



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



***Mission: To enhance the quality of justice in the communities we serve through restorative measures***

### **An Overview of 2016**

2016 proved to be a very successful year for CERA. The organization remained fiscally sound and operational effective. It was a year in which CERA reinforced its relationships with its community and referral partners. New operational changes that were brought into place during 2015 proved to be highly beneficial. CERA demonstrated its superior proficiency in optimising its productivity given its time and resources.

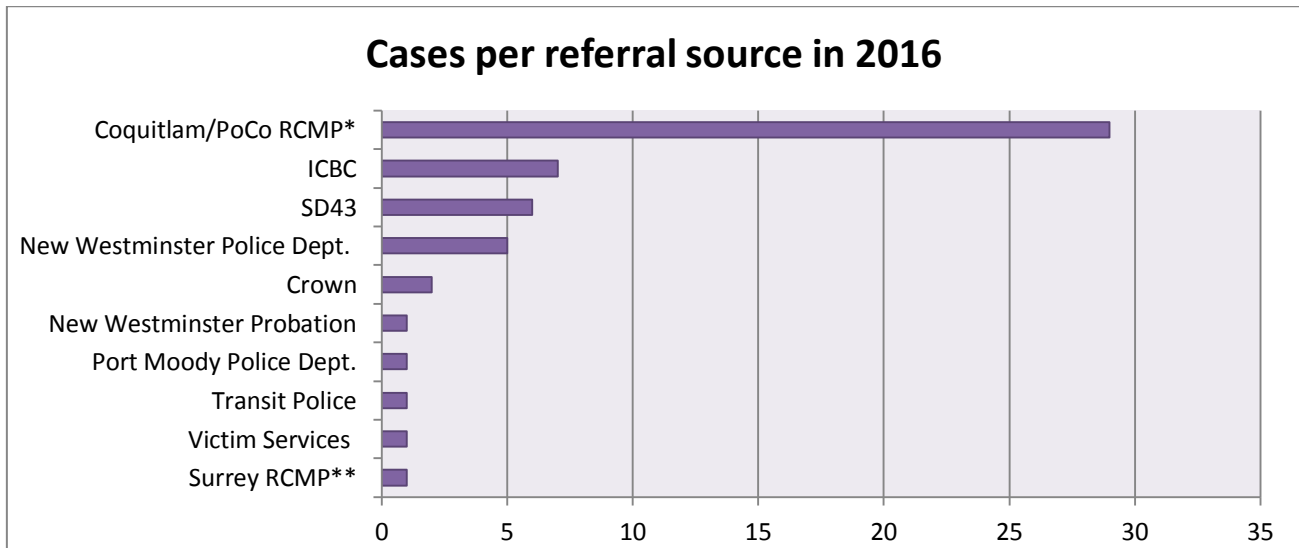
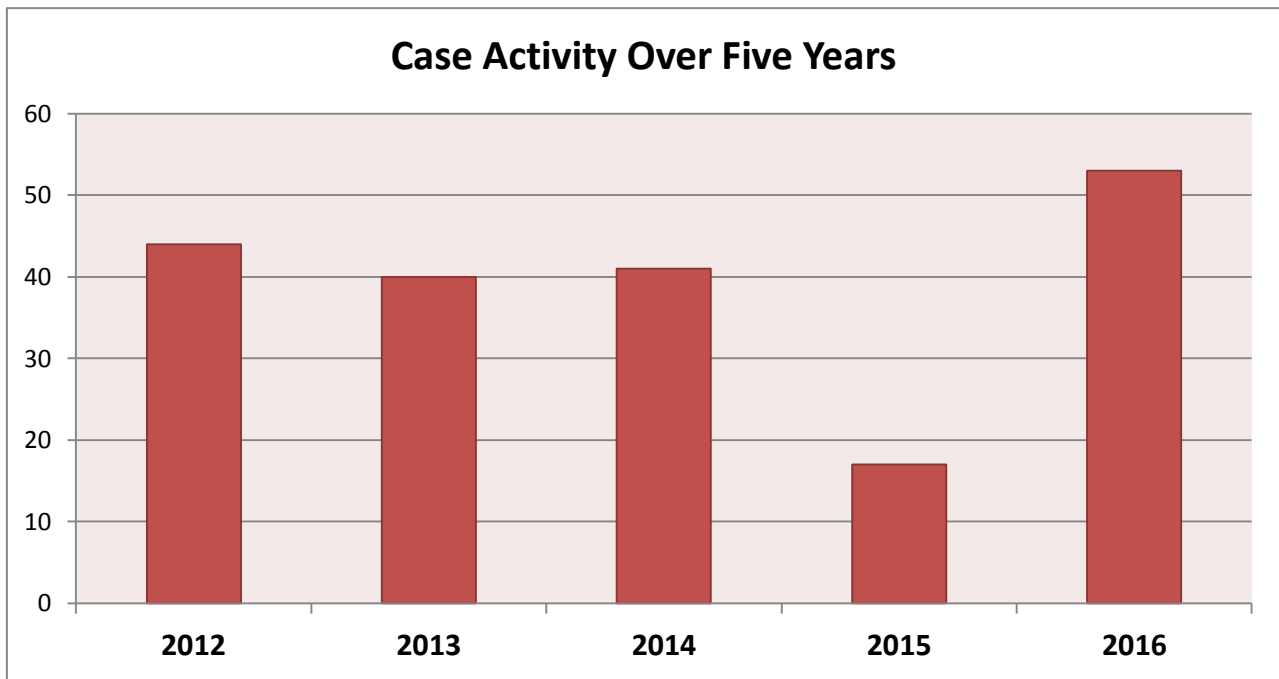
Case activity was highest in five years. This attests to the relationship that CERA shares with its referring partners. Management and officers of the Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam RCMP deserve tremendous credit for their support and utilization of restorative justice. Their encouragement of this approach in addressing crime has enabled numerous youth the opportunity to build a brighter future.

