

Parents For Children's Mental Health:

Empowering Parents
Empowering Communities

The Vision

- Aspects of Vision
- Risk
- Commitment
- Communication of Vision

Multiple Opportunities for Involvement: The Strategy

- Quilt Of Honour Campaign
- Parent Workshops
- Community Mobilization

The Quilt of Honour Campaign

- Risk Factor
- Time Frame
- Commitment and Communication
- Support and Tactics
- “Preparedness meets Opportunity”

Parent Workshops

- Level 1 – Parent Facilitator Training
- Level 2 – Our Voice, Parent Empowerment
- Level 3 – Your Child is Going to Court and You Feel You Are On Trial
 - Drawing the Line in the Sand: How Far do You Go for Your Child
- Level 4 – Parent Mentor Training
- Parent Leaders Emerging

Moving The Community Soul: Community Mobilization

- Further Training/Planning
- Parent Leaders Step Up
- Community Forum; Community Led

Judge for Yourself: Results since 2003

- Quilt of Honour Campaign
 - Number of presentations: 130
 - Variety of audiences
 - Numbers hearing the message: 13,000
 - “Lunch and Learns”
- May, 2007 – National Children’s Mental Health Day
 - Parent organized, Parent led

Judge for Yourself: Results since 2003

- Parent Workshops
 - Number of workshops:
 - 3 and proposal of Level 4 for 2007
 - New fall workshop “Parent Advocacy in School”
 - Parents emerging: 180
 - PCMH parent groups emerging: 15
- Community Mobilization
 - Number of communities involved

Public Awareness

- Media Coverage
 - Print / television / radio / magazines
- Participation on many levels
 - Local / provincial / national committees
- Invitation and participation on Children's Mental Health and Government discussions
- Charity Ball/Speakeasy
- Parent Comments

A Work In Progress

Work will always continue so that
Children and Youth with mental illness
and mental health problems together
with their families have the services
they need

AND

The Parent Voice Will Grow!