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STFC – SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES

WEEKLY *Communiqué*

IN PERSON

**KAMLOOPS
Foster Parent Drop-In**

**Cancelled for this
week only**

**CRANBROOK
Arts Night**

Friday, May 31

4:30pm – 7:00pm (MST)

Snacks, art supplies and instruction will be provided.

VIRTUAL

**WEST KOOTENAY
Foster Parent Drop-In
Fridays**

11:00am - 12noon (PST)

Zoom ID: 250 608 7674

SAVE THE DATE

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

Mon, June 3 9:00 – 11:00am (PST)

Limited time recording of this will be available.
More details coming soon!

FREE WEBINAR: LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN PRESCHOOL

**Tuesday, May 7
4:30 - 5:30pm (PST)**

**Detecting, Addressing,
and Preventing Reading
Challenges from the
Start**

“Literacy begins developing at birth, and taking advantage of the first 5 years in a child’s development is critical for ensuring their future academic success. Join experts from the Child Mind Institute and The Shefa Center to learn how literacy develops in our youngest learners, which signs may point to difficulties, and what you can do at home and in early childhood settings to support the literacy growth of all children.”

To register, please visit:

<https://www.shefaschool.org/c-enter-events/literacy-instruction-in-preschool>

RED DRESS DAY

Sunday, May 5

“May 5 marks the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people (MMIWG2S) in Canada. Also known as Red Dress Day. In many nations, the colour red is the only colour that spirits see; displaying and wearing red represents the hope of communicating to the spirits of the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and laying them to rest.”

For more info, please visit:

<https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/resilient-strong-and-indigenous>



FREE WORKSHOP

**Supporting students with
learning differences as they
transition to high school**

The transition to high school is a significant change for families.

How will you support your child in this transition? Where can you go with concerns about your child’s learning, services, and support?

This workshop is the place to begin. Get help navigating this transition and tools to be the best possible support for grade 8 and beyond.

May 8, 2024 @ 7-8pm PT
Online via Zoom

[Register here](#)



Presenters



Virginia Van Zee
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Please
refer
to the
poster
for
more
details.

HISTORY OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN CANADA

Thursday, May 16 6:30 - 8:00pm (PST)

Presenter: Brenda Celesta

Recording link will be available for a limited time.

To register, visit: stfc2024indigenoushistory

Please
register
to
receive
the
recording

UPDATE SESSION: YOU'RE INVITED!



The Office of the Representative for Children and Youth invites you to an **update session** in follow-up to the engagement sessions that have informed a systemic review of the child welfare system in British Columbia.

UPDATE SESSION

Who: We invite all those who are interested in the systemic review: experienced practitioners, caregivers and foster parents, advocates, team leaders, program managers, clinical supervisors, executive leaders and others committed to supporting positive change in outcomes and well-being of children.

What: We're grateful to all your input so far and would like to share an update about the preliminary key findings from the systemic review, as well as provide an opportunity to review the emerging recommendation areas.

BACKGROUND

The Representative for Children and Youth is conducting an investigation into the circumstances that lead to the tragic death of a young child who experienced horrific abuse while in care and living in an out-of-home care arrangement. This child's and their family's story illuminate a number of issues within the B.C. child welfare system that the RCY has also identified through other reviews.

Alongside the story harvest (investigation), the RCY is undertaking a systemic review, with the intention of providing valuable insights and recommendations for child welfare reform. The investigation and systemic review will be completed and made publicly available by summer of 2024.



REPRESENTATIVE FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH



SESSION DATE

Monday, May 13, 2024

**9:00am to 10:30am
via Zoom**

**Email us at
RSVP@RCYBC.CA to
register today!**

*A Zoom link and agenda will be
sent to registered participants in
advance of the session.*



PROVINCIAL SUPPORT AGENCY
CAREGIVER LEARNING NETWORK

PSACLN

Provincial Support Agency Caregiver Learning Network

"The Provincial Support Agency Caregiver Learning Network (PSACLN) works with representatives from all caregiver support agencies across the province to develop accessible virtual learning opportunities to Foster Caregivers, Out of Care & Kinship Caregivers and Contracted Agency Caregivers. The goal of this network is to enhance caregiver knowledge, skills and abilities, and to foster a healthy caregiving network that supports the retention of all caregivers."

What does this mean for you as a caregiver?

It means that you will have access to more training opportunities for the next few months until March 31, 2025 - or until the contract ends with MCFD.

The PSACLN has launched a website: www.psacln.ca

This website includes:

- An online catalogue of available workshops
- Links to all support agencies in BC
- Resources
- Link to the Caregiver Learning Management System (CLMS)

The PSACLN will be using an online management system available to all caregivers in BC where you will be able to register for upcoming training, view your past workshops and documents (including certificates). Please note that it will only include past workshops that you have taken through the PSACLN.

**For more info, please check out their website or
contact your Network Facilitator.**

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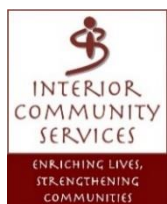
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WELCOME TO FED CONNECTS!

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:

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