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The BCFFPA is a provincial organization for foster parents, run by foster parents. We are a registered Society aiming to bring foster parents, social workers and others together in order to continuously improve the standard of care for BC's children in care. BCFFPA provides education, training and professional development as well as advocacy, support and assistance for the foster parents of BC.

FosterlineBC (previously *InfoLetter*) is a quarterly publication (January, April, July, October).

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President's Report

It was a very different AGM this year. Our facility would be hard to beat, the Empress Hotel's Crystal Ballroom was beautiful. I think this may be one of the reasons we had one of the shortest meetings that anyone can remember! For a more details of the meeting please go to our website and look at the draft minutes.

Russell Phol was elected to the position of Secretary. Russell is from the Fraser Region and is a foster parent who, with his partner of 23 years, adopted 5 of his kids in care. He continues to be a great asset to the Board and to the foster parents of BC. I would like to thank him for taking on this new role.

Marcy Perron was holding the position of Secretary to complete the term after Louise Dol stepped down. She did such a good job that when we found out she had an extensive background in finance we asked her to stand for Treasurer. She very willingly agreed and has been appointed to the position.

Les Toth was our past-Treasurer and did a lot for the BCFFPA. He helped develop new financial policy to give us a more transparent and accountable system. As well, with his professional background he was able to help steer us through many obstacles during the last year of reorganization. I want to thank Les for all his hard work on behalf of the Board. I have asked him to still be available to consult when needed of the next few years and he has agreed.

There has been a changed to the Regional boundaries! The Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Regions have been combined and are now called Coast Fraser. This has created an opportunity for the Region to develop a Macro Board to be better represented on the BCFFPA Board. Anyone interested in this concept please contact the office or myself for more information.

The Banquet was so much fun; I wish you all could have been there. Minister McNeil spoke and was very supportive of foster parents. As well Jocelyn Helland spoke about Child and Youth in Care Week and showed a rap video that the youth did themselves. We also had bucket draws and our famous "Loonie Auction". A great time was had by all.

I want to take this time to thank the Board for all their hard work this last year and I look forward to the next year moving forward with a positive outlook. I would also like to thank the staff: Jayne Wilson, Lea Ann Bryant and Rhonda Sweeney for the extra time and effort they all put in for the successful AGM in Victoria.

Heather Bayes
President

Our Mission

The BCFFPA represents and supports all Foster Parents to provide quality in-home foster care in British Columbia

Our Vision

Supporting children and youth to reach their full potential through excellence in foster care

Our Belief

Resilient Foster Parents = Empowered Children and Youth

Notes from the Office

Summer greetings to all our foster parents!

To those of you who joined us at the AGM and/or the IFCO Conference, I'm sure you'll agree that they were both a great success! On a personal note, it was wonderful to reconnect with so many of you and to meet new community members—not to mention caregivers, agency folks and policy makers from around the world.

Next year our AGM will be held the weekend of May 26th in the Interior. Stay tuned for more news on AGM 2012 in the coming FosterlineBC issues.

Now that the busiest part of 2011 is behind us, we look forward to Foster Family Month activities in October and moving ahead with our strategic plan!

Over the past several months 2 new locals have been created in the Fraser Region. The Mission and Abbotsford Locals are hot spots of activity! Congratulations to the area foster parents on joining our team! We look forward to working with you.

The first phase of the Ministry's Residential Review initiative is complete. We will provide a summary of the initial findings in the next newsletter issue.

The staff and Board members are enjoying an ever-increasing partnership with the Ministry and the other provincial agencies. We look forward to providing our readers with updates on common initiatives in the coming months.

I wish you all a relaxing, fun-filled summer!

Jayne Wilson
Executive Director



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A Message About the Rider Insurance Program from Ralph Libby at Megson Fitzpatrick

The insurance program has been providing protection for over 20 years!

The program has been set up and administered by the Federation to protect the property of foster parents, should damage occur due to the actions of a foster child. The policy will protect you to a maximum of \$500,000.00. We are actively pursuing increasing the limit to \$750,000 to provide a greater level of comfort to Foster Parents in the event of a total loss.

