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Child Care Resources and Referrals moving to Hope Community Services

Hope, BC – January 12, 2017—Read Right Society will not be renewing the Child Care Resources and Referral (CCRR) and Family Resource Centre (FRC) sub-contract with Hope and Area Transition Society, and instead will focus on other projects effective March 31, 2017. Hope Community Services will be taking on CCRR and FRC in April 2017.

Read Right Society has enjoyed working with families through CCRR and FRC and now looks forward to serving children and families in other capacities including life skill and literacy programs, intergenerational activities and events.

“CCRR is an important program and we are happy it will continue in the community,” said Jodi McBride, Read Right Society Executive Director. “Applying for Childcare Subsidy can be a complicated process and its important families and child care providers have support through CCRR.”

CCRR supports parents and childcare providers apply for Child Care Subsidy, including accessing and filling out documents and communicating with the Ministry of Children and Family Development. CCRR also provides professional development for childcare providers and parenting workshops for families.

Hope and Area Transition Society in partnership with Hope Community Services will be offering a Family Resource Centre for young families in one central location effective April 1. “The continuation and streamlined services for the 0-6 age and families is critical to ensure families know where to access localized services in the community. A Family Resource Centre that offers a variety of family programs in one hub location will ensure that family needs are being addressed in a holistic manner,” said Gerry Dyble, Executive Director of Hope and Transition Society. “We are delighted to be working in partnership with HATS to expand and enhance the scope of services to young children, families and care providers,” said Michele Thornhill, Executive Director of Hope Community Services. “We will be expanding our family programs and working in partnership with other organizations such as the Fraser Valley Regional Library to offer a range of services to young children and their families.”

Read Right will continue Family Time Centre through workshops and events for families, expanding the target age beyond 0-6, and focus on literacy and life skills. In partnership with Meadow Rose Society, Read Right will also continue providing emergency supplies for low-income families with children age 0-3.

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