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STFC – SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES



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# WEEKLY Communiqué

**AUDIO BOOK CLUB**  
**THE**  
**BREAKTHROUGH**  
**YEARS**  
**A NEW SCIENTIFIC**  
**FRAMEWORK**  
**FOR RAISING THRIVING**  
**TEENS**  
**Wednesdays**  
**10:00am (PST)**  
**Starting January 8**  
**Zoom ID: 832 428 01289**

The Breakthrough Years recasts adolescence as a time of possibility for teens and adults, offering breakthrough opportunities for connection. See attached poster for more info.

**IN PERSON**  
**KAMLOOPS**  
**Foster Parent D.**  
*Cancelled until*  
**9:00a**  
*Jan 8, 2025*

**VIRTUAL**  
**WEST KOOTENAY**  
**Foster Parent D.**  
*Cancelled until*  
**11:00**  
*Jan 10, 2025*  
**Zoom**  
*9:00a*  
**12:00p**



## UPCOMING TRAINING WITH THE CAREGIVER LEARNING NETWORK

**SEXUAL EXPLOITATION  
AND HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
WORKSHOP**  
**Tuesday, Jan 21**  
**6:30 – 8:00pm (PST)**

Join Family Services of Greater Vancouver as Brenda Lochhead, a long-time Victim Support Worker and counter-exploitation expert, shares her insights into how best to support exploited youth as they navigate the justice system -whether you are a support worker, family member, journalist, or donor. Learn about the specific issues exploited youth face and how FSGV is walking with them every step of their journeys.

**CIRCLE OF  
SECURITY  
PARENTING FOR  
FOSTER PARENTS**

**Thursdays starting Jan 16**  
**12:30pm – 2:00pm (PST)**

At times all caregivers feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

**CONNECT  
ATTACHMENT  
PROGRAM**

**Tues Evenings**  
**Jan 21 - Mar 25**  
**6:30pm –**  
**8:00pm (PST)**

**Thurs Mornings**  
**Jan 16 - Mar 20**  
**9:30am –**  
**11:00am (PST)**

The Connect group supports kinship and foster carers of pre-teens and teens who struggle with serious social-emotional behavioural problems.

**CARING FOR THE ROOTS  
WITH TRACY AZEVEDO  
(NEUFELD INSTITUTE)**  
**Thursday, Feb 6**  
**9:30am – 12Noon (PST)**

Caring for children who are transplanted is definitely not for the faint of heart. With her own journey in foster parenting, Tracy knows that the impact on a child being uprooted from their people, even when in their best interest, can be deep and profound.

# CREATING AN INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH FASD

**Blog post by CANFASD** Creating a welcoming classroom environment is essential for fostering the success and well-being of all students, particularly those with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Children with FASD often face unique challenges that can impact their learning and social interactions.

By implementing thoughtful strategies and adjustments, educators can cultivate an inclusive atmosphere that not only supports these students but also enhances the overall classroom experience for everyone. In this blog, we will share some practical tips to help you make your classroom more welcoming and accommodating for children with FASD, ensuring that every child feels valued, understood, and empowered to learn.

- Create a calm learning environment that is free from clutter.
- Schedule frequent, short exercise programs during the day.
- Use calm colors on the classroom's walls and bulletin boards.
- Reduce the brightness in the room and on any technology you use.
- Keep the classroom at a moderate temperature.
- Give personal responsibility to the student with FASD.
- Use strategic seating and minimize change – front or back of the room may minimize distractions or anxiety. You can also try using a horseshoe pattern.
- Minimize clutter and distractions as much as possible. Put away or cover up anchor charts when not in use.
- Encourage peer support particularly in unstructured environments.
- Use chair and desk muffers on the legs to eliminate scratching and squeaking noises.
- A study carrel with noise muffling headphones may be needed to focus.
- Safe and silent environments may be needed in cases of extreme dysregulation.
- When the student with FASD can self-identify dysregulation, use a signal between student and support to communicate.
- Personal space may need to be defined for all students.
- Use a pass key and signals for restroom, water and body breaks.

Our FASD for School Staff online learning course is a great starting point to improve knowledge and training for all school staff. In addition to going in-depth on teaching strategies and using a whole school approach, this learning program explores planning for transition periods, using dedicated math and literacy strategies, and encouraging collaboration with caregivers. By learning and working together, we can support an education system that is inclusive for everyone! **To find out more, visit: [CANFASD](#)**

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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!

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

## BOOK CORNER: RECONCILING HISTORY:

### A STORY OF CANADA

**by Jody Wilson-Raybould and Roshan Danesh** One of Indigo's Top 10 History Books of 2024 and Top 100 Books of 2024 • One of CBC's Best Canadian Nonfiction of 2024. From the #1 national bestselling author of *'Indian' in the Cabinet* and *True Reconciliation*, a truly unique history of our land - powerful, devastating, remarkable - as told through the voices of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

When it comes to telling the history of Canada, and in particular the history of the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, we need to accept that the way in which our history has traditionally been told has not been a common or shared enterprise. In many ways, it has been an exclusive and siloed one. Among the countless peoples and groups that make up this vast country, the voices and experiences of a few have too often dominated those of many others. Reconciling History shares voices that have seldom been heard, and in this ground-breaking book they are telling and re-telling history from their perspectives. Born out of the oral history in *True Reconciliation*, and complemented throughout with stunning photography and art, *Reconciling History* takes this approach to telling our collective story to an entirely different level.

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