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STFC – SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES

IN PERSON

KAMLOOPS
Foster Parent Drop-In
Wednesday
9:00am – 11:00am (PST)
The Loft - 290 Maple Street
(2nd Floor of the grey building)

WILLIAMS LAKE
COFFEE TIME
Jan 30 9:00am – 11:00am
Denny's Restaurant

VIRTUAL

WEST KOOTENAY
Foster Parent Drop-In
Fridays
11:00am - 12noon (PST)
Zoom ID: 250 608 7674

THE ATTACHMENT PUZZLE

Wednesdays in February
February 7, 14, 21 & 28
10:30am - 1:00pm (PST)
Putting the pieces together

To register, visit:

[ATTACHMENTPUZZLEF2024](https://attachmentpuzzlef2024.eventbrite.ca)

For more info, please see attached poster or
contact Marna Forsyth
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mforsyth@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

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WEEKLY Communiqué

BUSINESS SIDE OF FOSTERING VIRTUAL TRAINING

Session 1:

Monday, February 5 9:30 - 11:30am (PST) **OR**
Tuesday, February 6 6:30 - 8:30pm (PST)

Session 2:

Monday, February 12 9:30 - 11:30am (PST) **OR**
Tuesday, February 13 6:30 - 8:30pm (PST)

Open to Foster Parents, MCFD and ICFSAS RSW and
FP support staff. For more info, please see attached
poster.

To register, visit: [BSFFEB2024](https://bsffeb2024.eventbrite.ca)

SAFE BABIES VIRTUAL TRAINING

Tuesday and Thursday
MORNINGS
9:30am – 11:30am (PST) **OR**
Monday and Wednesday
EVENINGS
6:30pm – 8:30pm (PST)
For more info, please see
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INSTITUTE OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY 2024 SPRING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH & PARENTING SUMMIT

March 5-8

"This groundbreaking event is entirely FREE and brings together a diverse community of parents, professionals, researchers, and authors, all dedicated to exploring the science of parenting and fostering positive mental health in our children."

Check out their full line of speakers such as:

- ↳ **TANIA JOHNSON, R.PSYCH** - *Working with Highly Sensitive Children*
- ↳ **KIM JOHN PAYNE, M.ED** - *Fostering Resiliency in Teens*
- ↳ **DR. VANESSA LA POINTE** - *Dealing with Bullying*
- ↳ **DR. B.J FOGG** - *Getting our Kids Motivated*
- ↳ **JENNY AL-ADRA, M.C** - *Supporting Children in Foster & Adoptive Care*
- ↳ **ELI HARWOOD, LPC** - *Securely Attached*
- ↳ **JENNIE ABBOT** - *Teaching Mindfulness to Children & Teens*

To find out more and to register, visit: https://instituteofchildpsychology.com/conference-registration/?mc_cid=c5efb92457&mc_eid=6957f7f9c8

PARTICIPATE IN FASD CONSULTATIONS

The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences is undertaking an assessment on FASD and is seeking individuals with FASD, families and caregivers and related organizations to take part in consultations.

These consultations are intended to shape the direction of FASD policy going forward so it is vital to have as many people involved as possible. This work is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Registration is now open for the following two hour sessions:

- * [Atlantic Canada](#) - Fri, Jan 19, 12:00pm noon AT
- * [Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba](#) - Fri, Jan 19, 12:00pm noon MT
- * [Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Northern Canada](#) - Mon, Jan 22, 12:00pm noon ET
- * [Ontario](#) - Tues, Jan 23, 12:00pm noon ET
- * [Québec](#) - Wed, Jan 24, 12:00pm noon ET
- * [British Columbia](#) - Wed, Jan 24, 12:00pm noon PT

Individuals and organizational representatives are encouraged to register for the session where they live or work but are welcome at any session. Each session will have simultaneous interpretation in English and French.

The sessions will include discussions on the following:

- * Prevention – How can FASD prevention activities be strengthened to support the overall objective of reducing the prevalence of FASD in Canada?
- * Supports - What tools, resources and supports are needed to improve outcomes for those with FASD across the life course?

Note that if you are unable to participate in the discussions, you are still able to provide written input and policy documents by January 31st through [this survey link](#).

Please share this email with your networks to spread the word. This is important work for FASD in Canada so CanFASD recommends seizing this opportunity to have your voices heard."

STILL LEFT OUT: CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES IN B.C.

"The Representative for Children and Youth has released a follow-up report to *Left Out*, calling on the provincial government to immediately provide much-needed supports for the children and youth with disabilities and their families across British Columbia who are currently under-served."

"In 2020, RCY released *Left Out*, a report examining how families of young people with disabilities were coping in the midst of a global pandemic. That report showed that children and families had been struggling long before the pandemic hit. The report told the stories of several families throughout B.C. and found that the supports and services they desperately needed simply weren't there. In the report, Charlesworth urges immediate action from government to support children and youth with special needs (CYSN) and their families.

Now, three years later, RCY followed up with those 10 families as well as the four families who participated in our 2021 Excluded report, to determine what, if anything, had changed or improved for them in the past three years."

"For the Still Left Out report, RCY also conducted an anonymous survey for families and caregivers of children with disabilities across the province. Almost three-quarters of the more than 1,000 respondents – from every region in B.C. – reported feeling 'no confidence' or 'minimal confidence' that their child would receive the services they need, whether in or out of school, within the next one to three years."

To read the full report, visit:
<https://rcybc.ca/reports-and-publications/reports/still-left-out/>

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WELCOME TO FED CONNECTS!

Fed Connects is a virtual space where the Fed Family can come together, share their experiences, stay well and learn new things!

WORKSHOPS • LIVE EVENTS • DISCUSSIONS • INFO SHARING

AND LOTS MORE!

BY COMING TOGETHER, WE'RE NOT ALONE

Have a youth in care? Be sure to check out our website or Facebook page!

Need resources or information?
Check out our website!

Are you wanting more information about upcoming training in your area, helpful resources or information about our program? Find all this and much more at our website: www.icsfp.info



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