The important factor is that you must carry primary insurance in order for this rider to be activated. Your policy becomes the basis of the coverage provided by the Rider. If you have theft coverage on your primary policy, then you have theft coverage on the rider, and so on.

The deductible on this policy is the same as the deductible on your existing home or tenants policy, subject to a minimum of \$500.00.

Be sure to inform your insurance broker that you are fostering, as the insurance company needs to know this information. Have your broker put a note on your file and have them check with the insurance company to ensure that there are no restric-

tions. If you have problems or difficulty in obtaining insurance coverage please feel free to call Cary Augustini at our office at 1-877-477-2276 (toll free) or via email at caustini@megsonfitzpatrick.com.

I was personally honoured to travel throughout the province with your executive and discuss the insurance program with many foster parents. We travelled to the Sechelt, Vancouver Island, the Okanagan and Kamloops this year and have gone to Prince George, Quesnel and Fort St John and the Kootenay's in previous years. I hope that the information that we provided was of value to you.

If you have any insurance questions please contact Jayne Wilson at the Federation office. She is always there to help you and will work diligently on your behalf.

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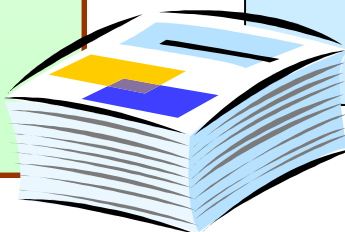
When agreements are made for the coverage of excess costs related to your role as a Caregiver (ie. agreement for extra respite coverage due to your needs, or payment for special travel related to the child), get it in writing from MCFD prior to incurring the expense, so that the original intent of the agreement cannot be misconstrued or forgotten leaving you out of pocket for the expense.

For information about extended health, dental, life and critical illness insurance for foster parents, please call Ian Bideshi at 604-862-4262

What is the BCFFPA doing for YOU?

The Provincial BCFFPA is *currently* addressing the following issues with the Ministry of Children and Family Development:

- BCFFPA is making more headway in networking through the MCFD offices to ensure a BCFFPA presence in all communities throughout BC
- Care contract changes and home closure issues that are arising throughout the Regions
- Meeting with regional leads at MCFD to discuss regional variations in policy and practice at MCFD offices



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2010-2011 Year End Regional Delegate Reports

Vancouver Coastal Report by Peter Dueck

Protocol reviews continue to confound, confuse and frustrate foster parents. Many parents are hopeful that one of the important outcomes of the Residential Review effort will be a more just and respectful review process for complaints about fostering.

Fostering is becoming more challenging; it seems obvious that the needs of foster children are more complex and more prevalent. This raises issues such as reassessing levels of care, respite, training and support and remuneration.

Over the year there has been considerable talk about foster parents becoming more skilled and professional in light of the changing profile of children in care.

40% of all adoptions in BC are by foster parents. This is a most impressive development. Post-adoption support, however, is frequently inadequate and short-sighted. The support program needs to be reviewed.

Foster parents know their children best and must be their best, informed and skilled advocates. Let's remember the insightful words of Imanuel Kant, "Science is organized knowledge, wisdom is organized life".

By year end we are almost accustomed to the boundary changes in the region. Folks are neutral or somewhat positive to this administrative adjustment.

Other developments from 2010-2011:

Residential Review Project: a 5 year plan to improve the care of children and youth in care. This review is conducted jointly by MCFD and FCSS. This is likely the most promising and vested project in memory. Many foster parents and others are optimistic that fundamental and meaningful changes for the good of children in care are in the offing.

4th International Conference on FASD: The conference brings together the "who's who" of FASD and invites caregivers and others to catch up on the very latest in science and practice related to FASD. Two salient findings are: FASD is even more prevalent than projected and there is encouraging new science and resulting practice relative to prevention and amelioration.

