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WORKING FMEP WORKSHOP FOR PAYORS TO BE
PRESENTED AT PRINCESS ROYAL FAMILY CENTRE

Nanaimo, BC – April 1, 2008. The Nanaimo Men’s Resource Centre will be presenting the Working FMEP Workshop for Payors, on Thursday, April 10th from 7:30pm to 9pm at the Princess Royal Family Centre in Nanaimo.

The workshop will present information and helpful tips about the British Columbia Family Maintenance Enforcement Program (FMEP). FMEP was set up by the provincial government in the late 1980’s to enforce the payment of monthly spousal and/or child support.

Some of the topics to be included in the workshop are: What is the role of FMEP?; what to do if facing inappropriate enforcement; your rights and responsibilities; when is it a court issue and when is it an FMEP issue?; what are some useful negotiating skills.

The workshop will be presented by Jonathon van der Goes and Ravenna McColgan from the Nanaimo Men’s Resource Centre. Jonathon advocates for clients who are dealing with FMEP issues and Ravenna is a past employee of FMEP.

“Sometimes people feel intimidated by the bureaucratic red tape involved in solving FMEP challenges,” says van der Goes, “There are times when someone might not be able to make payments. Some people have had their wages garnished or have had their driver’s license taken away. Once we can explain the processes of FMEP, a plan of action can be suggested which often can help resolve the situation.”

The workshop will take place at the Princess Royal Family Centre, 290 Irwin Street, in Nanaimo from 7:30pm to 9pm on Thursday, April 10th. For more information call the Nanaimo Men’s Resource Centre at 716-1551.

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The Nanaimo Men’s Resource Centre is a non-profit organization offering support, referral and educational services to men and their families. The centre promotes community awareness of men’s needs and provides programs for individuals and groups. Information and programs are available for divorce and separation, domestic violence, anger management, legal support, family maintenance, parental alienation, family maintenance and personal growth.

For more information about these services at the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre call 250-716-1551 or log on to their website at www.nanaimomen.com

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