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WEEKLY *Communiqué*

STFC - Supporting Caregivers throughout BC's Interior

DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

CONNECT ATTACHMENT

Tuesday Evenings or
Thursday Mornings

NEW FOSTERING EARLY DEVELOPMENT FOR CAREGIVERS

Wednesday mornings
10:00 - 11:30am (PST)

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Tuesday, January 21
6:00pm-8:30pm (PST)

ROBYN GOBBEL HELPING KIDS FIND THEIR VOICE

Thursday, February 13
9:00am-12Noon (PST)

CIRCLE OF SECURITY FOR FOSTER PARENTS

Thursdays
12:30pm-2:00pm (PST)

VIRTUAL SAFE BABIES

Monday & Wednesdays
6:30pm - 8:30pm (PST)

CARING FOR THE ROOTS WITH TRACY AZEVEDO

Thursday, February 6
9:30am-12Noon (PST)

ROBYN GOBBEL SHUTDOWN. STONEWALLED & ALONE

Tuesday, March 4
9:00am-12Noon (PST)

For more information, please see attached posters

INSTITUTE OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY THE CHILD PSYCH PODCAST WITH TANIA & TAMMY

DID YOU KNOW? You can WATCH our hosts and guests in their studios filming the episode? Check our You Tube channel under the "Podcasts" tab to watch our newest and previous episodes. Check out the newly released Episodes:

- **Finding Peace After Childhood Trauma** with Mena Suvari (Episode 113)
- **Mom Brain: Strategies to Fight the Anxiety, Guilt & Overwhelm** (Episode 112)

FIND OUT MORE AND LISTEN TO THEIR PODCAST

Times to *Connect* IN PERSON

WILLIAMS LAKE CAREGIVER COFFEE DROP-IN

Mondays
9:00am - 10:30am
Hearth Restaurant

KAMLOOPS FOSTER PARENT DROP-IN

Wednesdays
9:00am - 10:00am

Followed by:

AUDIO BOOK CLUB
THE BREAKTHROUGH
YEARS

Wednesdays
10am-12Noon (PST)
The Loft - 290 Maple St.
(2nd Floor of grey building)

VIRTUAL

AUDIO BOOK CLUB THE BREAKTHROUGH YEARS

Wednesdays
10am-12Noon (PST) OR
6:30pm - 8:30pm (PST)
Zoom ID: 832 4280 1289

WEST KOOTNAY FOSTER PARENT DROP-IN

FRIDAYS
11:00am - 12noon
Zoom ID: 250 608 7674

There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart. Mahatma Ghandi



ADVOCATING FOR YOUR RIGHT TO FASD DIAGNOSIS AND HOUSING:

A GUIDE FOR CAREGIVERS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH FASD

Excerpts from: canfasdblog on Jan 08, 2025

If you or someone you care for has Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), it's essential to understand that you have rights. These rights include access to a proper diagnosis and appropriate housing support. CanFASD recently held a webinar on FASD and human rights. If you missed it, you can watch the [webinar recording](#) on our YouTube channel. Read on for a brief overview of the webinar.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

For those with FASD, this means you have the right to:

- Proper Diagnosis: The ability to get a clear and accurate diagnosis is essential for accessing supports.
- Adequate Housing: Safe, stable housing is a basic human right. Support services should be in place to ensure that individuals with FASD can maintain it.

The Right to Housing

Everyone has the right to live in a safe, stable home. For individuals with FASD, however, securing and maintaining housing can be particularly challenging. Many people with FASD experience housing instability or homelessness. This can be due to difficulties navigating housing systems that don't accommodate their unique needs, or because of a lack of FASD-informed practices in housing support services.

When individuals with FASD do find housing, it's often short-lived. Housing agencies may not understand the specific needs of individuals with FASD, leading to premature termination of services or eviction. To ensure people with FASD can maintain housing, we need housing models that are specifically designed to meet their needs. One promising approach is the [Housing First model](#). This model focuses on providing stable housing first, then pairing it with supportive services like mental health care, substance use treatment, and job training.

Resources and Support

- [FASD From a Rights-Based Perspective: Unpacking the UNCRPD](#) – This webinar recording outlines what the UNCRPD is and how it intersects with FASD.
- [Framing FASD Policy, Practice, and Research Using the UNCRPD](#)
- [ARCH Disability Law Centre](#) – This organization offers legal support and advocacy to ensure that the rights of individuals with disabilities are upheld. Their resources can help guide you through the legal processes to secure necessary services and accommodations.

The post [Advocating for Your Right to FASD Diagnosis and Housing: A Guide for Caregivers and Individuals with FASD](#) appeared first on [CanFASD](#).

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

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