

## **Revised Local Action Team of Oceanside Terms of Reference** (Approved January 21, 2020)

**Vision:** A healthy informed and resilient Oceanside community

**Mission:** To collaboratively promote well-being by cultivating learning about healthy childhood development and by fostering compassionate responses to those impacted by trauma.

**Functions:**

- To walk alongside people with compassion and empathy
- To identify service gaps and barriers and work together to address and eliminate them
- To promote and nurture healthy development that ensures health, nutrition, responsive caregiving, safety, security and early learning
- To provide opportunities to facilitate conversations about healthy development and the impact of early trauma across all sectors, while using common language and promoting curiosity rather than judgement
- To engage collaboratively with individuals and families using an intergenerational perspective
- To share knowledge and raise awareness of new scientific evidence on child brain development and impacts of early trauma (Lancet, 2000 Days, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Harvard Center on the Developing Child, Brain Story, etc.)

**Membership (current and not limited to):**

- Island Health – Public Health, Discovery Youth & Family Substance Use, etc.
- Regional District of Nanaimo
- RCMP
- Ministry for Children and Families (MCFD) – Child and Youth Mental Health
- School District 69
- Interested parent/youth with lived experience
- Society of Organized Services (SOS)
- SOURCES (formerly Family Resource Association)
- Forward House
- Nurse Practitioner
- Early Years representatives

**Membership (looking for representation of)**

- Oceanside Division of Family Practice; Qualicum First Nation/Nanoose First Nation; Local government

**Meetings:** The third Tuesday of each month 10:30 – 11:30 am

**Chair:** Co-chairs will serve a one year term from September to September and the Chairs and Terms of Reference will be reviewed yearly

**Agendas:**

- All members will have the opportunity to contribute to the agenda. Agenda items to be forwarded to the co-chairs at least one week prior to the meeting date
- Agendas shall indicate the topic and presenter
- Each meeting will include a review and agreed upon revisions of the agenda
- Items not dealt with during the meeting will be assigned to a future meeting date
- Agendas to be circulated no later than 4 days prior to the next meeting

**Decision Making:** Decisions, where possible, will be reached by consensus