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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.

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## President's Report

I keep telling myself that it is just a few more weeks until the first signs of spring, but I want it now. I hope all of you are getting through this winter without too much difficulty. As always my home is busy with everyone wanting to be involved in everything. I think sometimes that I spend more quality time with my car than I do with anyone else.

I look forward to my chance to connect with others, such as the foster parents at my local meeting or when I can talk to other foster parents throughout the Province. Staying connected and supporting each other makes the bad days easier and the good days more fun.

There is one more thing that I do to stay connected—working on partnership with the contracted support agencies and the ministry. This is not done just at the Provincial level but at the local as well. Every time we get a chance to meet we can work positively on our relationships and when something challenging comes up we have an understanding of each other to start from. Situations are resolved in a timelier manner and with less hurt feelings. Another benefit to working on these partnerships is the ability to effect positive changes. Recently there was a shared concern in my community about foster parents not coming to meetings or training. Our Local executive committee met with the Resource team and our contracted support to brainstorm how we could turn this around. We all had ideas and, once put on the table, we came up with a plan! We changed the day of the meeting because of a scheduling conflict, we modified the agenda and put the training portion more front and centre. Then we put together a raffle of sorts that if you attended 3 or more meetings your name would go into a draw to win a seat at a Dr. Bruce Perry 2-day workshop. The hotel and child care would be covered between MCFD and the Local. I am proud to say that over 18 people showed up for the next meeting, this was a 300% increase in attendance!

This is what I mean by effecting positive change through positive partnership. We have more foster parents receiving training and having a chance to network and develop friendships within the fostering community because we worked together. I am not suggesting that everyone should do what we did, but look at ways to make things work better in your community. Maybe you want more training or a better understanding of how protocol is being applied in your area or maybe you want to get together with other foster families to enjoy an activity without having to worry so much about your kids. Working in partnership can accomplish these things.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lee Lachmuth to the Board. Lee is the new Delegate for the North and a great addition to our team! I have worked with Lee for many years and I am proud to say she keeps me on my toes. Her dedication to foster children and foster parents is awe-inspiring. Welcome Lee.

I am hoping that by the time you read this a new Coast Fraser Region Delegate will be in place. When you read further you will find information on our upcoming AGM. I hope to see you in Vernon in May.

Heather Bayes  
President

## Notes from the Office

Happy 2012 to everyone!

The late Fall and Winter seasons have seen a great deal of activity in the provincial office. From Foster Family Month, regional delegate elections in the North (welcome Lee!) and Coast Fraser regions (pending), to continuous fundraising initiatives and donation gathering for the Youth In Care Christmas Dinner and Gift Giving, the staff have been very busy!

In late November, I attended a 4-day leadership retreat, beautifully orchestrated by Jennifer Charlesworth of the Federation of Community Social Services of BC. Networking with leaders of many non-profits in BC is more valuable to BCFFPA than I'd have imagined. This year-long program has already had quite an impact on the Federation.

Over the holidays I spent some time in reflection of the work that has been accomplished over the past year. With our focus on both internal and external shifts, we have made great strides in rebuilding our community network, we have re-established connections at Ministry offices, participated in countless meetings for support and care system transformation, enjoyed the shortest AGM in recent history (though some lamented the absence of lively discussions!), and our membership numbers have grown across the province. In the past year we have seen the creation of 2 new Locals in the Coast Fraser region.

Speaking of Locals, please ensure that we have updated names of your Board members for our files so that your quarterly cheques are sent to the correct addresses! Locals need to maintain contact with the provincial office to ensure our records are current.

We're already preparing for AGM 2012 in Vernon. We hope to see you there! Best wishes for the coming months and please feel free to contact the provincial office to let us know if there is anything we can do for you!

Jayne Wilson  
Executive Director

### 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



## Message from MCFD Deputy Minister, Dr. Stephen Brown



The BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations (BCFFPA) is a longstanding and deeply valued partner of the Ministry of Children and Family Development. While I have been fortunate, over the past few months, to meet with Heather, Jayne and a number of foster parents, I welcome this opportunity to introduce myself to all of you – and to offer my sincere thanks for the care and support you offer vulnerable children and youth when they need it the most.

