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## **New Community Social Planning Council report calls for an integrated, planned and pro-active service system to support children and families**

**Victoria** – We often hear about how some children and families in our communities fall through the cracks and become unintended victims of the lack of integrated services and supports that meet their needs. Many of these tragedies have been documented and investigated by the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth which often came to the conclusion that a commitment to the development of a meaningful, well-resourced system of integrated services and supports would have worked to prevent tragedy.

While the Capital Region already has an extensive community services sector engaged in responding to meeting different needs amongst children, youth and families it is a complex and fragmented system that can be an overwhelming challenge to navigate.

### **Building Innovations in Community-Based Services for Children and their Families**

This report explores how place-based integrated service delivery models, can offer concrete and innovative solutions to filling the cracks in the system, for building better “villages” to raise our children and supporting our families when and where they need it.

#### **Resources:**

This release: [http://www.communitycouncil.ca/pdf/2013\\_Building\\_Innovations\\_Families\\_Release.pdf](http://www.communitycouncil.ca/pdf/2013_Building_Innovations_Families_Release.pdf)

The executive summary: [http://www.communitycouncil.ca/pdf/2013\\_Building\\_Innovations\\_Executive\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.communitycouncil.ca/pdf/2013_Building_Innovations_Executive_Summary.pdf)

The full report: [http://www.communitycouncil.ca/pdf/2013\\_Building\\_Innovations\\_Families\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.communitycouncil.ca/pdf/2013_Building_Innovations_Families_FINAL.pdf)

#### **Related report by the Community Social Planning Council:**

[Towards a Community Benefit Model of Procurement for Social Services \(2013\)](#)

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**The Community Social Planning Council** (CPSC) is the leading independent, non-partisan, and knowledgeable voice on socio-economic issues in BC's Capital region; it fosters social innovation and integrated action aimed at social, economic and environmental conditions and to help create sustainable communities.