



## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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

### **An Overview of 2013**

2013 proved to be a successful year for CERA. In addition to continuing the highly credible operational work that the organization is known for, CERA expanded its objectives, aiming to execute creative approaches to dignify the effectiveness of restorative justice and raising the profile of the organization. Whilst existing partnerships were reinforced, the Society worked tirelessly to establish new relationships that nurture the values of restorative justice.

The Society was delighted to welcome new members to the Board of Directors, who exemplified excellence in their respective fields and brought a wealth of knowledge that has served to be invaluable for the organization. With a team of Directors demonstrating merit in the fields of non-profit, policing, education and finance, the CERA Society had the exceptional pleasure to establish new goals to further grow the organization.

It is a privilege working with three outstanding police departments, including Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam RCMP, Port Moody Police Department, and New Westminster Police Service, who are committed to the concept of restorative justice, and with whom we have worked exceptionally well in diversifying the types of cases for which restorative justice can be utilized. Furthermore, we are proud of our staunch partnership with School District 43, and are excited about the promising relationship which has been developing with School District 40.

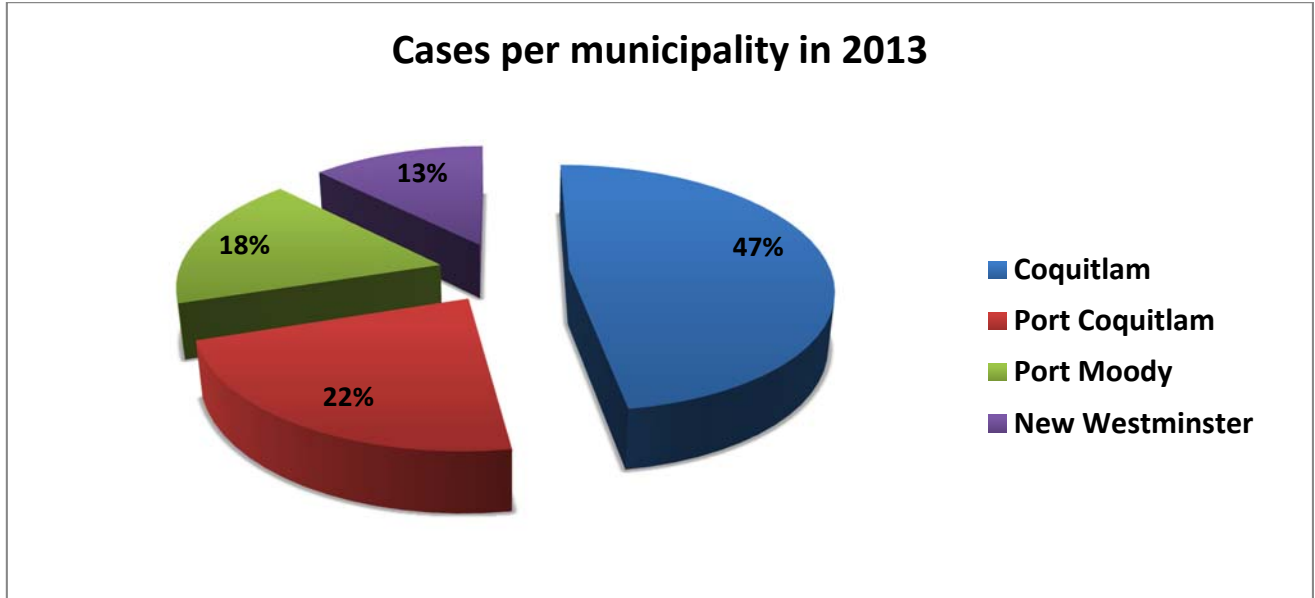
CERA has taken strides to indisputably prove itself as a provincial voice in youth justice and playing a leadership role in the field. This has been demonstrated through CERA's consistent initiatives intended at raising awareness on youth crime issues, better educating partners and the public on youth justice concerns, and finding ways to increase the participation of the public in matters related to youth safety.

