



## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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

### **An Overview of 2020**

2020 witnessed an unpredictable year. Like many other organizations CERA Society tackled challenges presented by a social environment that was unprecedented during the COVID-19 pandemic. Proudly, CERA addressed every issue and challenge with dedication. The organization developed a strategic plan to adapt to the pandemic situation and established contingency plans to financially protect the organization.

Adhering to health guidelines, CERA utilized online technology and other tools to facilitate dialogues with parties to support restorative justice processes. Through challenging times, CERA took the opportunity to develop new approaches to communicate with parties and to educate others on restorative measures.

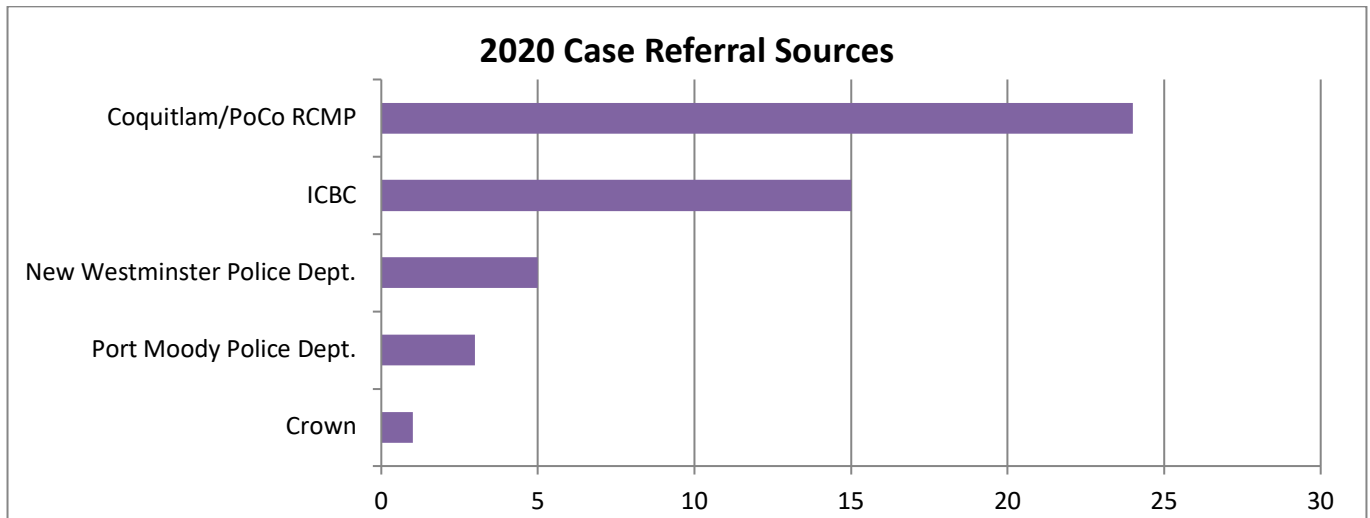
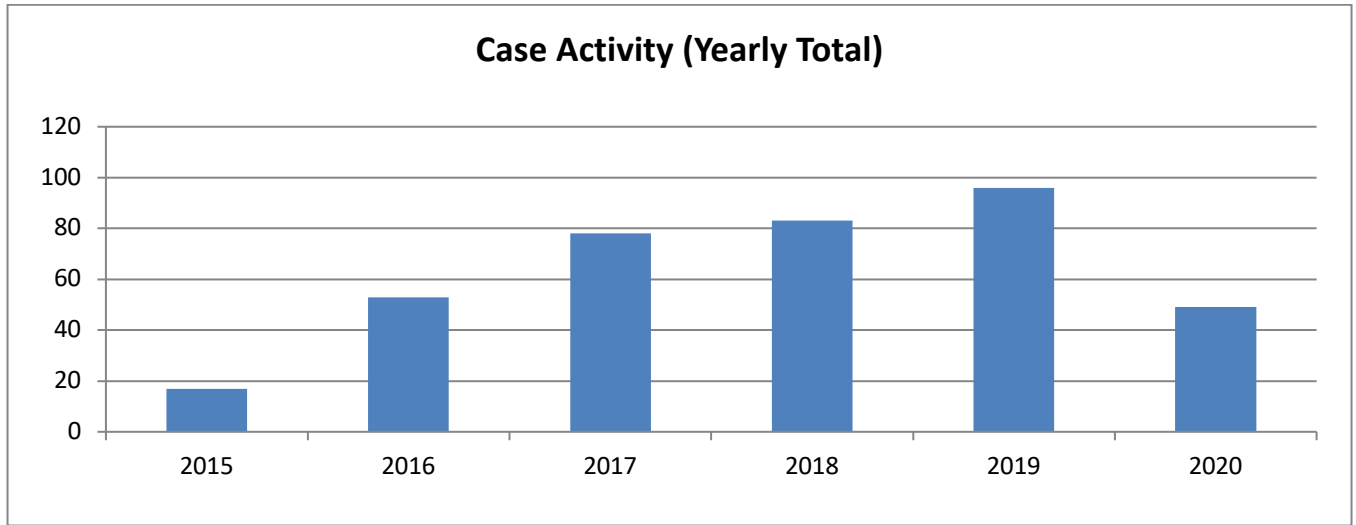
CERA expresses genuine thanks to its partners: Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam RCMP, New Westminster Police Department, and Port Moody Police Department for their commitment to seeing restorative justice thrive. Our thanks to Crown for their partnership. We are grateful to School Districts 43 and 40, who share CERA's enthusiasm to educate students on restorative justice values. We express our sincere thanks to ICBC, with whom CERA continues to build a successful partnership.

