





### Transform the Family Justice System Collaborative's Newsletter

#### A message from Nancy Cameron, KC

I am grateful to be part of the TFJS Collaborative Strategy Committee.

I have practiced family law in British Columbia for over 35 years, and learned early in my practice that most people going through separation and divorce did not want to go to court. Parents were happier with outcomes if they could resolve things on their own, with support where necessary. I shifted my practice to mediation and Collaborative Practice and spent hundreds of hours studying dispute resolution. I learned so much from the families that committed to working towards resolution, and gained a tremendous amount of respect for these families, most of whom had children.



As an enthusiastic supporter of TFJS since its inception, I know that we have the capacity to transform this system. I also know it isn't easy and it isn't quick. Families, in whatever shape they take, are the cornerstones of our communities, and we all want families to thrive. Through the TFJS Collaborative we are able to come together from many sectors to incrementally transform the system.

As part of the Collaborative Strategy Committee, I look forward to helping to facilitate all the different sectors as they leverage cracks in the system that allow us to prototype and create projects to work towards supporting families and protecting children from conflict.

The chrysalis represents a transitional state & space during which renewal & rebirth can happen.

Don't give up. Obstacles can be overcome through strategy & learning. - Hidetaka Miyazaki



### Participant Perspectives: Renée Le Nobel



I'm honoured and grateful to serve on the Transform the Family System Collaborative's Strategy Committee. My own Justice separation in 2013 led me to support families in protecting their mental and financial well-being during and after divorce.

As a collaboratively trained Chartered Professional Accountant, I've spent the past 12 years witnessing the profound disconnect between the outcomes families and children need and the often traumatic processes of the current system.

I'm committed to seeking clarity, challenging outdated norms, and focusing on the deeper purpose behind meaningful change. I'm excited to collaborate with a diverse, passionate group of people who bring the insight and the determination needed to transform the family justice system.

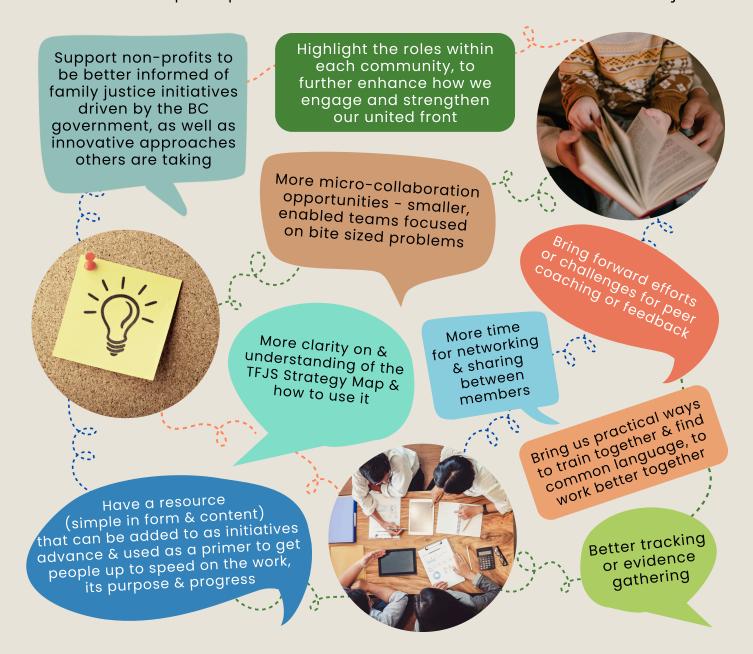


# The Collaborative Strategy Committee & What we've heard

The Collaborative Strategy Committee (CSC) was established in mid-2024 to advance the TFJS Collaborative's vision of a family justice system that, together with other societal systems, supports children, youth and families who are experiencing family justice issues. The CSC is intended to guide ongoing intersectoral efforts coming under the Collaborative umbrella and support the Collaborative Lead role.

From late 2024 to early 2025, we sent surveys to participants in our three Communities of Action (CoAs) about their experiences and what they would like to see going forward.

Here is some of what we heard, which will inform the CSC in terms of the strategies we use to achieve participant satisfaction and our common transformative objectives:





## Resources for families going through separation available on **FamiliesChange.ca**

The Health and Justice Alliance — along with A2JBC, the Shared Care Committee, Law Society of British Columbia, Justice Education Society of BC (JES), and other partners — has developed key messages and a variety of resources to help parents support their children's well-being through a separation or divorce.

Parental separation can be tough on everyone, particularly children & youth. However, research shows that with the right strategies and support, families can mitigate harm and emerge from the transition more resilient.



In the 'Parents' section on FamiliesChange.ca, which was recently redeveloped by JES, the resources cover a wide variety of topics from handling conflict in a healthy way, to understanding legal rights and responsibilities, to steps towards financial stability.

Visit <u>FamiliesChange.ca</u> to learn more about these practical resources for parents to support their children and themselves while going through separation.

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 27, 2pm to 4pm Intersectoral Family Justice Community of Action meeting
- June 2-3 Canada's satellite event, 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Justice with Children
  - Register by May 25: RightsofChildren.ca MS Teams Registration Link
- June 12, 4:30-6pm TFJS Collaborative's 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration
  - Register by June 10: **Zoom Registration Link**
- June 18, 5pm to 7pm Child & Youth Meaningful Participation CoA meeting
- June 26, 11am to 1pm Support Finder Community of Action meeting

Coming Soon: <u>Brain Story</u> Discussion Group

- Do you want to up your brain science knowledge and get a Certification for it?
- Join this group to help you along the online journey by emailing us!
- Get CPD credits if you are a lawyer, mediator, parenting coordinator or doctor

We acknowledge the ancestral & unceded territories of many Indigenous Peoples that our participants gather on. We are committed to engaging with Indigenous Peoples and applying Indigenous legal principles in our work.