

ZOOM MEETINGS
& TRAININGS.....1

BCCYICW
RECOGNITION
AWARDS.....2

MCFD
SURVEY.....2

STFC – SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES

WEEKLY Communiqué

IN PERSON

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

VIRTUAL

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

SAVE THE DATE

May 16 6:30 – 8:30 (PST) via Zoom
Brenda Celesta - The History of
Residential Schools

According to the CDC
BOYS ARE 4 TIMES MORE LIKELY
TO BE IDENTIFIED AS BEING ON THE
AUTISM SPECTRUM AS GIRLS.

Stereotypes about typical male and female behaviors may cause some people to miss symptoms. Girls may hide their symptoms or put more time and energy into learning social norms. Autistic girls are also more likely to be able to form friendships than autistic boys.

To find out more, visit:

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-girls-and-women>
<https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/women-on-the-spectrum/>

BOOK CLUB:

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

AUDIOBOOK READ BY: DR. BRUCE PERRY & OPRAH WINFREY

Wednesdays through April-May
10:30 am - 12:00 noon (PST)

APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24 & MAY 1, 8, 15, 22

For more info, please see attached poster. To register, please visit: [BOOKCLUB2024](#)

BUSINESS SIDE OF FOSTERING VIRTUAL TRAINING APRIL SESSIONS

Session 1

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

Session 2

Monday, April 15 9:30 - 11:30am (PST) OR
Tuesday, April 16 6:30 - 8:30pm (PST)

To register, visit: [BSFAPR2024](#)

Open to Foster Parents, MCFD and ICFSA RSW and FP support staff.
For more info, please contact Marna Forsyth at (250) 609-2017 (cell)
or email: mforsyth@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca



CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING™ For Foster Parents

Tuesdays through April-May 10:00 am - 11:00 am (PST)
APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30 & MAY 7, 14, 21 & 28

The Circle of Security Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

Learning Objectives of the Program:

- ✓ Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- ✓ Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- ✓ Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- ✓ Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

To register, please visit: [COSPFPSPRING2024](#)

For more info, contact Marna Forsyth at 250-609-2017 or email:
mforsyth@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

WEAR BLUE ON APRIL 2 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

And be sure to show your support for autistic Canadians through World Autism month (April)

BC CHILD AND YOUTH IN CARE WEEK RECOGNITION AWARDS

"Celebrate BC Child and Youth in Care Week (BCCYICW) from June 3 - June 9, 2024! BCCYICW celebrates and acknowledges the resiliency, diversity, talents and accomplishments of young people in and from government care and their journeys."

"The Recognition Awards celebrate the amazing achievements of children and youth in and from care from across the province. Children and youth in or from government care (under any care status for any length of time); ages 6 to 24 years old in BC can be nominated for a Recognition Award.

Peers in or from care, social workers, community partners, friends, foster parents, teachers, youth workers, family and adult allies are encouraged to celebrate eligible children and youth by nominating them for a Recognition Award.

IMPORTANT: You MUST get consent from the young person/people or guardian (for children ages 6-13) for the following:

- Permission to nominate them for a Recognition Award
- Permission to share their personal information with the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (the Fed is facilitating the Recognition Awards on behalf of the BCCYICW Committee)

There are separate nomination forms for child nominees and youth nominees. You'll need to complete a form for every young person you want to nominate.

Nominations must be submitted via webform by April 29, 2024."

For more info, please visit: <https://www.bcchildandouthincareweek.com/>

MCFD SURVEY

Developing an improved approach to care planning for children and youth in care

The ministry is seeking to improve care planning with a focus on fostering belonging for children, youth and families. To build those improvements, the ministry is co-developing a review of care planning, guided by the Care Planning Advisory Circle. The Circle has diverse membership, including: The ministry's Youth Advisory Council; Rights Holders; Indigenous Child and Family Service Agencies; Indigenous partners; Foster caregivers; An Elder and Ministry staff.

Engagement summary: This engagement will be inclusive of children and youth, foster caregivers, service providers, advocates, experts, those with lived experience, First Nations, and Indigenous Peoples. We're seeking feedback on how to transform care planning policy and practice, with a focus on fostering belonging – to family, culture, and community – for Indigenous and non-Indigenous children and youth in care.

Phase 1: Survey Phase one of the engagement is an online survey. This survey should take approximately 20 minutes. Data from the survey will be used for the development of project recommendations and inform the next phase of engagement planning.

To find out more and to fill out the survey, visit:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/engagement/ca-re-planning-review/>

Youth can also take the survey by visiting:

<https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=A5FB6B04-9DEA-4247-98CB-B339700580F5>

***youth are eligible for a \$15 e-gift card for completing the survey**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

SUPPORT TO FAMILY CARE NETWORK PROGRAM

Program Coordinator: Kari Beppe

kbeppe@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

Cell: (250) 819-1919

Office: (236) 421-0031 Toll Free: 1-877-376-3660

Network Facilitators:

Renata Bonthoux (250) 319-6557

rbonthoux@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

Krista Sherwood (250) 819-5819 (currently on medical leave)

ksherwood@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

Marna Forsyth (250) 609-2017

mforsyth@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

Jayne Wesko (250) 608-7674

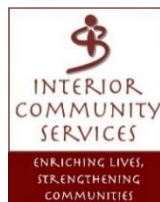
jwesko@arcprograms.com

Tabitha Fournier (250) 320-4603

tfournier@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

Ashley Gibson (250) 426-6013

agibson@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca



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



Find us on Facebook!

Connect with us on our

'ICS Support To Family Care Network' Facebook page and our agency's 'Interior Community Services' Facebook page.