

## **Local Action Team of Oceanside Terms of Reference**

**Vision:** A healthy compassionate trauma informed 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 identify service gaps and barriers and work together to address and eliminate them
- to promote healthy development through nurturing care- care 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, ACES, Brain Story, etc.)

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

- Island Health – Public Health, Discovery Youth & Family Substance Use, etc.
- RCMP
- Ministry for Children and Families (MCFD) – Child and Youth Mental Health
- School District 69
- Local Counsellors/Psychiatrists
- Interested parent/youth with lived experience
- Society of Organized Services (SOS)
- Forward House
- Oceanside Division of Family Practice
- Early Years representatives

**Membership (looking for representation of)**

- Qualicum First Nation/Nanoose First Nation
- Local government representatives – including Regional District
- Family Resource Association

**Meetings:** The third Friday of each month 12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Chair:** Co-chairs will serve a one year term from September to September and be reviewed in 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