CERA's attempt to build a productive structure for the organization has shown to be vastly effective. The Executive Director is working closely with facilitators in ensuring that case activity remains high, our school based program is overseen capably by a coordinator, and the Society is governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom possess distinguished credentials.

We thank all our partners that continue to support our organization. We would particularly like to recognize the efforts of School District 43, who have remained staunch allies with CERA in promoting restorative justice values within schools. A heartfelt thanks also, to all our funders who enable us to provide our services in our communities and neighbourhoods. Finally, thanks to all our volunteers, staff, Board members and community members for their unwavering support.

Stacey Robinsmith  
Chair, Board of Directors

Gurinder Mann  
Executive Director



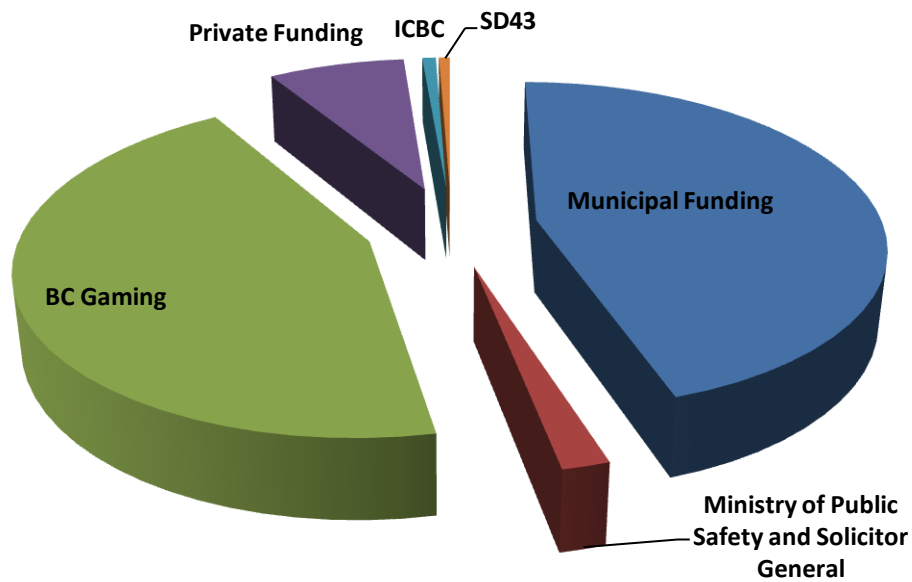
\*Two cases were self-referrals with a police files open.

\*\* Involved a youth from Port Coquitlam.

## CERA's Presence in Schools

CERA proudly continues its work in schools within School District 43 in close partnership with the District. Empowering Youth's peer mediation curriculum has been successfully incorporated at Meadowbrook Elementary, Castle Park Elementary, Blakeburn Elementary, Leigh Elementary, and Banting Elementary. Maillard Middle remains a steadfast supporter of restorative justice values. CERA is delighted to have entered a fiscal partnership with the School District to address larger conflicts in schools through restorative justice. New Westminster's School District remains supportive of restorative justice, and the Society's objective is to develop the Program in their District as well.

## 2016 CERA Funding



### Funders

City of Coquitlam  
City of Port Moody  
City of New Westminster  
Village of Anmore  
Village of Belcarra  
Province of British Columbia  
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Coast Capital Savings  
ICBC

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