



## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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

### **An Overview of 2018**

Following one of the operationally most successful years since the organization's inauguration, CERA capably channelled the momentum into 2018, a year that proved to be equally as effective as the previous one. The organization strengthened its referral base, reinforced its relationships, and attained its financial objectives. This allowed the Society to further promote the positive impacts of restorative justice in the communities served.

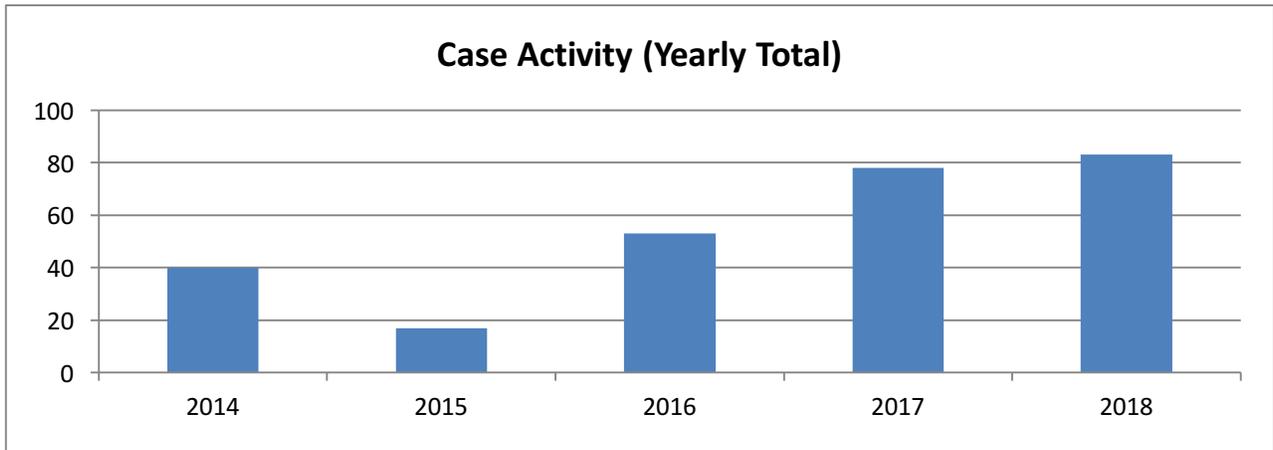
Working collaboratively, staff and Board developed methods through which CERA could support restorative justice and raise the profile of the organization. This led to establishing strategies through which CERA is more active in the community and is working more closely with local and provincial decision makers in expanding the use of restorative justice.

Referrals to the Community Youth Justice Program remained sound, and the Empowering Youth Program surpassed its yearly objectives. These aims were reached through our relationships with police agencies and school districts we work closely with. We thank our police partners and the municipalities we serve for supporting restorative justice.

