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Hello from Parents Legal Centre (Duncan)

We are writing to provide an update on our services, as well as some useful resources.

Expansion

The Duncan Parents Legal Centre (the “PLC”) recently expanded its service area to include the Nanaimo, Ladysmith, and Parksville areas. Zeneta and Matt (PLC lawyers) are also regularly appearing as Duty Counsel in the Provincial Court in Nanaimo to assist parents with Ministry of Children and Family Development and Kwumut Lelum matters.

Office Update

The PLC staff continue to provide services and advocacy for our clients and others seeking our assistance. In-person services are available by appointment only. We are also able to assist by telephone, teleconference, emails and texts. Our email address is: PLCDuncan@legalaid.bc.ca.

We also continue to provide presentations on our available services in-person or via video calls. For our in-person presentations, we strictly observe all COVID-19 safety protocols.



Lawyer Referral Service

Any member of the public may call the Lawyer Referral Service to obtain the contact information of a lawyer who will meet for up to a **half-hour of free legal consultation** by calling **1-800-663-1919** from Monday to Friday—8:30am to 5:00pm, OR by requesting an online referral at any time. They may also email lawyerreferral@accessprobono.ca.

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Resources

Parents' Rights, Kids' Rights
A parent's guide to child protection law in BC

The above posters have been released, and are available to order on the Crown Publications website.

- 500 of each were printed.
- Click on the image to be taken to the catalogue.
- Publish date is Feb 2020. Please **recycle** any previous versions.

Some Links to websites:

General resources specific to COVID-19 and the law

- Legal Aid services https://legalaid.bc.ca/legal_aid
- MyLawBC – the Foreclosure and Abuse pathways have COVID-19 specific information in the pathways now. The Wills pathway will be updated next.
- Povnet <https://www.povnet.org/covid19-special-resources>
- Clicklaw Wikibook https://wiki.clicklaw.bc.ca/index.php?title=Covid-19_Resources_for_British_Columbians
- People's Law School FAQ <https://www.peopleslawschool.ca/everyday-legal-problems/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-your-legal-questions-answered>

Family law resources

- Family Law website FAQ section has been updated: <https://familylaw.lss.bc.ca/coronavirus-and-law-your-questions-answered>. Look under Courts for instructions on making urgent family court applications.

A Vancouver-based family lawyer has created a google doc for COVID-19 family law resources:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1T1mbli1BwucGEcUN9LJk5hDg2GsepYSMeZ2TCWDmSu4/mobilebasic#h.oap415lx7zsx>