

Secwepemc Child and Family Services, Interior Community Services,
Foster Parent Support Services Society and Okanagan Foster Parents Association
are pleased to present:

Supporting Healthy Transitions for School Age Children and Teens in Foster Care (5-18)

Presented By: Andrea Chatwin

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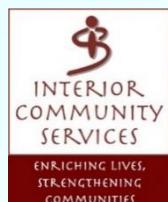
**9am - 3pm PST via Zoom
(Lunch from 12 – 1pm PST)**

Registration link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAIdO6ppzqvGtOwpsyUsS8lwHf64o5Sc8cP>

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Transition practices need to reflect what research and experience tells us about the impact of change, loss and trauma on the physical, emotional and psychological development of school age children and youth. Caregivers will gain new insight into supporting safe, respectful and healthy transitions for this age group. Practical issues such as how to monitor and report changes to baseline functioning will be addressed and new skills for responding to big feelings and hard questions will be presented. Guiding Principles of Transitioning taken from Andrea Chatwin's (2018) work on *Transitioning Children from Foster Care to Adoption* will be applied specifically to supporting transitions for children in care from a trauma informed perspective.



A Child's Song
Adoption Support Services



Meet Andrea Chatwin

Andrea holds a master's degree in Counselling Psychology and has extensive experience as an Early Childhood Mental Health Clinician. She specializes in effective responding to attachment and trauma, particularly focusing on children who have had caregiver losses and placement disruptions.

Andrea has worked overseas in orphanages and studied the effects of abuse, neglect and developmental trauma on children of various ages. She is a proud adoptive parent of a Haitian-Canadian child and has therefore experienced firsthand the unique challenges of parenting through adoption.

Andrea founded A Child's Song as a result of her passion for supporting adoptive and foster families in developing strong parent child connections. She is committed to providing adoptive parents the tools they need to be therapeutic parents.

Andrea is an effective keynote speaker and workshop facilitator with extensive experience addressing a wide variety of audiences including parents, professionals and policy makers.