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Dear ReAct Designated Responder Coordinators, Coordinating Teams & Instructors

Please post or distribute this email to Designated Responders in your program. Apologies for cross postings.

Yesterday the BC Government launched the elder abuse prevention strategy, "Together to Reduce Elder Abuse – B.C.'s Strategy" which can be found at www.gov.bc.ca/elderabuse.

Actions outlined in the strategy include government commitment to expanding the Seniors Abuse and Information Line, providing information kits to communities, establishing a multi-sector Council to Reduce Elder Abuse, supporting training and awareness-building initiatives for health care providers and establishing an Office to Reduce Elder Abuse within the Ministry of Health.

We were thrilled that the work of Designated Agencies like ours was recognized and even more specifically that the ReAct Adult Protection Worker Curriculum and the ReAct Reporting System (BC Patient Safety Learning System) were highlighted as initiatives to support and build upon. Congratulations to all of you for continuing to demonstrate leadership and commitment in this area of practice!

ReAct continues to be involved with provincial initiatives highlighted in the strategy that will work on longer term actions such as law reform for matters impacting vulnerable and incapable adults including: care facility admission; implementing recommendations for the certificate of incapability process; and bringing into force provisions of the *Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act, 2007*. ReAct is an active member of both the BC Adult Abuse/Neglect Prevention Collaborative and the Adult Guardianship Provincial Advisory Committee and as such will have a voice at the newly created Council to Reduce Elder Abuse.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns,

Thank you for your continued efforts to recognize, report, and act on adult abuse and neglect!

Warm regards,
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