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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.

As well, Dr. Pearce is a Research Associate of the Justice Institute of British Columbia and is currently engaged in completing research under the auspices of the SIMTEC project (a \$3.6 million research project funded by Defence Research and Development Canada - funding ended in 2015) and has been actively working on the Aboriginal Disaster Resiliency Project <https://adrp.jibc.ca>

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

- World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine
- 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
- Chair, Resilient Communities Working Group
- Indigenous Resilience Working Group
- 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