



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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

An Overview of 2023

2023 witnessed an expansion of CERA's restorative justice vision. In addition to staying true to reinforcing its hallmark programs of Community Youth Justice Program; an effective alternative to the criminal court system for youth under 18, and Empowering Youth; an effective training program for schoolchildren, following the principles and philosophy of restorative justice, the organization took strides to solidify its footing in additional areas

Utilizing its expertise in restorative justice, the Society aimed to further advance its services by addressing more diverse types of crime through restorative measures, and accepting referrals involving individuals across a wide range of ages. This ambition became easier following the creation of a new Memorandum of Understanding with the BC Crown Counsel.

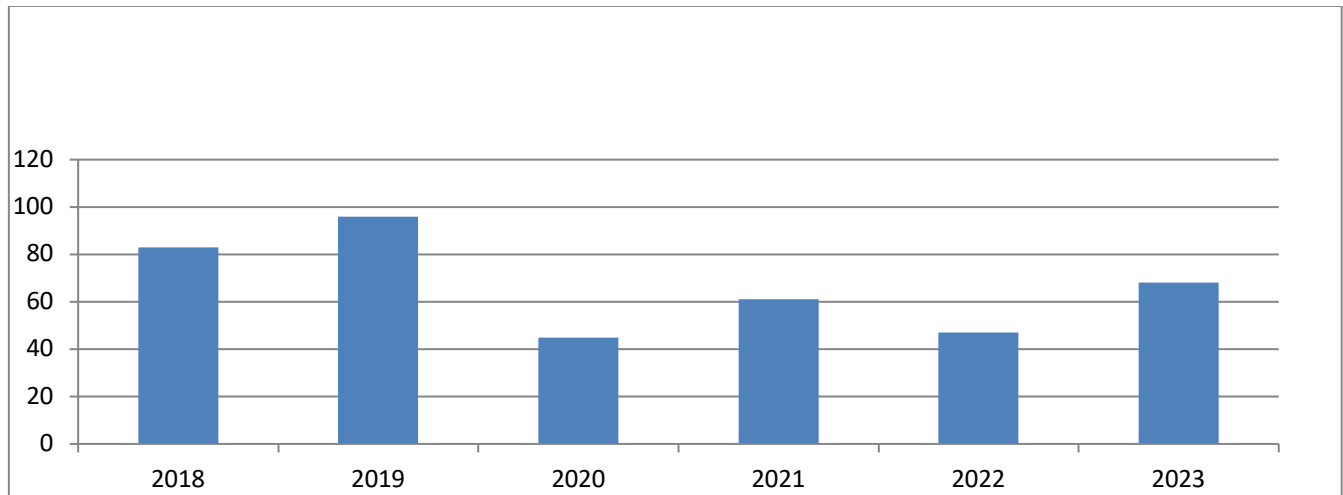
CERA is particularly proud of its outstanding partnership with ICBC. The organization partners with the Special Investigations Unit and utilizes restorative approaches in giving opportunities to those who wish to make things right. This collaboration has grown notably, and CERA gladly supports ICBC throughout different regions in the province. We are optimistic that this partnership will continue to expand in the coming time.

Relationships with the Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam Police Department, New Westminster Police Department and Port Moody Police Department remain firm and the organization is pleased with its unwavering alliance with school districts in the Tri-Cities and New Westminster. We thank all our funders, partners, staff, Board, volunteers and supporters for their continued support and dedication.

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Chair, Board of Directors

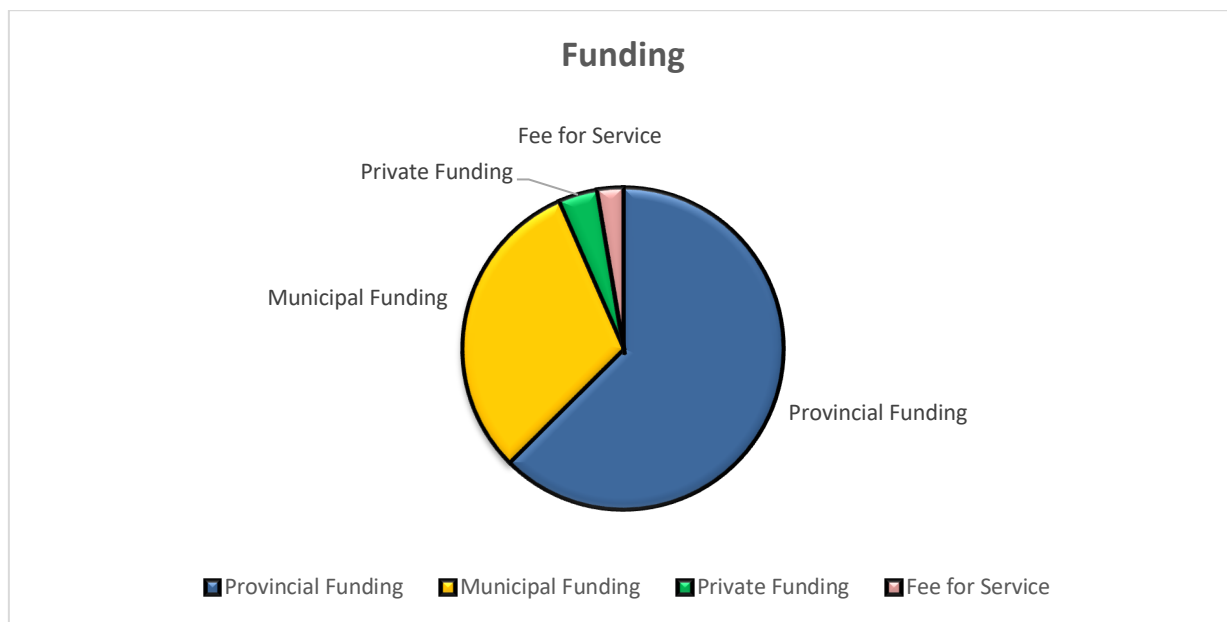
Gurinder Mann
Executive Director

Operational Activity



CERA's Presence in Schools

CERA has proudly established its school-based program for close to two decades. CERA continues to share its range of services in schools to build healthier environments. These services range from utilizing conferences to address school conflict, supporting circles in classes to address issues, and presenting to students, teachers and administrators on the benefits of restorative justice. This multi-level approach supports schools in becoming more restorative and less punitive, and in turn leading to safer schools.



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