



## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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

### **An Overview of 2017**

2017 was one of CERA's finest years. The organization effectively collaborated with its referring partners, resulting in a substantial increase in operational activity. CERA's staunch partnership with police agencies and efficient referral process led to a dramatic rise in referrals, which has reinforced the credibility of restorative justice in the communities we serve.

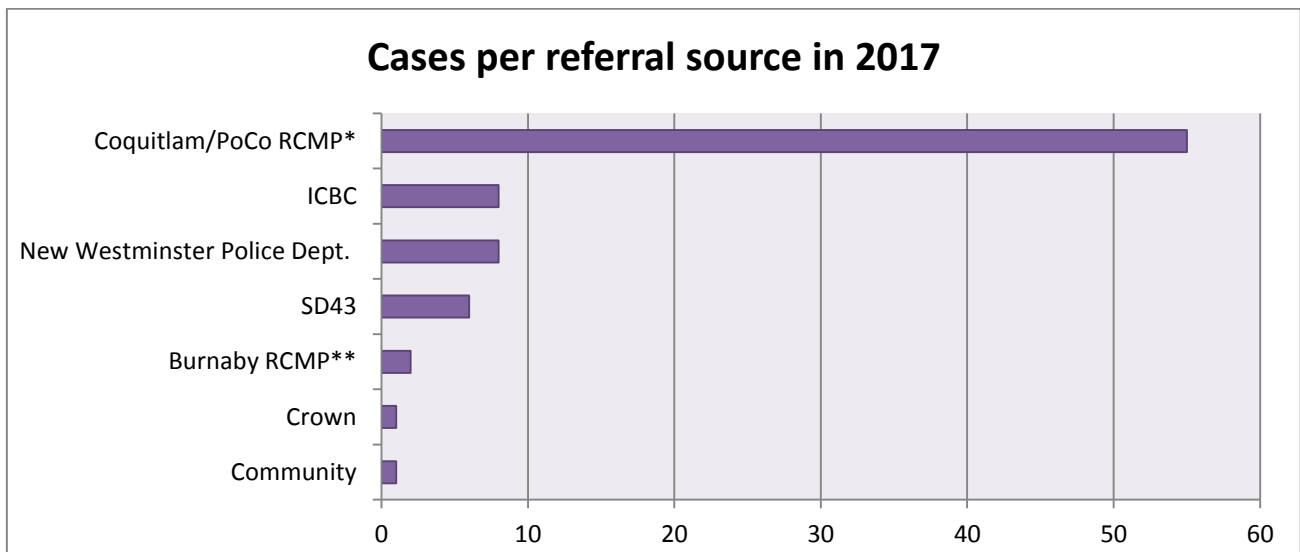
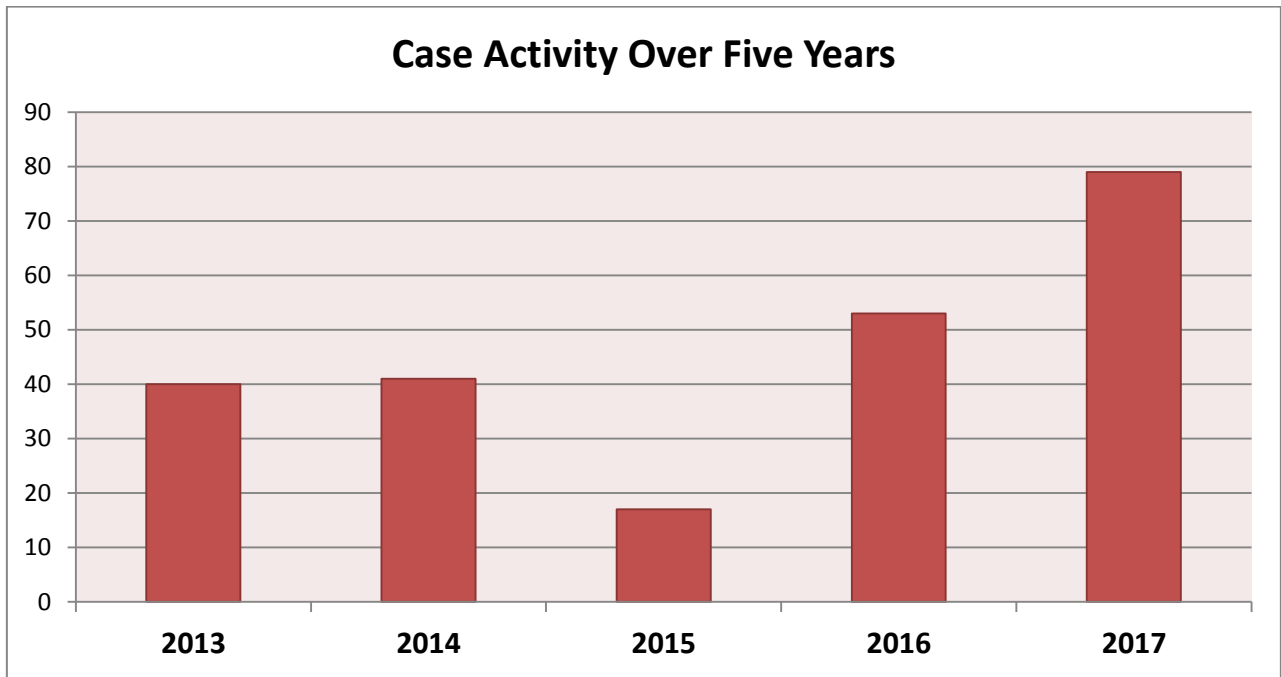
CERA was fortunate to welcome several new Board members, whose knowledge, experience, and innovation has enabled the organization to renew its vision in growing the concept of restorative justice. The Society continued to plan strategically to ensure that restorative justice is not only developing in our jurisdictions, but is receiving greater acceptance as a viable alternative to the court system in the Province.

