

## **Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy (ARJAA)**

In September of 2004, the school-based program Restorative Action was launched, in partnership with School District 34. Designed to provide ways of dealing with school-based conflicts and problems such as bullying, harassment, vandalism, and fighting, Restorative Action provides conflict resolution and mediation for referred cases in the district.

All Abbotsford middle schools have become Restorative Action sites with a RAFT (Restorative Action Facilitator/Trainer) Program on site for portions of the week. These workers receive School based case referrals authorized by the school principal. The RAFT then conducts initial meetings, evaluate and decide whether a mediation or intervention is the most suitable course of action. The RAFT program also implements a series of classroom circles programs which encourage the development of respectful, positive, caring school communities.

For more information please see the Abbotsford Restorative Action Website at <http://www.arjaa.org/>