I've been asked how it is I came to be deputy minister at MCFD. I started my career many years ago as a youth worker in London, England and after immigrating to Canada, worked for non-profit child and youth organizations in Alberta, all the while continuing my education. From there, I headed up the province's Capital Regional

Child and Family Services Authority, eventually leading Alberta's *Child Welfare Act* review.

A decade ago, my family and I moved to B.C. and I joined the Ministry of Health, first as Assistant Deputy Minister of Medical and Pharmaceutical Services and then, more recently, as Chief Administrative Officer. Earlier this spring, I was offered an opportunity to take on the role of deputy minister at MCFD – a role which allows me to draw from my experience in both child welfare and organizational and strategic change management.

While I know we face a whole host of challenges in improving our system of care for children, youth and families, each day I am inspired by the dedication of our own staff and ministry partners, and by people like you: women and men who offer children and youth who may be hurting or scared a nurturing, healthy and stable home – a family.

In the coming months, I hope to enlist your help – and the help of the BCFFPA -- in exploring thoughts and ideas aimed at improving long-term outcomes for the many children and youth in our care. As caregivers actively involved in parenting these children, your experiences and insight are vital to this process. I want to again thank you – and all foster families -- for your work, dedication and, most of all, your continued commitment to children and youth. I wish each of you a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

Stephen Brown

## Protect Your Home! Tips to Lessen the Impact of Old Man Winter

submitted by Ralph Libby, Megson Fitzpatrick Insurance Services

With winter here in British Columbia it is never too late to think about making your house safer from anything that winter can throw at it. Hopefully these tips will help you lessen the chance of anything happening and assist you in the event you do have a problem.

### Ruptured Pipes

Undetected ruptured water pipes can cause devastating amounts of damage. When ruptured pipes thaw, escaped water can accumulate in pools eventually leading to collapsed ceilings and flooding to the floors below. Damage to structural features and electrical wiring often pose a threat to the safety and well being of a building's occupants.

Take the following practical steps to reduce the likelihood of frozen water pipes.

- Seal off areas where cold air can enter the building (especially if there are pipes nearby) and insulate attic spaces, outside-facing walls, and the sides of water tanks.
- Insulate water pipes or use electric trace heating elements and protect pipes in unheated areas like attics, basements, outbuildings, and under floors.
- Open attic trap-doors on cold winter days to allow heat to circulate upward.
- Leave central heating on a 'frost protect' setting overnight.
- Re-washer any dripping taps to reduce the likelihood of freezing.
- Ensure that the building's 'stop tap' can be accessed quickly in an emergency.

If you discover a frozen or ruptured water pipe:

- Turn off the water at the building's main 'stop tap' immediately, and turn on the faucet closest to the rupture to allow water to flow through.
- If any water has leaked near electrical wiring or appliances, immediately shut off electricity at the main panel and consult an electrician. Never touch wiring or equipment that has become wet.
- Immediately contact a professional plumber to make necessary repairs. Never attempt to thaw pipes with a blowtorch or heat gun.
- Ensure that no building occupants are present in areas that may have become unsafe due to water-leakage.
- If an adjacent area is safe to enter, remove any contents or furnishings that could potentially be damaged as the pipe thaws.
- Inform your insurance company of any sustained or possible loss.

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

### Blocked Drains and Gutters

A rapid thaw can melt masses of accumulated ice and snow, overwhelming drains and gutters, and ultimately flood buildings.

At least twice a year, ensure that gutters and drains are clear of any debris that might block the flow of water away from a building.

- After gutters and drainpipes are clear of obstructions, the gutters should be flushed out with a hose. All drainpipes should be positioned to drain water away from the building's foundation.
- Following periods of heavy snowfall, it is advisable to have a contractor or custodian clear snow and ice from any flat roof surfaces. Snow accumulation can cause a flat roof to buckle, and falling ice and snow can injure people or property below. Snow should be cleared from roofs in a safe and controlled manner, ensuring that the areas below are free of vehicles and passers-by.

Winter weather poses many challenges. The benefits of regular maintenance include decreased risk of accidents, lower costs and increased security.

Remember, Megson Fitzpatrick Insurance Services are always available to help Foster Parents with any of their insurance needs.



Having trouble getting homeowners or tenant insurance due to your fostering profession?

