

British Columbia - Ridge Meadows (Maple Ridge)

Stage of Development (*as of February 2013*) : Pilot / demonstration project

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The Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (soon to be named) began development in 2010 with a committee lead by MRPM Community Services with active representation from RCMP, Ministry of Child and Family Development, School District 42, ACT2 counselling, Cythera Transition House, Victim Services (Community and Court based), and Crown Counsel.

The Mission statement developed by this committee is “***A community response that facilitates a compassionate, integrated approach to the prevention, identification, prosecution and treatment of abuse involving children and youth***”. In the past year a contracted coordinator has been hired, an MOU will soon be completed, various processes have been defined and refined, and forms have been developed for Intake, Consent to Disclosure of Information, and Confidentiality. For the past several months, we have provided virtual services in the coordination of service providers, case conferencing, and expedited referrals.

The CYAC has recently secured office space and will be hiring a part-time Child Life Specialist/Advocate for our Pilot project. Services will soon expand to include child/youth friendly interview/monitoring rooms, a case conference/meeting room, and rooms for (at least initial, and perhaps ongoing) consultations with service providers, as well as a large child/youth oriented “play” room.