In addition to increasing the utilization of restorative conferences following an offence, CERA remained committed to its preventative work in School District 43 and School District 40. CERA and School District 43 continued its fiscal partnership and ensured that restorative justice values were endorsed in schools. Moreover, CERA strengthened its relationship with administrators in School District 40, aiming to further develop our school based Program.

Our sincere thanks to all our supporters and partners that remain dedicated to the values of restorative justice and committed to seeing safer schools and neighbourhoods. We express our gratitude to the municipalities we serve and the Province of BC for their continued funding, which allows the Society to carry out its aims. Thanks to Coast Capital Savings for their firm commitment to our youth. Finally, thanks to all our volunteers, staff, Board, and members.

Stacey Robinsmith  
Chair, Board of Directors

Gurinder Mann  
Executive Director



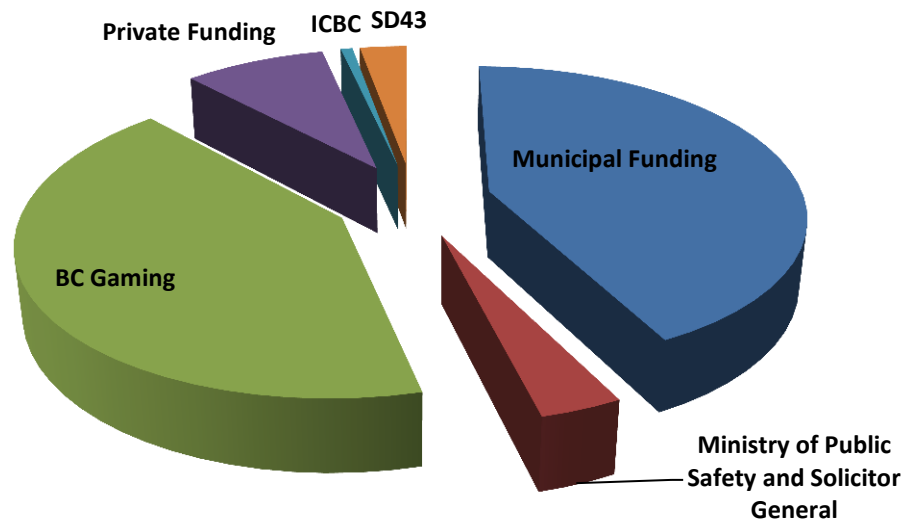
\*Two cases were self-referrals with a police file open.

\*\* Involved a youth from Port Coquitlam.

## CERA's Presence in Schools

Aiming to grow restorative justice in schools, CERA and School District 43 partnered to fiscally support a Teacher on Call. This allowed a staff member to work directly with CERA in launching the Program in additional schools. The Program is now gaining momentum in elementary and secondary schools. Furthermore, after presenting to all administrators in the District and holding key meetings with the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent, the Program is now gaining a greater presence in School District 40 of New Westminster as well.

## 2017 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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Irene Vanderspek (also Empowering Youth Coordinator)  
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