

# WEEKLY *Communique*

STFC Supporting Caregivers throughout BC's Interior



**IN PERSON**  
**KAMLOOPS**  
**FOSTER PARENT**  
**DROP-IN**  
Wednesdays  
9:00am - 11:00am  
At the Loft  
(2nd Floor of grey building)

**VIRTUAL**  
**WEST**  
**KOOTENAY**  
**FOSTER PARENT**  
**DROP-IN**  
Fridays  
10:00am - 12noon  
Zoom ID: 250 608 7674

Learn and Connect  
Workshops  
for New & Potential  
Caregivers  
**will resume  
in April**  
CONNECT  
with other caregivers

**AUDIO CAREGIVING**  
**CONNECTION**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
10:00-12:00 OR  
6:00-7:00 (ST)  
**will resume  
in April**  
with  
Dr. Bruce Perry  
Zoom ID: 832 4280 1289

## FOSTER PARENT SPOTLIGHT: **DEBBIE & GLEN MANKE**



For this month's Foster Parent spotlight, we are featuring newly retired Debbie and Glen Manke. Debbie and Glen have "2 home grown and 6 handpicked children." Over their 42 years of fostering they have cared for close to 400 children and youth, most of whom were babies.

When asked what advice Debbie would give to new Caregivers she states, "Do not do this alone. Be cautious of who you talk to, but find a safe person to cry to and laugh with - use your network facilitators, and take breaks!"

Congratulations on an amazing Fostering career and enjoy your well-earned retirement!

**MARCH**  
**DATES**  
National SW  
Month  
5 Days of the  
Homeless  
March 17-23  
**Neurodiversity**  
**Week**  
Mar 21  
**International**  
**Day of the**  
**Elimination of**  
**Racial**  
**discrimination**  
Mar 31  
**International**  
**Transgender Day**  
**of Visibility**



## CAREGIVER LEARNING NETWORK PRESENTS: **OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN** **AND TRUSTEE OF BC**

**Tuesday, April 21** **10:00 to 11:30 am**

"Learn: How the PGT protects the legal and financial interests of children and youth in care. How the PGT manages the assets of people under the age of 19. Resources that are available to people who were in the care of the Province as children. How the PGT supports First Nations that have taken on jurisdiction for their child and family services."

## EGALE

### HOW DOES HATE AND VIOLENCE AFFECT 2SLGBTQI PEOPLE IN CANADA? **WHAT CAN WE DO TO BETTER SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY HATE AND VIOLENCE?**

#### Share Your Experience

Egale is "currently seeking survey participants for an online survey open to 2SLGBTQI people across Canada to understand the prevalence and nature of 2SLGBTQI people's experiences of harassment and violence, how they cope with these experiences, how these experiences affect their mental health, their feelings of safety, and how they engage in resilience and resistance. Participants will be asked to complete a 25-35 minute survey.

We are interested in hearing about 2SLGBTQI people's feelings of safety in Canada, as well as how they cope with and resist anti-2SLGBTQI sentiment, even if they have not experienced hate or violence directly. We are also interested in hearing about what kinds of hate and/or violence 2SLGBTQI people have experienced, and whether they were targeted because of their sexuality and/or gender or because of other factors, such as their race, ethnicity, or ability. These are some examples of the forms of hate and/or violence that affect 2SLGBTQI people that we want to learn about in our project:

- Intimate partner violence (IPV)
- Family violence
- Online harassment
- Sexual violence"

## MOMENTUM MARCH FREE WEBINARS

March 18 1:00pm - 2:30pm (PST)

Speaking Truth to Power: Building Solidarity between Trans and Feminist Communities "In this powerhouse panel discussion, prominent feminist advocates and thought leaders will explore how women's rights and trans rights aren't in opposition, but in fact compliment each other. We'll talk through the supposed tensions and expose the fundamentally misogynistic and anti-women agenda underneath the rise of anti-trans rhetoric and policies. From women's shelters to prisons to bathrooms and beyond, this is your space to hear a different side of the story - one grounded in decades of feminist advocacy and philosophy."

March 25 2:00pm - 3:00pm (PST)

A youth-centered webinar, Lessons from Queer History: A Webinar for Emerging Queer and Trans Advocates.

March 30 3:00pm-5:00pm (PST)

A trans day of visibility webinar, Hope in an Era of Hate: Building Trans Power and Safeguarding Trans Rights When the World is on Fire.

## Connect with us... SUPPORT TO FAMILY CARE NETWORK PROGRAM

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