



Alan Markwart
Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence

Alan Markwart's entire public service career of more than 30 years has been dedicated to improving outcomes for vulnerable children and youth.

Throughout B.C. he is known as a compassionate and knowledgeable expert in the youth justice field.

As assistant deputy minister, Provincial Services, at the Ministry of Children and Family Development he oversees services to children and youth with special needs, early childhood development and child care, youth justice, and child and youth mental health. He is also responsible for the administration of youth custody centres, youth forensic psychiatric services, the Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre, provincial services for the deaf and hard of hearing and child care operations.

During his career Alan has overseen the development and introduction of the Child and Youth Mental Health Plan. He has made significant contributions to a broad range of policies and practices and is renowned for his sage advice, his support for his colleagues and for his deep understanding of operations. The result of all his expertise in so many areas is that he has the respect of regional staff at all levels. Even when tough decisions have had to be made, Alan's compassion and respect for staff has made challenging times that much easier.

Perhaps most importantly and most telling of all – Alan has never lost sight of the importance of keeping the needs of children and youth central to all he does.