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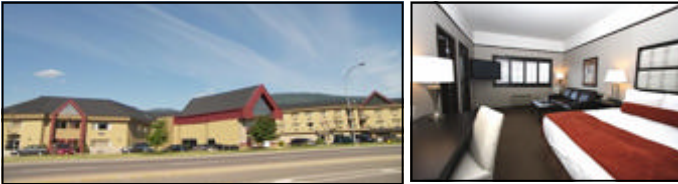
Call Megson Fitzpatrick Insurance Services.  
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250-595-5212  
[www.megsonfitzpatrick.com](http://www.megsonfitzpatrick.com)



# 2012 Annual General Meeting and Call for Nominations

## Join us at AGM 2012 in Vernon

BCFFPA's AGM 2012 will take place on May 25-26, 2012 at the Prestige Hotel and Conference Centre in Vernon. We will have a selection of workshops on Friday for you to attend as well as our AGM and the fun-filled banquet on Saturday. We hope to see you there!



Registration packages will be mailed on or before April 11, 2012.

Please contact the Prestige Hotel and Conference Centre to book your accommodation. Room rates for those attending the BCFFPA Workshop and AGM days are:

\$85/single, \$95/double or \$115/twin.

Hotel Location: 4411 32 Street, Vernon, BC

## 2012 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

BCFFPA will be holding elections for executive officer positions on the Board of Directors at our Annual General Meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Vernon, BC at the Prestige Hotel and Conference Centre.

There are 2 positions coming up for election on the Executive Committee. The positions up for renewal in the year 2012 are:

- ☒ President
- ☒ Vice President

Each position has a two-year term. Nominations for each position **must** be received by the BCFFPA Provincial office by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, for distribution to the membership.

The bylaws regarding eligibility to become an Officer of the Federation, state the following:

- Paid in full member as of January 31<sup>st</sup> of current year.
- Must be present at the AGM unless excused by the Board for extraordinary reasons.
- Nominations from the floor will not be accepted.
- Candidates for these officer positions shall be selected by the Nominating Committee from a pool of foster parents and associate members. They will be chosen for their knowledge and expertise in relation to these positions.
- The successful candidates will be elected through a combination of mail-in votes and the votes of those attending the Annual General Meeting.
- Associate Members, elected to hold positions on the Federation Board of Directors, shall have full voting privileges during their term of office.
- Any candidate for these positions, must have held a BCFFPA membership in good standing for at least three years immediately previous to running, and must have served for at least one year in the previous three years on a local or macro regional council, or on the BCFFPA Board of Directors.
- Nominations require a nomination form duly moved and seconded by two members in good standing (ie. current membership as of January 31<sup>st</sup> of the present year).

**PLEASE FORWARD NOMINATIONS  
TO THE FEDERATION PROVINCIAL OFFICE**  
207-22561 Dewdney Trunk Road  
Maple Ridge BC, V2X 3K1

***Nominations must be received  
no later than March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012***

### Noteworthy Dates...

- March 26<sup>th</sup>: Nominations and Special Resolutions must be received by BCFFPA Provincial office
- April 11<sup>th</sup>: AGM and Ballot packages sent to membership. AGM Registration Open.
- April 26<sup>th</sup>: Notification of AGM
- May 16<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for Mail-In Voting



**To propose a special resolution for the AGM,  
please use the form on page 9.**

## BCFFPA Provincial Officer Nomination Form

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

### Candidate Information

Fostering Experience

BCFFPA Experience

Related Volunteer or Employment Experience

Views and Objectives to Offer this Position

Other Comments

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of Candidate* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_



# Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

submitted by MCFD

FASD is the umbrella term that describes the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother consumed alcohol during pregnancy. FASD is often not visible and can include lifelong challenges with learning, memory, attention, problem solving, behaviour, vision and hearing. A person with FASD may not understand social situations and their behaviour is often interpreted as problematic, rather than a symptom of an underlying condition.

It is not known how much alcohol is safe to drink during pregnancy. Therefore, it is safest not to drink at all when pregnant or planning a pregnancy. For more information on prevention of FASD, please visit [www.bestchance.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bestchance.gov.bc.ca).

Many children who enter into the foster care system could be affected by FASD. It is important for children and youth to be assessed if it is suspected they have FASD. The assessment can help families and service providers better understand a young person's strengths, challenges, and the strategies that can help them succeed.

