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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **The Federation and PARCA announce new strategic partnership**

VICTORIA, BC — The Federation of Community Social Services of BC (The Federation) and the Provincial Association of Residential and Community Agencies (PARCA) are excited to announce the creation of a new partnership that will improve client services for people across the province and strengthen the collective voice of the two community-serving organizations.

The Federation and PARCA have committed to sharing business intelligence and encouraging mutual support amongst their combined membership. The Federation will provide PARCA members with access to the 2020 Leadership program and PARCA will provide Federation members with access to information and research through the National Youth Justice Network. The collaborative and mutually supportive working relationship will also assist PARCA and The Federation in advancing important legislative and budgetary policy within multiple levels of government.

"I am excited about the impact this partnership between PARCA and The Federation will have," says Federation Executive Director Rick FitzZaland. "It will amplify our voice and allow us to better advocate for a strong system of care for the young people of BC. PARCA is a leader in this sector and, by working together and sharing our resources, we will be able to improve the outcomes for some of our province's most vulnerable young people."

"This partnership will help us strengthen the services and supports for vulnerable people in BC," says Paul Barnett, President of PARCA. "The Federation has been a strong voice for social services in BC and by working together we will be better able to ensure that BC maintains a humane and evidence-informed justice system."

#### **About The Federation**

The Federation of Community Social Services of BC has been a provincial leader in the child, youth, adult and family serving field for 30 years. The Federation represents more than 140 social service agencies and umbrella organizations across the province that provide a wide range of community-based support services to the people of BC. [www.fcssbc.ca](http://www.fcssbc.ca)

#### **About PARCA**

PARCA promotes, supports and enhances the quality of community-based justice services and programs in the province of British Columbia, concentrating on services for both youth and adults. PARCA advises government, advocates for a humane and effective justice system, provides a network for service providers, and provides public information and education. [www.parca.ca](http://www.parca.ca)

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