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National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation



**Truth and Reconciliation Week 2024
September 23 to 27**

WEEKLY *Communiqué*

STFC – SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES

IN PERSON

KAMLOOPS

Foster Parent Drop-In

Wednesday

9:00am - 10:00am (PST)

Followed by:

AUDIO BOOK CLUB

Raising Kids with Big Baffling Behaviours

Wednesdays

10am-12Noon (PST)

The Loft - 290 Maple St.
(2nd Floor of grey building)

VIRTUAL

AUDIO BOOK CLUB

Raising Kids with Big Baffling Behaviours

Wednesdays

10am-12Noon (PST) OR

6:30pm – 8:30pm (PST)

ZOOM ID: 832 428 01289

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Foster Parent Drop-In

Fridays

11:00am - 12noon (PST)

Zoom ID: 250 608 7674

FREE AUTISM PARENTING SUMMIT

OCTOBER 11-14, 2024

"Parenting a child with autism can be one of the most challenging yet rewarding jobs. As a parent, you are not just a caregiver but also a teacher, advocate, therapist, and so much more. Every day brings new concerns about communication, social skills, behavior, and daily activities - enough to make your head spin. But you're not alone. The Autism Parenting Summit is here to help."

With an incredible lineup of speakers and topics, the Summit offers solutions to the most pressing challenges. From behavior solutions, speech & communication, social skills, and sensory solutions to education, mental health & anxiety, and self-care for parents - there's something for everyone.

To register, visit: <https://autismparentingsummit.com/>



PROVINCIAL SUPPORT AGENCY
CAREGIVER LEARNING NETWORK

HAVE YOU REGISTERED? CAREGIVER LEARNING NETWORK

This site will have training opportunities for caregivers across the province. Be sure to register and check the box to receive news. You will then receive all upcoming trainings and workshops such as **Caregiver Wellness**, **Therapeutic Parenting** and **Healing Trauma through Strengthening Resiliency** – all coming in November!

White Hatter	Sept 25 6:30pm (PST)	Supporting Youth Being Targeted By, Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, Hacks and Violence: This program aims to help caregivers support youth who may find themselves subject to various forms of aggression online.
Business Side of Fostering	Oct 15 & 17 9:30am – 11:30am (PST)	Do you want to understand your role, responsibilities and rights (from a business perspective)? Then this 4 hour course is for you!
Safe Babies Training	Tuesday & Thursday mornings starting Oct 22	9:30am – 11:30 am (PST) October 22 through to and including November 19. Please note that you need to attend all 9 sessions to receive your certificate.

Having trouble registering? Connect with Marna or your Network Facilitator!

FREE ON-LINE WEBINAR BY FORT HEALTH WHY BOYS STRUGGLE IN SCHOOL AND HOW TO HELP

September 24 2:30pm

"Our back to school webinar is relevant to only 50% of the population, boys. Why?"

Because boys are disproportionately struggling academically.

By the third grade, girls outperform boys by half a grade level and by the end of 8th grade, the gap is almost a full grade. Boys are suspended from school at rates 2.49 times higher than girls and when it comes to higher education, 6 girls are admitted to US colleges for every 4 boys.

The list of data points goes on and on.

So either there is something inherently wrong with boys, or the education system is failing them. If you believe it's the former, raise your hands up to the sky and give up.

But if like us, you believe it's the latter, then join us on September 24 for a panel discussion that covers:

- Why boys struggle academically
- What needs to change in the education system to help them succeed
- How we, as caregivers, educators, and community leaders can support them while protecting their mental health

The discussion features Richard Reeves, Dr. Lindsay Henderson, Dr. Adam Zamora, and Dr. Matthew Biel.

To register for this virtual event, please visit:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5FA1rUeTuKWaf9g2zcd9A#/registration

(Can't make it? A recording of the session will be available on www.FortHealth.com/resources 48 hours after the live session.)

INDIGENOUS BOOK CORNER: CHALLENGE TO CIVILIZATION:

Indigenous Wisdom and the Future

By Blair A Stonechild (2024)

"Rediscovering, valuing, and embracing Indigenous spirituality and wisdom is critical for humanity to survive in the future."

Civilization is a western, Eurocentric construct borne from a distrust of nature, a desire to endlessly exploit it and profit from it. Despite being a relatively recent development, civilization's inherent logic has resulted in over-population, inequality, poverty, misery, war, and climate change and now threatens humanity's very survival. How can humanity expect to survive if it continues to look for solutions from the very structures and ideologies that have brought it to the brink of extinction?

In this final book of his trilogy, Dr. Blair Stonechild deftly illustrates how Indigenous spirituality, wisdom, and land-based knowledge is critical to human survival in the face of environmental destruction and human-induced climate change. Reinterpreting world history from an Indigenous perspective, Stonechild's solution to this unfolding catastrophe is "ecolization," a state in which humans recognize they are not the central purpose of creation and a way of existing harmoniously with the natural and spiritual worlds.

Beautifully written, urgent, and critical, Challenge to Civilization reminds us that it is not Earth that is in danger of extinction, but ourselves, and Indigenous spiritual wisdom can be the guiding light through what will otherwise be humanity's final, ever-darkening days."

Be sure to check out his first two books: **Loss of Indigenous Eden and the Fall of Spirituality (2020)** and **The Knowledge Seeker: Embracing Indigenous Spirituality (2016)**

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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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