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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **MEN'S CENTRE HOSTS WORKSHOP ENTITLED "LETS TALK FMEP"**

On Tuesday April 18, Nanaimo Men's Centre launches a new initiative, a workshop focused on issues connected with the Family Maintenance Enforcement Program, a private agency contracted by the Provincial Government to collect support payments from non-custodial parents. This session is offered at no charge by two presenters experienced in negotiating with the FMEP. It is intended for Nanaimo men and women who are in the position of being ordered to pay child or spousal support and wish to learn strategies for dealing with the FMEP.

Theo Boere, Executive Director of Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre comments: "A lot of men have troubles dealing with Family Maintenance. This workshop is something that we have envisioned for quite some time, to help make the process friendlier. Many of the people seeking support at the Men's Resource Centre are coming here as a result of having trouble with FMEP."

The main issues include:

- I've just received my FMEP kit –What should I do?
- What's the best way to handle the agency?
- What do I do if I am facing inappropriate enforcement?

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their case and ask questions. A list of questions may be gathered, and presented to the FMEP. Participants are invited to bring their court order and other FMEP correspondence, to discuss them in a positive group environment.

The workshop will be held at the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre, 418D Fitzwilliam St on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:30 PM. Seating is limited and by pre-registration only. To register, call 250-716-1551.

Topics include:

- Let's talk Family Maintenance Enforcement Program
- Have you received your FMEP kit?
- Are you facing enforcement?
- Are you a "Payor"?