Fraser Report by Russell Pohl

Some of the issues that are happening in the region are seemingly on going:

- Receiving level one relief is still a big issue. Foster parents are becoming more agitated.
- A seemingly unfair leveling system specific to certain offices within the region.
- Ongoing protocols; not enough support and peer support for those in need.

Our region is faced with many challenges:

- Attendance of new and seasoned foster parents in further training and work shops is low.
- Fraser Valley Foster Parent Association is available to provide, workshops or education to foster parents. Social workers in our region should be providing referrals to our program.

Some of the successes in our region are:

- We have continuous ongoing monthly meetings in two locations in Surrey and Langley.
- Workshops are being well accessed and attended by the longterm foster parents and some newer foster parents. Our "Change for Change" fundraiser is ongoing and doing well.

As a board member on the BCFFPA I had the opportunity to go to PEI as our representative to the CFFA board. I learned a lot and realized that, comparatively, our province's foster services are among the best in the country. I have sat in many recent meetings for Residential Review and am excited and hopeful for the coming changes in BC.



An Everyday Deal for Members of BCFFPA!

The Fairmont Empress has generously extended to us a special off-season rate for foster parents who are members of BCFFPA. If you are travelling to Victoria or live nearby and need a weekend escape between October 1st and April 30th, stay at the Empress with significant discounts on their Fairmont and Fairmont Gold room prices. Contact us for information on our special rates and how to process your booking!

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2010-2011 Year End Regional Delegate Reports (Continued)

I continue to do support locally and realize there is still much our province needs to address. I have brought my commitment to the CFFA, and am working to establish positive communication about gay, lesbian and transgendered youth in foster care.

I look forward to the new year in which we as a board can move forward in a positive direction; where all members will come forth to guide the board to new levels of success, working together with respect, integrity and dignity. If you can represent your community by speaking loud and strong, then join the board and be a voice that will be heard for many.

Looking back and seeing the good that has been accomplished far out weighs focusing on the negative. We must see what can be done and what we can do to make it happen.

It is with great sadness that I acknowledge the passing of a long time foster parent, Anna Dreyers. She will be missed by many.

Northern Regional Report by Sherrie Jones

Another Year has come and gone, and it is now time to reflect on all that has occurred during this time.

This year has been a year full of trials for foster parents as they try to keep informed with the ongoing changes in how MCFD is now doing business.

Dawson Creek was to be the area for the North to pilot the CAPP program. There have been training sessions in this region, unfortunately foster parents have not been included in this training. With the changes within MCFD there has been confusion around what this program will look like and how it will be delivered.

The issue of interpreting policy differently from office to office is a ongoing issue. There is confusion at times for foster parents and support workers when each MCFD office works with policy in a different manner. This includes contracts, placements, protocols, following time frames, foster parent expectations, etc. I once again feel that many of the ongoing issues arise from communication or lack of communication. The problem of getting information distributed to all areas of the North and North West is a ongoing issue.

Being the Provincial Rep for such a large area, the issue of being able to gather information and have knowledge of what is happening in our region, is a ongoing problem. Without information, the BCFFPA is unable to assist or speak for all foster parents. I encourage every foster parent, Local or Regional Association to contact myself or the BCFFPA Office when in need of information or support. We need to stand together and support each other when issues and concerns arise.

There are team building meetings happening in some areas between MCFD and foster parents. It is hoped that these

meetings will help deal with issues and concerns and encourage a good working relationship between all.

Axis continues to provide Support Services to foster parents within the North Region. They supply support and training events for foster parents and also assist MCFD with foster parent training. With the lack of funding to host training events for foster parents the training that is provided by Axis is very valuable.

I attended the focus group in Vancouver on Residential Redesign. There was a wide range of service providers at this meeting, and the work and ideas presented during this session was incredible. As work progresses on this project it will be interesting to follow what plans are put in place and what the new look will be for providing care to the children and youth of our Province.

With the ongoing changes within MCFD and how services are going to be delivered, the next year is going to be a trial for both foster parents and Ministry staff. I encourage open all to communicate openly and hope that all parties involved will be included in training so they are informed on how business is going to be done.