Our thanks to all our funders, who supported CERA during extraordinary times. We appreciate all the work that staff, Board, volunteers and community supporters have done to ensure restorative justice flourished, even when the pandemic presented numerous obstacles.

Stacey Robinsmith  
Chair, Board of Directors

Gurinder Mann  
Executive Director

## Operational Activity

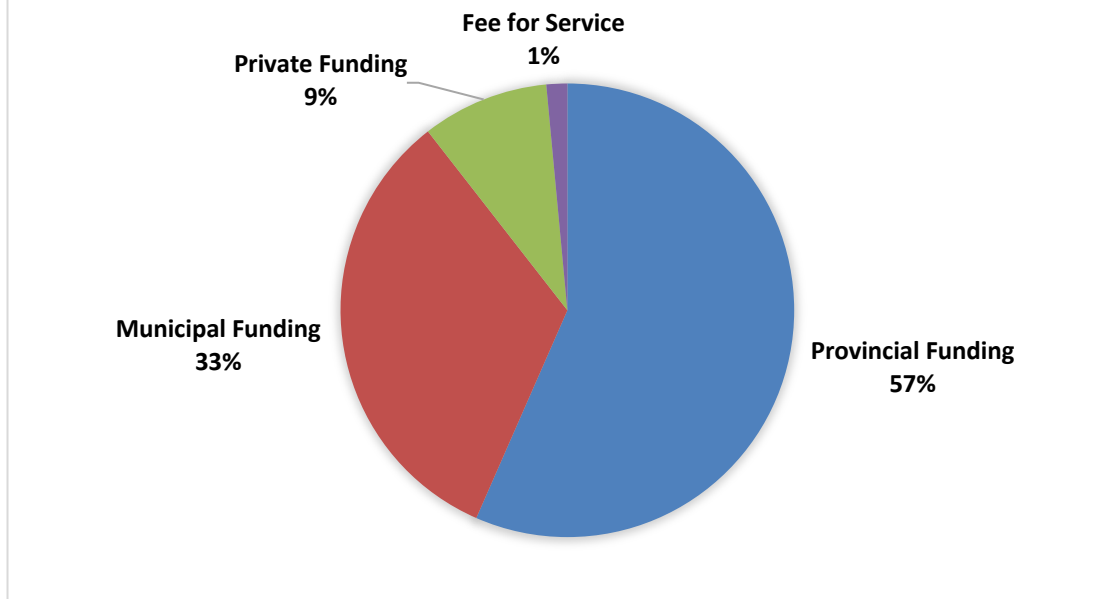


. \*\*Some files involve multiple offenders, hence, multiple referrals

## **CERA's Presence in Schools**

CERA maintained its promise to collaborating with School Districts 43 and 40 in offering its services as a resource in addressing school offences through a restorative approach and educating students on the values of restorative justice. The pandemic introduced a major hurdle to operating in the schools; however, CERA saw this as an opportunity to exercise its creativity and began developing online tools and videos through which the valuable message of restorative justice could reach students.

## 2020 FUNDING



### Funders

City of Coquitlam  
City of Port Moody  
City of New Westminster  
Village of Anmore  
Village of Belcarra  
BC Gaming  
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Coast Capital Savings  
ICBC  
School District 43  
Port Coquitlam Community Foundation

### Board of Directors

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### Facilitators

Irene Vanderspek (also Empowering Youth Coordinator)  
Linda Ohashi