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## PROFILE

Dr. Pearce has participated in, and managed, numerous research projects in the field in disaster management and continues to assist governments and other organizations in policy evaluation, developing and auditing emergency and business continuity plans, evaluating post-emergency exercises, and providing training and education. Laurie is a part-time associate faculty member at Royal Roads University, the British Columbia Institute of Technology, and the Justice Institute of British Columbia where she teaches for the School of Public Safety at the undergraduate and certificate level. She also teaches for the School of Health, Community & Social Justice in the Critical Incident Stress Management Certificate Program. She is also a facilitator for the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

As well, Dr. Pearce has been actively working in the area of building Indigenous resiliency, particularly in regards to evacuation planning with First Nations and non-Indigenous host communities. She continues to sit on the BC Disaster Psychosocial Services (DPS) Council, co-chairing the Training Sub-Committee and is an active DPS volunteer.

Dr. Pearce has over 30 years of experience working with the provincial government in British Columbia with responsibilities in direct service delivery, staff training, policy and research, and strategic planning. She retired from the Ministry of Children and Family Development in 2007 as the Manager of Special Projects for the Fraser Region. Dr. Pearce is a partner of Pearces 2 Consulting Corporation.

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- M.S.W., University of British Columbia, 1975
- M.A., School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, 1989
- PhD, School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, 2001.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

- Canadian Risk and Hazards Network
- Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists
- British Columbia Disaster Psychosocial Council
- Canada's National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Advisory Committee
- British Columbia Disaster Psychosocial Volunteer
- Member British Columbia College of Social Workers
- Secretary, Woodlands, Sunshine and Cascade Ratepayers Association

## AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

1. Indigenous and Mainstream Community Disaster Resiliency
2. Psychosocial Impacts of Disasters on Emergency Responders
3. Managing Trauma for Disaster-Impacted Communities
4. Working with Children and Youth to Support Disaster Risk Reduction Initiations
5. Impacts of Trauma and Crime on Victims and Witnesses