



“If we can keep children connected with their fathers we can address in one dramatic move many of the social challenges in our society. It is a relatively unknown fact that the most reliable predictor of crime is neither poverty nor race, but growing up fatherless”

THEO BOERE



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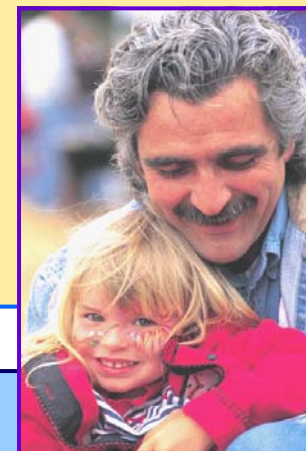
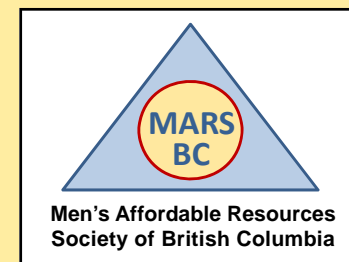
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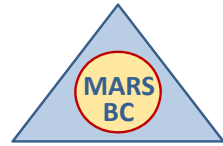
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Helping community
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The Men's Affordable Resources Society of British Columbia is an organization dedicated to helping & representing individuals and service organizations who provide resources for fathers and men throughout British Columbia

Mars BC supports fathers and men as well as children, families and relationships.

Mars BC is helping other individuals and groups lobby for funding for fathers and men's services throughout BC.

Mars BC supports and develops mentoring programs for organizations who would like to set up men's centres in BC.

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MARS BC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Theo Boere - Director and Co-President

Theo has been the Executive Director of the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre since its inception in 2001 and has been active in creating and leading organizations to support dads, men, non-custodial parents and grandparents since that time. His underlying concern has always been to help children stay connected with their parents and extended families. He is interested in fostering creative possibilities and lobbying for funding for resources around the province. These resources help create programs that support fathers and men, and their families, and help them stay connected with their children.

Robert Dean - Director and Co-President

Robert is the Executive Director of the Tri-City Men's Resource Centre in Port Coquitlam, BC. He focuses on helping children through supporting their dads. He has stated: 'I don't believe society realizes the amount of damage that is being done to our children as a result of removing dads from their lives. The statistics are staggering. Involvement in crime, drug use, alcohol abuse, drop out rates, inability to keep a job etc. all increase when dad is not in the picture. Nothing is more important than having a positive impact on our children's lives.'

Clive Michael (CM) Justice - Director and Treasurer

CM is a special needs educational assistant in North Cowichan and a personal coach who currently runs the "Dads Make a Difference" program for the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre. CM is also involved with the Mankind Project, staffing their initiation weekends and facilitating the follow-up, local Integration Groups for the last 5 years. CM has also been involved with the Cowichan Valley Men's Resource Centre since its inception.

David Hatfield - Director

David is a leadership consultant, facilitator, and presenter whose work centres on conflict transformation, masculinity, creativity and communication. He has worked with over 18,000 boys, young men, and adult men in 4 countries exploring male identity and building male community. His program design and facilitation has been contracted locally, nationally and internationally since 1998.

Carmen Barclay - Director and Secretary

Carmen's career is in conflict management. Her 'Go Between Consulting' business services include consultation, mediation, training and supervised visitation services. She has volunteered for many Societies including: the Board of Directors for Pacific Child Care Society, the Nanaimo Family Childcare Association and the Accountability Panel for the John Howard Society. She also has a background in family child care, a degree in Justice, and a Masters degree in Conflict Analysis and Management.

Bill Larose - Director

Bill is a lawyer and mediator in Nanaimo focusing primarily on family law. He is on the Executive of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Canadian Bar Association. Bill is a strong supporter of the Family Law Reform Task Force's Recommendations to make family law in British Columbia more responsive to the needs of families experiencing separation and divorce. He believes in more resources and support for men and families. Bill says, "The 'bottom line' is that supporting fatherhood promotes stronger communities and benefits society as a whole."

Chris Stasiuk - Director

Chris is a Marriage and Family Counsellor in private practice. Chris has an MA in Counselling Psychology, is a Registered Clinical Counsellor and VP for the North Coastal Region of the BC Association of Clinical Counsellors. Chris is passionate about the counselling field and has great interest in helping men and families develop stronger attachments with each other as well as emotional autonomy. He has developed Personal Growth Groups for Men and Relationship Enhancement Groups for Couples in the Parksville/Qualicum Beach area.