In closing I would like to Thank each and Everyone of you for opening your heart and your home and caring for our children and youth that are going through a difficult time in their lives. The energy put into giving these individuals everything they need to have the best possible outcome in their life is the reason that we all Foster.

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Regional year-end reports continued on page 8.

The future of fostering is BCFFPA...

44 years of history has taught us to *never give up* and to focus on and constantly *reaffirm our goals* of continuously bettering our services and offering what no one else can.

We are BC's *only* mainstream foster parent advocacy, support and information hub with a Provincial mandate. In the coming year we will be achieving our goals and taking on new challenges including:

- ☑ Targeted increase in our membership
- ☑ Targeted increase in our core funding and donations
- ☑ Expanded reach and presence within BC communities
- ☑ Raise the profile of foster parents
- ☑ Ensure collaboration with our partner organizations
- ☑ Targeted expansion of our service program and delivery

2010-2011 Achievements and Activities

- Hosted Foster Family Month Open House
- Reorganization and Restructure
- Attended Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents AGM
- Global TV Interview during Foster Family Month
- Attended Practice Change Orientation and Think-Tank
- 6th Annual Youth in Care Christmas Dinner and Gift Giving
- Expanded Community Network (Additional Agencies)
- Identified Fund Development Opportunities, Created Plan
- Hired Membership Services & Development Coordinator
- Secured New MCFD Contract

Programs and Services in 2010-2011

Information & Intake Calls/E-mail	17,670
Other Calls (FP/MCFD) Calls/E-mail	8,509
Support & Advocacy Calls/E-mail	3,223
Insurance-Related Calls/E-mail	1,520
Information Brochures Sent	825
Intakes/Potential Foster Parents	265
Insurance Claims	25
Website Updates	43
Network & Partnership Meetings	223
Support Meetings	97
Brochures Distributed	7,850
Newsletters Distributed	12,788

GUIDELINE TO THE FAMILY CARE RATE 2009*

Basic Foster Care Costs	Ages 0-11yrs	Ages 12-19 yrs
Monthly		
Food	135.04	183.35
Housing	149.51	183.35
Transportation	67.52	76.89
Personal Needs	14.46	17.74
Recreation	33.78	35.50
Clothing	81.98	94.63
Sub-total	482.29	591.46
Additional Family Care Costs		
Ages 0-11yrs	Ages 12-19 yrs	
Education	25.72	31.85
Babysitting	86.81	57.33
Transportation	61.09	60.51
Personal Spending	41.79	54.14
Gifts/ Activities	61.09	60.51
Equipment/ Recreation	45.03	54.15
Sub-total	321.53	318.49
Total Monthly Maintenance	803.82	909.95

*The amounts in each category are estimates of what is required for most children. Actual costs will vary between categories, with some caregivers spending more in some categories but less in others. The total amounts should be sufficient to cover the actual costs for most children.

The Relief Foster Care Rates

Restricted (for a child aged 0 to 11 yrs)	\$36.79
Restricted (for a child aged 12 to 19 yrs)	\$40.33
Regular (for a child aged 0 to 11 yrs)	\$36.79
Regular (for a child aged 12 to 19 yrs)	\$40.33
Level 1 (all ages)	\$55.60
Level 2 (all ages)	\$68.35
Level 3 (all ages)	\$90.89

Membership Benefits for BC Foster Parents

BCFFPA members can receive tickets to events through *Kids Up Front Foundation*. To be placed on the mailing list e-mail the Provincial office at office@bcfosterparents.ca or Debbie Drewitz at ddrewitz@telus.net



2010-2011 Year End Regional Delegate Reports (Continued)

Vancouver Island Report by Jo Axe

As a new board member, I have been busy learning about BCFFPA and its mandate to represent and support foster parents in providing quality care in British Columbia. The board meets monthly, usually via conference call, to discuss concerns brought forward by foster parents and other issues related to foster parent support. During these meetings, we brainstorm potential solutions and talk about current matters with our MCFD liaison and occasionally with other MCFD representatives.