Diagnostic and assessment services are available through each Health Authority through the Complex Developmental Behavioural Conditions (CDBC) network. Talk with your social worker if you suspect a child in your care may be affected by prenatal alcohol exposure.

Foster parents can access FASD Key Worker and Parent Support programs, funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Key workers assist families in understanding

FASD by providing education and information specific to the needs of the child and family. They are familiar with community resources, and assist families in accessing support, health and education services. Parent support includes local parent and grandparent FASD training, parent mentoring and parent support groups. Parents, grandparents and caregivers can self-refer to the program. A confirmed diagnosis is not required to access services. For a listing of Key Worker agencies in your area, go to: [http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/fasd/pdf/key\\_worker\\_parent\\_support\\_agencies.pdf](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/fasd/pdf/key_worker_parent_support_agencies.pdf)

Children with FASD do best when their individual strengths are recognized and built upon in a supportive environment adapted to meet their needs. A learning module on FASD is included within the current BC Foster Parent Education Program and will be updated as part of the Caregiver Education Framework project. It will include best practice knowledge to support caregivers in understanding FASD and how best to respond to the strengths, needs, and challenges of the children and youth they care for. The FASD Key Worker and Parent Support Program staff will be included in the development of the revised FASD learning module and linked into future delivery of the training in a variety of ways to integrate the learning into everyday living situations.

The Ministry of Education funds the Provincial Outreach Program for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder which supports teachers of students with FASD by explaining the educational implications of the disability. This program shares current FASD research, resources and successful practices and provides a network for teachers. For more information, visit [www.fasdoutreach.ca](http://www.fasdoutreach.ca).

## WELCOME

...to the Board of Directors, Lee Lachmuth!

Lee and her husband, Bradley, recently returned to the North region and have settled near family in Prince George.

Lee comes to us with an 18 year background as a paramedic and Unit Chief in a small community. She has also worked with adults who have experienced traumatic brain injuries and has served on several youth committees.

Since 1994 Lee has fostered youth through the Ministry and Secwipemc Agency and has been a caregiver through CLBC as well. Serving on the Kamloops Local Board and as President of the Interior Macro Board, Lee has been a member of BCFFPA since 1994.



Lee states, "I believe that children and families need and deserve to have all people involved with the child's care to work as a respectful team with the goal to help families heal and be reunited."

### ***What is the BCFFPA doing for YOU?***

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

1. Ongoing concerns in some regions regarding numbers of protocols and home closures.
2. Qualifications of 'babysitters' and those who supervise children in your care when you must leave for a short period of time.
3. Ensuring foster parent's perspectives are heard when we participate with community partners on advisory groups for caregiver education and the residential services review.



## Special Resolutions

Whereas: (state circumstance)

Therefore: (state proposed special resolution)

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

*Proposals will be received, formatted and distributed for ballot voting by mail on April 11, 2012. Proposed Special Resolutions will be accepted from members in good standing (current members as of January 31, 2012).*

*Please submit one form for each Special Resolution proposed.*

### BCFFPA's AGM follows Roberts Rules of Order. Who is Robert and why do we follow his rules?

Henry Martyn Robert was an engineering officer in the Army. Without warning he was asked to preside over a public meeting being held in a church in his community. He quickly realized that he did not know how. Though he tried anyway, he was ultimately embarrassed by the outcome. This event, which may seem familiar to many of us, left him determined never to attend another meeting until he knew something of parliamentary law.

Mr. Robert discovered and studied the few books then available on the subject. From time to time, due to his military duties, he was transferred to various parts of the United States, where he found virtual parliamentary anarchy, since each member from a different part of the country had differing ideas of correct meeting procedure. To bring order out of chaos, he decided to write **Robert's Rules of Order**, as it came to be called. The first edition was published in 1876.

Robert's Rules of Order provides for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly. The Rules provide common guidelines and procedures for deliberation

and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking the same language. The conduct of ALL business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership. The Rules set out and support the right of the deliberate majority to decide and ultimately, to act according to its considered judgment AFTER a full and fair "working through" of the issues involved.