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Chair, Board of Directors

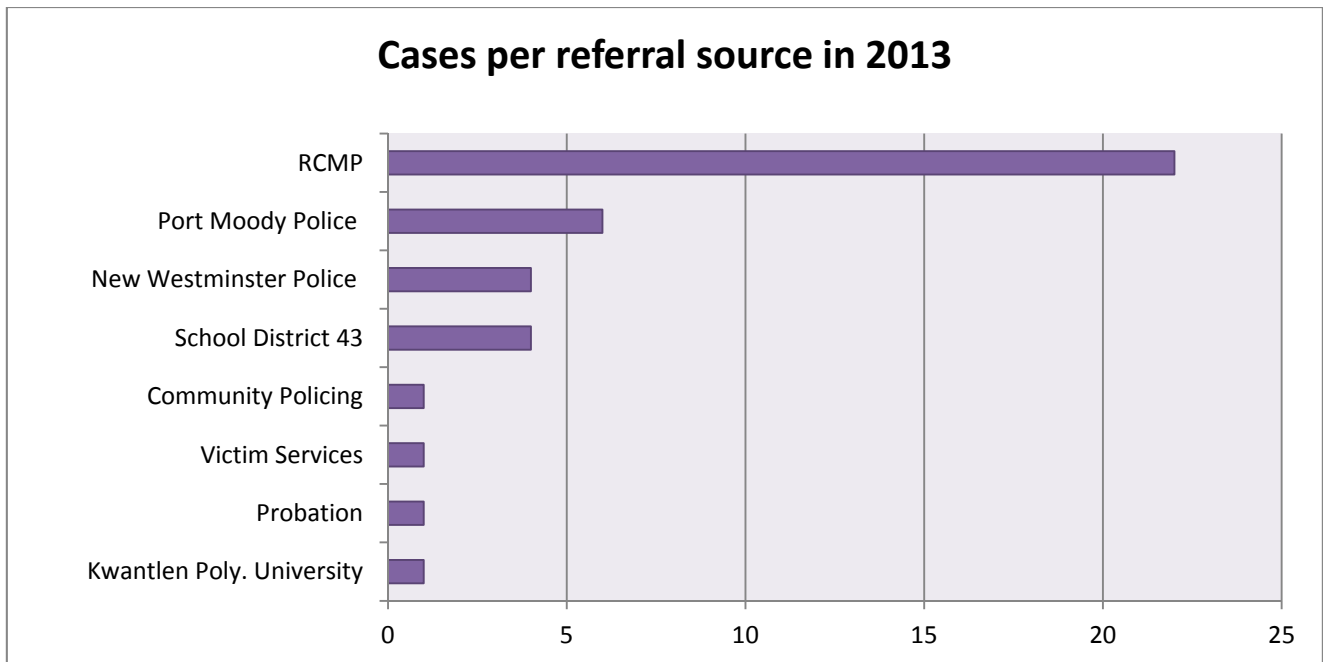
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Executive Director

## Case Activity

In 2013, a total of forty cases were processed by CERA. The municipality which served to provide CERA with the highest number of referrals was the City of Coquitlam.

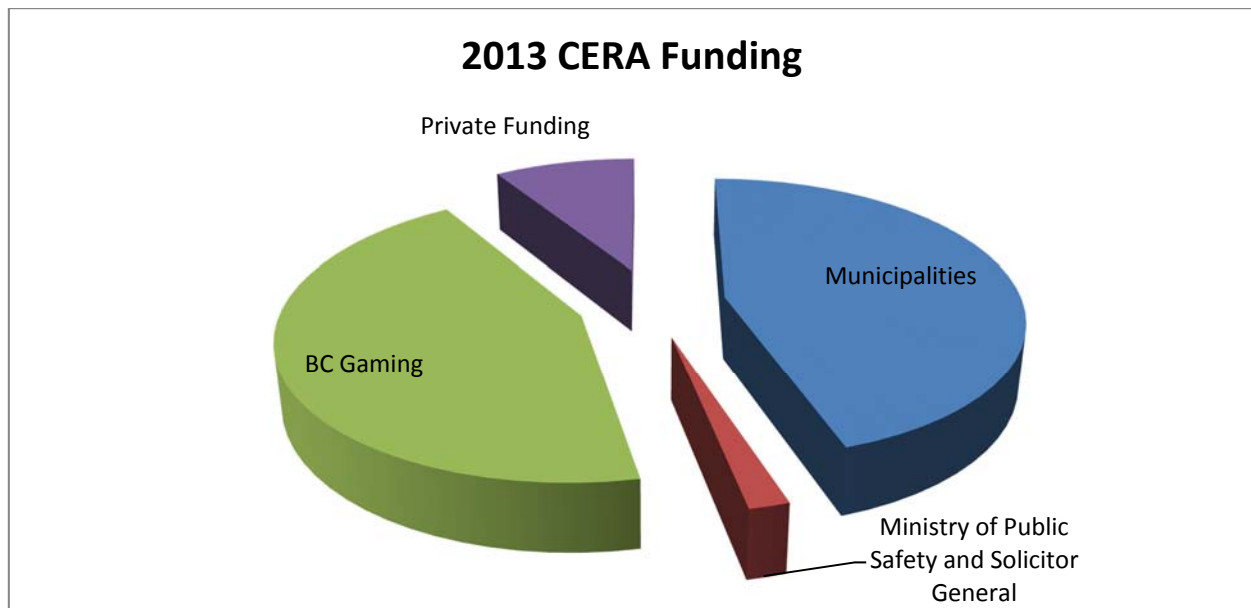


Cases and referral sources reflected considerable diversity, validating our efforts in educating and informing our partners and the community on the effectiveness of restorative justice in addressing various types of offences.



## Empowering YOUth

Empowering YOUth continued to educate students and staff on the benefits of restorative justice. Peace Squads remained significantly effective in offering students basic skills and supporting them in utilizing restorative action and conflict resolution skills to create peaceful playgrounds and classrooms. Training was conducted at Kilmer Elementary School, Meadowbrook Elementary, and Port Moody Elementary School. CERA was also successful in diversifying and strengthening the curriculum for Empowering YOUth, as social responsibility training was conducted in Maillard Middle School, bullying prevention training was held at Meadowbrook School, and conflict resolution information was offered at Parkland School.



### 2013 Funders

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