This year there have been some lows and some highs. Sadly, we have lost three long-time foster parents on the Island; **Marie Davidson** — she fostered for over forty years, touching many hearts with her generosity; **Louise Dol** — a longtime BCFFPA board member who was a tremendous advocate for foster families and a passionate supporter of foster parent rights; **Linda McLaren**, who fostered for many years in the Port Alberni area.

We have also seen some foster parents retire after many years caring for children, and new foster parents beginning their own journeys. Our gratitude is extended to all foster parents, past and present, who have contributed to the well-being of BC's children.

One issue that has been brought forward this year by local foster parents on the Island is the inconsistent implementation of Ministry policies, which can result in confusion and uncertainty for foster parents. In addition, there has been concern expressed about the difficulty in retention of foster parents — perhaps you could help us understand how we can further support parents so that they continue in their important roles. As we work towards resolution of these matters, we welcome your insights and comments.

Please do not hesitate to contact BCFFPA, at 1 800 663 9999, if you have any questions or concerns. I personally look forward to hearing more from Island foster parents; if you have a few minutes and would like to tell me about your experiences fostering on the Island, send me an email at joaxe@shaw.ca.

Interior Report by Kevin Daniel

This year has been a very active and productive year for the Interior region as we head into our yearly AGM. In the Kamloops area they recently finished a pilot program that involved third year social work student who attend Thompson Rivers University. The students worked with the foster parents to further their own skills and understanding of what happens in the foster home and the responsibilities of a foster parent in the community. We look forward to hearing the report that will be presented at the IFCO Conference in July.

IFCO has been one of the leading focuses in the Interior region over the last year as our area Locals worked on fundraising for a "Once in a Lifetime Event.". Foster parents have been tirelessly working on events like spaghetti dinners, dances, raffles, bake sales and bottle drives. We would also like to thank Interior Community Services who has set up a raffle to help our foster parents attend the upcoming conference in Victoria.

All areas of the region have been active in setting up courses (Safe Babies, self defence, Dr. Gordon Neufeld, Fostering Independence), and trying to increase the number of foster parents attending our Local and Area partnership meetings.

The Macro Board as also been active, sharing fundraising ideas, training opportunities with other communities and discussing and voicing regional issue such as lack of funding, length of protocols and the large number of protocols.

Finally I would like to acknowledge Interior Community Services and Okanagan Foster Parent Association for their support to foster parents and for setting up courses and events in our areas.



Bursary Winners

Congratulations to our 2011 bursary winners!

T. Degrace—winner of the \$500 Natural Child Bursary

T. Russell—winner of the \$500 William Curtis Bursary

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In Memorium

In the month of April we received the sad news that long time foster parent, Board member and friend to BC's foster parents, **Louise Dol**, had passed away. Louise had the spirit of a true advocate. Her humor, kindness and keen insight were inspiring to those of us who worked with her regularly.

Our condolences go out to her close family, especially her best friend and partner in life, Martin. Louise will be missed by all of us at BCFFPA.



BC Children's Hospital Visits... Cost of Lodging for Caregivers May Be Covered

Did you know that there's a program that will cover either all or part of the costs for a parent's/caregiver's stay if a child is admitted or has an appointment with BC Children's Hospital?

Through this program they can arrange a room for you at Heather House or Easter Seal House. If these locations aren't available, partial costs of a hotel near BC Children's Hospital may be covered. Please contact the program for more information.

The BC Residence Program: 1-800-818-3666

http://www.bcfamilyresidence.gov.bc.ca/pdf/bcfrp_brochure.pdf

Home Closures and Contract Changes: Become a Self-Advocate

It appears that instances of home closures and contract changes are on the rise throughout some regions of BC. Please be aware that if you are in need of support you have the right to request that another foster parent or support worker attend meetings with you. If you are experiencing something that appears to be against common policy and practice, please contact your BCFFPA regional delegate or the BCFFPA provincial office so that we can document the circumstances and support you.

