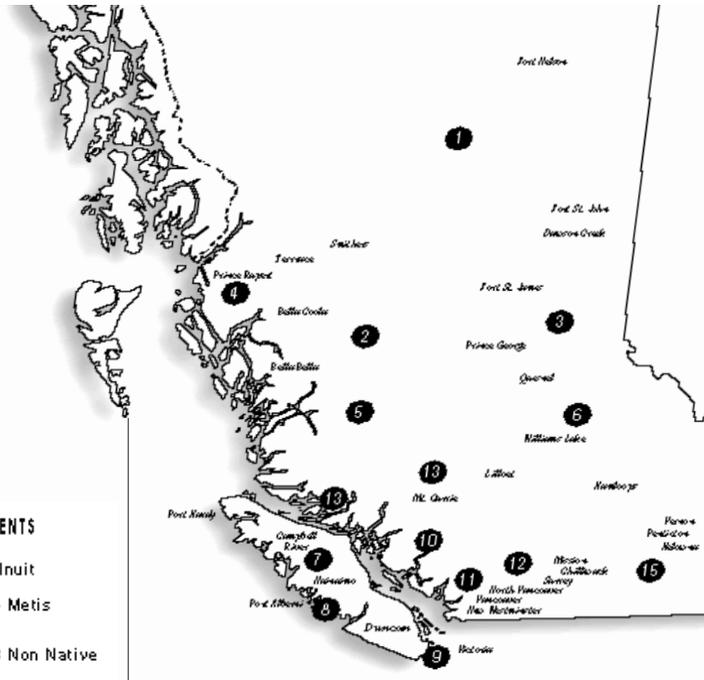
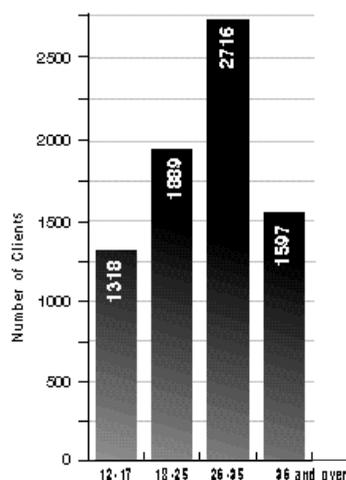
MOST COMMON CHARGES Against NCCA Clients in 1995



ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME of NCCA Clients



AGE OF NCCA CLIENTS



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- Region #7 Mary Everson / Maryann Billy
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