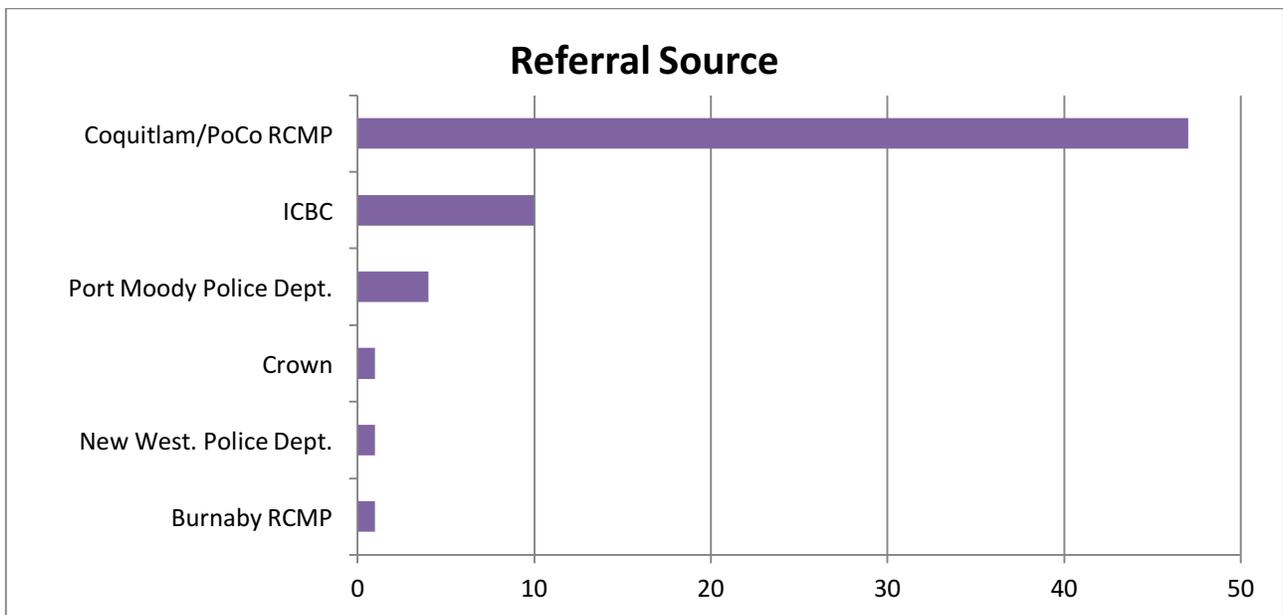
We are thankful to the Province of BC for their fiscal and symbolic support. Coast Capital Savings, the Port Coquitlam Foundation, and School District 43 have been vital fiscal supporters, who enable us to deliver services. Thanks also to all stakeholders, staff, Board, volunteers, and community members that continue to work day in and day out to build the Society.

Stacey Robinsmith  
Chair, Board of Directors

Gurinder Mann  
Executive Director



\*\*To be more reflective of work completed, beginning in 2018, we calculate case activity based on the number of offenders we work with, as some files present us with multiple offenders.

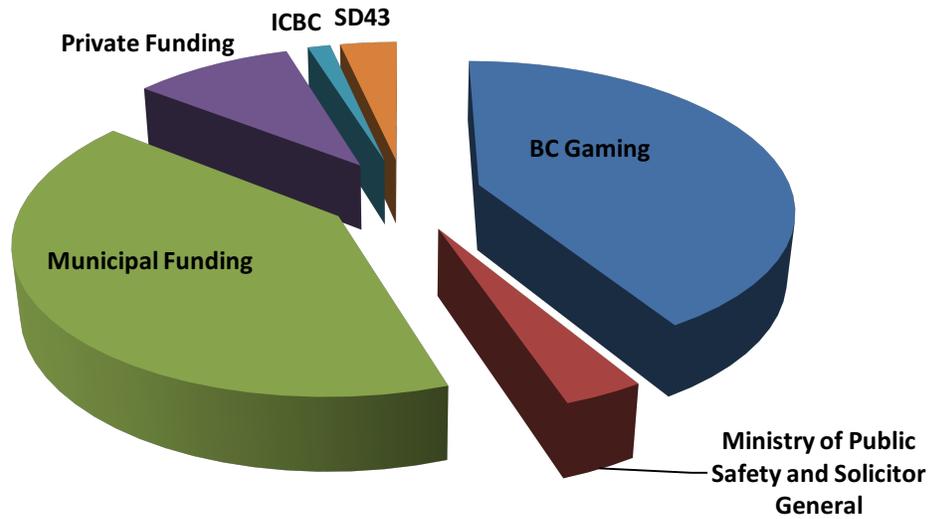


\* These reflect the files received from police and other referral partners; each file can involve more than one offender.

## CERA's Presence in Schools

CERA continued to work closely with School Districts 43 and 40, with the objective of offering a preventative approach of addressing disputes and conflicts arising in schools. In addition to offering peer mediation to elementary schools, CERA was active in attending high school classes and engaging directly with students, explaining the effectiveness of restorative justice values, and educating youth on how to responsibly address conflict. Relationships with both school districts remain strong, and CERA hopes to continue to grow the number of schools in which restorative justice approaches are promoted, toward creating safe school settings.

## 2018 CERA Funding



### Funders

City of Coquitlam  
City of Port Moody  
City of New Westminster  
Village of Anmore  
Village of Belcarra  
BC Gaming, Province of British Columbia  
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Coast Capital Savings  
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School District 43  
Port Coquitlam Community Foundation

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