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WEEKLY Communiqué

STFC Supporting Caregivers throughout BC's Interior

MAY DATES

May 17.....**International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia**
May 21.....World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development
May 31 - June 6...BC Access to Ability Week
June 1 - June 7...BC Child / Youth in Care Week

MAY 17 IS INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA & BIPHOBIA

"Each year on May 17, the world marks the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAH OBIT) — a global moment to stand in solidarity with 2SLGBTQI communities and spotlight the urgent need to confront hate and discrimination. Launched in 2003 by Fondation Émergence, IDAHOBIT has grown into a powerful day of awareness and action recognized across the globe."
For more info, visit: **Egale Canada**

CROSSROADS OF HATE: Experiences of Intersectional 2SLGBTQI Communities

May 14, 2026 9:00–10:30am (PST)

"Join Egale Canada for this 90-minute panel in recognition of International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), to explore the intersectional realities of anti-2SLGBTQI hate. Together, we'll deepen our understanding of the broader social, cultural, and systemic dimensions of hate and harm—and the diverse ways communities resist, respond, and care for one another."

CANADIAN CENSUS HAS STARTED

The 2026 Canadian Census is occurring. We want to prepare you for completing the census information with regard to children and youth in your care.

Please do include the children and youth you are caring for, but please don't disclose their name and birth date. Instead of identifying their name and birthdate you can just write "foster child." Completing the census in this way ensures we are protecting the privacy and confidentiality of children and youth in ministry care.

IN PERSON

KAMLOOPS
FOSTER PARENT DROP-IN
Wednesdays
9:00am - 10:00am
At the Loft
(2nd Floor of grey building)

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CANCELLED
Will resume next week
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Zoom ... 250 608 7674

Learn and Connect Workshops for New & Potential Caregivers

Last Monday of the Month
9:00 am
Zoom ID: 878 8822 2406

Monday, May 25:
Building Children's Resilience
Don't miss this chance to
CONNECT
with other caregivers

AUDIO CAREGIVING CONNECTION

WEDNESDAYS
10:00-12NOON OR 6:30-8:30 PM (PST)
Book Reviews:
Mama's Waves & Daddy's Waves
Zoom ID: 832 4280 1289

"In the tapestry of family, foster care weaves threads of hope and healing." Maya Angelou

LAUNCHING THE FASD IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSIS HUB

Excerpts from CANFASD Blog April, 2026: "A major step forward in supporting individuals and families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) has arrived with the launch of the new **Identification, Assessment and Diagnosis (IAD) Hub.**

Developed collaboratively by CanFASD and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, this national, evidence-based portal is designed to streamline how FASD is identified, diagnosed, and supported across Canada.

A centralized, evidence-based resource

The IAD Hub serves as Canada's one-stop platform for clinicians, individuals, and families seeking reliable, up-to-date information on FASD diagnosis, assessment, and identification. Built with a strong emphasis on culturally safe and trauma-informed care, the hub recognizes the diverse experiences of those impacted by prenatal alcohol exposure and aims to meet users wherever they are in their journey. By consolidating clinical guidance, referral pathways, and educational materials into a single accessible space, the hub reduces fragmentation and supports more consistent, informed care nationwide.

Supporting individuals, families, and advocates

The IAD Hub offers a dedicated pathway for individuals with FASD, their families, and advocates. This section is designed to provide practical tools and accessible education on:

- Understanding alcohol use during pregnancy and how to seek support
- Navigating referrals and screening processes
- Learning what to expect during diagnosis
- Exploring how diagnosis connects to services and supports

The hub aims to guide users toward the right information and services at every stage of their journey.

Explore the hub now

The launch of the FASD Identification, Assessment and Diagnosis Hub represents a significant advancement in coordinated, compassionate care. By bridging gaps between knowledge, practice, and lived experience, it has the potential to improve outcomes for individuals and families.

The FASD Identification, Assessment and Diagnosis Hub is now available online."

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