**"Special Resolutions":** At this time of year, prior to the BCFFPA's Annual General Meeting, we receive proposals for **special resolutions**. A special resolution is a proposed change to our governance model or common practice that is presented to our membership as a whole and voted on. We require a majority vote for the special resolution to be passed. When a special resolution is adopted into the Association's practice or articles, the wording of the resolution is then submitted to the governmental authorities to become part of the Association's permanent documentation.

# CANADIAN FOSTER FAMILY ASSOCIATION



## POSTER CONTEST 2012

### **Who Can Enter:**

All children and youth living in Foster Homes between the ages of 2-19 years of age.  
(including the natural children/youth of Foster Families)

### **Categories:**

2-6 years                      7-12 years                      13-19 years

**Bursaries will be awarded in all Categories** (funded by the 2011 IFCO Conference Committee)

### **When and Where the Posters will be judged:**

The winning posters from each Province/Territory MUST be delivered to the CFFA Poster Contest Chairperson at the Annual CFFA Conference in Newfoundland no later than the evening of May 29, 2012.

The CFFA Directors will judge the posters during the National Working Group and the Winners will be announced at the CFFA Annual General Meeting.

### **Guidelines for the Posters:**

The following guidelines MUST be followed in order to qualify for the Contest.

- The Poster shall measure approx 57 cm (22.5 inches) by 36 cm (14.5 inches). This is one half of a Bristle Board.
- The printed name, address, phone number, and interpretation shall be on the back of the Poster. This information shall also be printed on a separate piece of paper and attached to the back by a paper clip.
- The theme of the poster should be families, children or anything that has to do with fostering or Foster Family Week. A caption or other words of the Child or youth are welcome.
- The first and second place Provincial and Territorial Winners from each category shall be eligible for the CFFA judging.
- The Director from each Provincial/Territorial office can bring the posters to the Conference or they can be mailed to the CFFA Poster Contest Chairperson no later than May 20, 2012:

**Mary Smith, CFFA Poster Conference Chairperson (902-443-7716)**  
**29 Rosedale Ave, Halifax NS. B3N 2J2**

### **Please Note:**

Upon receipt of Posters they then become the property of the CFFA and may be used for CFFA purposes.

**Thank you in advance for your Participation in this Event.**



## 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](http://www.bcfamilyresidence.gov.bc.ca/pdf/bcfrp_brochure.pdf)

### GET IT IN WRITING!



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.

## 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.

## 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         |
| <b>Sub-total</b> | <b>482.29</b> | <b>591.46</b> |

### Additional Family Care      Ages 0-11yrs      Ages 12-19 yrs

| Costs                            |               |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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        |
| <b>Total Monthly Maintenance</b> | <b>803.82</b> | <b>909.95</b> |

\*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 |

\*Created by D. Malone at Foster Parent Support Services Society



**Congratulations to K. Conklin of Coldstream, BC** who won this year's early membership renewal draw. She received a digital camera!



## It's That Time Again! Submit Your Application for these BCFFPA Bursaries

### Maurice Graydon Bursaries (4)

Maurice Graydon, a local Maple Ridge author and retired businessman, generously provides annual donations for these scholarships. The Maurice Graydon Bursaries will be awarded to youth currently or formerly in care who wish to continue their education.

Application Criteria: The successful incumbents will provide proof of registration with a business or vocational institution and demonstrate financial need. Bursaries will be awarded to those who demonstrate the highest marks.

Second Application Deadline: May 31st, 2012\*  
(Previous deadline was January 15th, 2012)

### William Curtis Memorial Fund

The William Curtis Memorial Fund was established in January 1979 for foster children who have reached the age of majority and wish to continue with their education. It is awarded annually.

Application Criteria: Former foster children residing in BC, aged 19 who show an interest in continuing their education (whether to complete high school, attend a business/vocational school, college or university). High marks, though considered, will not be the only determining factor in awarding this bursary.

Application Deadline: May 31st, 2012\*

### Merv Davis Bursary

The Merv Davis Bursary was established for foster children residing in the Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody or Pitt Meadows areas who have reached the age of 19 years old and wish to continue their education.

Application Criteria: Any youth who has been in care of the Ministry, residing in the Fraser River corridor (noted above), who has reached the age of 19 years, who intends to further his/her education, whether to finish high school, attend business or vocational school, college or university, and where other funds available are inadequate, is eligible to apply. The highest marks, although considered, will not be the only determining factor in the allocation of the bursary.

