

# **The Canadian Social Pediatrics Award**

given by

**The Janusz Korczak Association of Canada and  
the Canadian Pediatric Society**

Presented to the teams behind:

1. The Wellness Centres at John Barsby Secondary School and the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre Wellness Centre (NAC)
2. In School Pediatric Consultation Service (Seeing the Invisible Children)

The award is for working towards improving children's rights in ways that encourage love for children, listening to children, fostering healthy children's lives, and building capacities in children, in the spirit of [Doctor Korczak.](#)

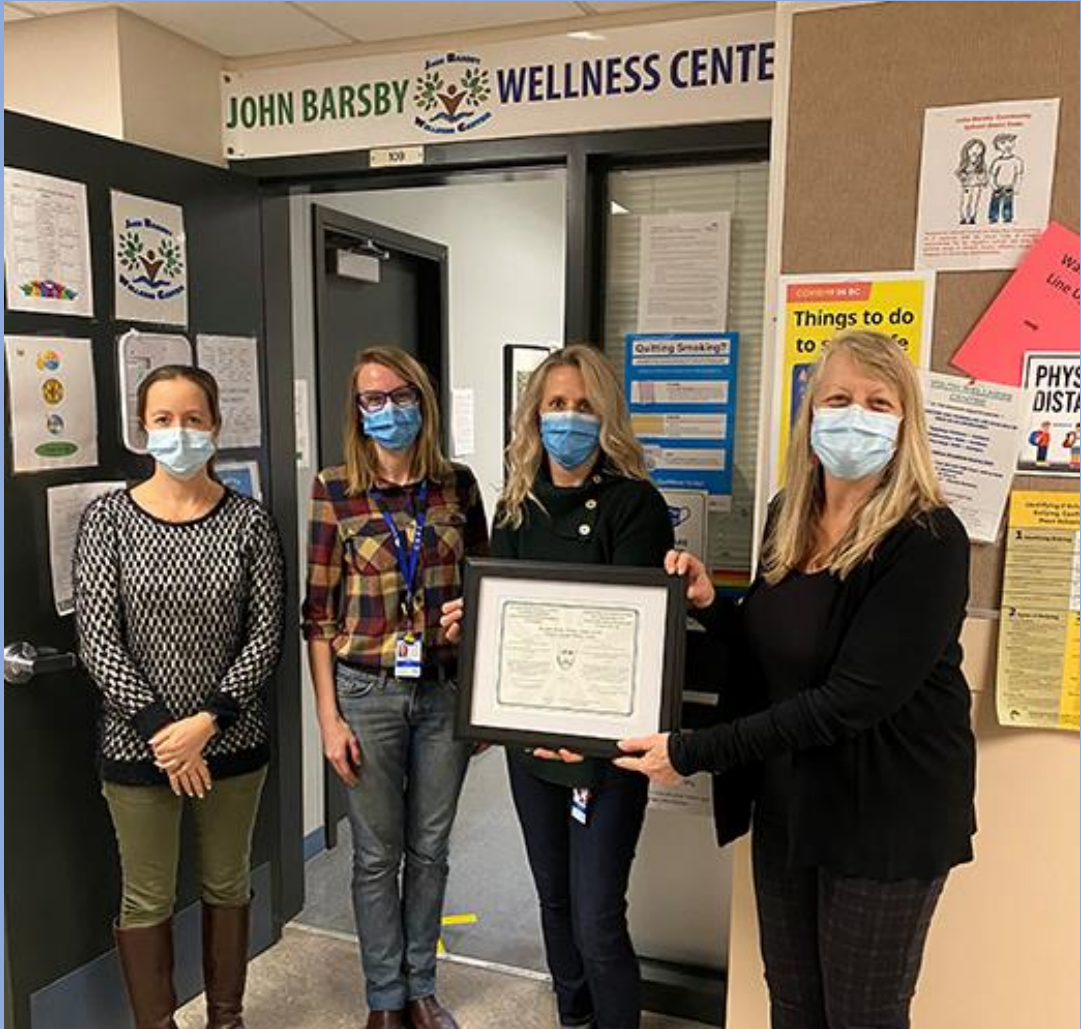
## The award was presented to the 2 teams:

The **John Barsby Wellness Centre** and the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre Wellness Centre (NAC) team:

- Erin Kenning - Public Health & Nursing Support Services Coordinator
- Maria Devesa – Public Health Nurse
- Douglas Hardie – Discovery Youth Services
- Kathryn Atkinson, MCFD CYMH Team Lead
- Dr. Marcia Fukanaga - Medical Lead and Family Physician
- Dr. Sandy Barlow – Medical Lead and Family Physician
- Dr. Wilma Arruda – Medical Director
- And all supporting nurses, counsellors and physicians who work in the Centres.

The In School Pediatric Consultation Service “Seeing the Invisible Children” team:

- **Cindi Ashbee** - Child, Youth Care, Georgia Avenue Elementary School
- Claudio Aguilera - Manager Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre Health Centre
- **Bob Eslinger**- Assistant Superintendent SD 68 (retired)
- Jan Tatlock – previous Director Public Health, Island Health
- Erin Kenning - Clinical Coordinator Public Health Nanaimo
- **Kirstin Funke Robinson** - SD 68 Psychologist
- **Lynn Brown** - Social Worker, SD 68
- Dr Wilma Arruda – Pediatrician



# Next steps:

## Primary Care Child, Youth and Family Service

- Initiated in January 2021 the PCCYF project is in partnership between Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, Island Health and the Division of Family Practice
- School identified children, youth and their families that do not have access to primary medical care but need it.
- Short-term primary care consultations, with Social Work support, aimed at:
  - Stabilising medical, psychological and social challenges
  - Creating a care plan for families to work from while searching for a permanent primary care provider
  - Creating a medical record that is accessible at Island Health facilities



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