Our mandate is to advocate for, support and inform foster parents. We are in continuous contact with the Ministry provincial office and have the ability to address regional and provincial issues directly with the Minister and her representatives. Please advocate for yourself and your family at all times by staying in touch with us when you experience difficulties with placements or relationships with MCFD workers. While we can't agree with our coworkers at all times, our foster parents should always be treated as respected partners in the care team.

IFCO 2011—Victoria, BC

The 5 days of IFCO were a huge success and the credit goes to Margaret Howley and the planning committee and Sandy Case and all of her volunteers. The facility was excellent and the workshops, plenary and keynote speakers were fantastic and covered everything from brain development to foster parent recruiting and everything in between.

At the opening ceremonies the flags of the 27 nations attending were brought in. As usual there were dignitaries who spoke including the Lt. Governor, Steven L. Point. Victoria's Mayor's representative spoke to welcome us and touched my heart when he spoke of his cousin who fostered on the Island for 40 years and recently passed away. He understood the fostering mindset.

The BCFFPA had a display booth and we gave away an abundance of information as well as apples donated by the Okanagan Fruit Association. This was a big draw and Jayne and I had a chance to talk to people about fostering in BC and to share some of things BCFFPA has accomplished over the past 44 years. Many policy makers and foster parents were very interested in our work with the Ministry to create BC's Foster Parent Rights document.

My personal highlight of the week was an invitation from the Japanese delegation to meet with BC foster parents informally in order to compare fostering details between two different nations. We could have spoken all night. Most important to note is that foster parents are the same all over—our kids are important and we are all working to give them the best start in life possible though we work in vastly differing systems. In Japan there is a population of 1.4 billion! 40,000 young people are in care however only 3,500 are in foster care placements—the rest are in institutions. When a child is surrendered at birth they go to a children's home for the first 2 years of life before they are available for adoption or foster care. After speaking to the delegation it reaffirmed that, though we may not have everything we want for our kids in care, in other areas of the world it is not as easy.

Many of our BC foster parent members chose to become associate members of The Anne Funds Project. This project is to support foster parents and children in Japan who are transitioning to adulthood. In Japan all foster children are emancipated at 18 but do not reach age of majority until they are 21. It becomes very difficult for them to establish themselves.

I look forward to the next IFCO Conference and am anticipating the location announcement!



BCFFPA President,
Heather Bayes,
"womans" our
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at the IFCO
Conference in
Victoria

Community Resources

Provincial Resources

BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations	1-800-663-9999
Foster Parent Support Line	1-888-495-4440
Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents www.fafp.ca	1-866-291-7091
Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks www.fbcyicn.ca	1-800-565-8055
Adoptive Families Association www.bcadoption.com	1-877-236-7807
Pacific Post Partum Support Society www.postpartum.org	604-255-7999
Parent Help Line	1-888-603-9100
Parents Together	604-325-0511
Parent Support Services of BC www.parentsupport.bc.ca	1-800-665-6880
Representative for Children & Youth www.rcybc.ca	1-800-476-3933
FAE/S Support Network	604-507-6675

Coastal Fraser

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Vancouver Aboriginal Child & Family Services Society www.vacfss.com	778-331-4500
Family Services of Greater Vancouver www.fosterhub.ca	604-279-7100
Fraser Valley Foster Parent Association	604-865-1924
Abbotsford Community Services Foster Parent Caregiver Support	604-859-2165
South Vancouver Youth Centre www.svyc.ca (Ask about their foster parent support workers!)	604-325-2004

Island

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FPSSS (Victoria)	778-430-5459
FPSSS (Nanaimo)	250-390-9686
FPSSS (Campbell River)	250-286-0555
Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents (Nanaimo office)	250-591-0069

Interior

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Okanagan Foster Parent Association www.okfosterparents.ca	
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South Okanagan	250-488-0561
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North

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Contact: 1-866-291-7091
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Federation of BC
Youth In Care Networks

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Westminster, BC V3M 3N9

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Adoptive Families
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Provincial Office Location: 200-7342 Winston
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