



VOL. 7 ISSUE 35 | SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

WEEKLY *Communiqué*

STFC Supporting Caregivers throughout BC's Interior



CLN UPCOMING FALL WORKSHOPS SUPPORTING THE HOLISTIC WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS WITH FASD

Wednesday, September 9 9:30am to 12:30pm

FASDPLAY™ was founded considering the whole body needs of individuals with FASD across the lifespan. This evidence-based, person-centred trauma therapy modality incorporates research and clinical considerations from interpersonal neurobiology, somatics, neurodiversity-affirming care, disability-affirming care, child-centred play therapy, Synergetic Play Therapy, Expressive Arts Therapy, and traditional modalities.

AGEDOUT.COM INFO SESSION

Monday, September 28 7:00 pm

AgedOut.com is for young adults who were in government care in BC. It's an up-to-date warehouse of information on resources and services available to young adults and a learning tool to help people feel empowered as they leave care. AgedOut.com was built after listening to the voices of former youth in care to make sure the site meets their needs. Tune in for an explanation of their website, how the website works (and how to earn gift cards) along with some tips for transitioning.

BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

Friday, October 2 9:30am - 11:30am

Strong relationships can help children and youth in care feel safe, understood, and supported. This workshop brings together foster parents, kinship and out-of-care caregivers, and professionals to explore practical ways to build trust, improve communication, and work together to help children and youth in care thrive. Presented by Kaeli Sort - previous Youth in Care.

KERRI ISHAM: 3 PART SERIES

Wednesday, November 4 10:00am - 12 Noon

Wednesday, February 10 10:00 am - 12 Noon

Wednesday, May 5 10:00am - 12 Noon

More Details coming soon!

IN PERSON KAMLOOPS FOSTER PARENT DROP-IN

Wednesdays
→ **1:00 - 2:00pm**
At the Loft
(2nd Floor of grey building)

**TIME
CHANGE
SEPT 2 &
9 ONLY**

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

VIRTUAL WEST KOOTENAY FOSTER PARENT DROP-IN

Fridays
10:00am - 12noon
Zoom ID: 250 608 7674



Sept	FASD Awareness Month
Sept 7	Recovery Day BC
Sept 9	FASD Day
Sept 30	Orange shirt Day/ Truth & Reconciliation Day



SQUARE PEG SOCIETY AND AUSTISM BC

NEW BURSARY OPPORTUNITY FOR AUTISTIC POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

Austism BC is excited to share that Square Peg Society is offering four bursaries to autistic students enrolled in post-secondary education, including academic, trade, or skills-training programs. Square Peg Society is an organization dedicated to supporting independence and inclusion for autistic adults.

These bursaries, awarded to two students in September 2026 and January 2027, will be a minimum of \$2000 each. To be eligible, applicants must be autistic adults living in British Columbia, accepted into a Canadian program running between September 2026 and June 2027.

Apply by September 20, 2026 to be considered!

What to include in your application:

- Contact information
- Proof of program acceptance
- Explanation of financial need
- A personal statement on the chosen path
- A letter of reference

Who's Eligible?

- Any Autistic adult accepted into a registered academic, trade, or skills-training program between September 2026 and June 2027.
- Any Autistic adult whose residence is in British Columbia – you may study in another Canadian province or territory.

CHILDREN AND SCREENS: "ASK THE EXPERTS" WEBINAR LEARNED BEHAVIOR: HOW YOUTH DIGITAL LIFE SHAPES MORAL DEVELOPMENT

**Wednesday, September 16
9:30am -11:00am (PST)**

Children's observations and interactions with the people and world around them shape their emerging sense of morality and engagement in kind, helping, and socially positive behaviors. What do parents need to know about how experiences with digital media shape youth moral and social development, as well as how they apply their morals online and offline?

Join Children and Screens for "Learned Behavior: How Youth Digital Life Shapes Moral Development", the next installment in our "Character Matters: Values and Resilience in the Digital Age" #AskTheExperts webinar series. A panel of leading researchers will examine how moral behavior develops across childhood and adolescence and its relationship with digital media, what positive social behaviors look like in online spaces, and tips for parents and caregivers on how to encourage digital media use that encourages more empathetic and moral behaviors.

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

Program Coordinator: Kari Bepple
kbepple@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

Jessica Galbraith (250) 819-5819
jgalbraith@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

Marna Forsyth (250) 609-2017
mforsyth@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

Jane Wesko (250) 608-7674
jwesko@arcprograms.com

Tabitha Fournier (250) 320-4603
tfournier@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

James Weir (250) 426-6013
jweir@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca



**Interior
Community
Services**

Enriching Lives. Strengthening Communities

Need resources or information? Check out our website!

Are you wanting more info about upcoming training in your area, helpful resources or info about our program? Find all this and much more at our website:

www.icsfp.info/resources

Foster Parent After Hours Support Line

Hours: Mon to Fri: 4pm to 12:45am
Sat, Sun & Stat holidays: 8am to 12:45am

1-888-495-4440

PROVINCIAL CENTRALIZED SCREENING

*in the event of an EMERGENCY or CRISIS
occurring after regular office hours:*

1-800-663-9122