Application Deadline: May 31st, 2012\*

***\*All application forms for our bursaries are available through our website at [www.bcfosterparents.ca](http://www.bcfosterparents.ca).***

### Natural Child Bursary

The Natural Child Bursary was founded in 1991 and is intended to be accessed by children born or adopted into a family providing foster care in BC.

Application Criteria: The eligible youth must be the child by birth or adoption, as stated above, to a foster family who are members of BCFFPA for three consecutive years since 1990. This can also apply to the child of an individual who is an Honorary Life Member. The youth must reside in BC, have graduated from high school and is interested in extending his/her education in any field of study. High grades, though considered, will not be the only determining factor in the allocation of bursary funds.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2012\*

### STAY TUNED for more information on a Proposed New Scholarship Fund

BCFFPA has recently received a donation from the estate of a generous community member. At upcoming meetings, the Board will define the details of a new scholarship fund which will be available soon!



### Camp For Kids 2012

Camp For Kids is an annual program that provides up to \$250 per child per eligible applicant (maximum 20 bursaries) to attend summer camp. Each year BCFFPA raises funds to help send foster kids to camp. Total funds available fluctuate from year to year. Please spread the word to your community business people and personal contacts regarding the benefits of providing this much needed support to foster families.

The applications form can be found on our website and are accepted from February to the end of May each year.

**Federal Education Bursary Available** ... for young people who have been in care. Storwell Self Storage in Ontario is offering an annual, non-renewable, \$2000 bursary to one successful candidate who demonstrates financial need and excellence in academic and extracurricular activities.

Find out more and see the application at:  
<http://www.storwell.com/bursary-application/>

## The future of fostering is BCFFPA...

45 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

## BCFFPA Contracted Services

BCFFPA is contracted by MCFD to provide the following services to foster parents throughout BC.

### **Community Capacity Building**

Identified and specific activities that enhance the community's ability to plan, coordinate and/or manage initiatives on behalf of children, youth and families using existing resources.

### **Editing and Writing—General**

Identified and specific activities that are required to inform, educate and recruit foster parents throughout BC.

### **Editing and Writing—Web**

Identified and specific activities that are required to continuously develop, enhance and distribute web-based materials for foster parents and general public reference and information.

### **Information and Referral—General**

Provide information about fostering and referrals to other services and programs that are useful to children, youth and families.

### **Training and Education**

Develop and implement a range of strategies for imparting knowledge, improving skills and building awareness of resources for foster parents.

### **Read Carefully Before Signing**

We caution caregivers to **CAREFULLY** read and understand your contract or modifications to that contract before signing. Once it is signed it is difficult to have it changed, and you may find yourself out of pocket.

## DAIS — Dynamics—Autism Intervention & Support

DAIS mission is to deliver highly specialized and individualized intervention and support services that enable individuals on the Autism Spectrum to realize their potential across environments.

DAIS philosophy is:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) does not preclude vast potential for development, but often masks it with seemingly insurmountable challenges.
- Individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their families face extraordinary challenges on a day to day basis.
- Compassion, empathy, curiosity and creativity are essential ingredients in the successful planning & delivery of effective intervention and support services.
- Those closest to individuals on the Autism Spectrum (family members, direct support workers, etc.) possess information critical to the development of successful intervention and support plans. Therefore their input and participation is integral to the planning process.
- Effective intervention and support consultation service within the context of a collaborative planning process informs and empowers those parenting/supporting individuals on the Autism Spectrum.
- Informed and empowered family members, support workers and educators become equipped to facilitate the adaptive development of individuals on the Autism Spectrum.

For more information about DAIS services, contact Melanie Walker at [dynamics\\_22561@yahoo.ca](mailto:dynamics_22561@yahoo.ca) or 604-833-0934.



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## A Message to Foster Parents from BC'S Representative for Children and Youth

—Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond

Happy New Year, everyone. I hope you had a chance over the holidays to enjoy family and friends, and to make special memories with your foster children. I always remind myself at the start of a new year how very fortunate we are to have people like you who willingly step forward to offer safe and secure homes to children in need. Thank you for being there as a vital part of our child and youth serving system.

I'd like to share with you a few items that kept us very busy in my Office this Fall. On top of the investigative, monitoring and advocacy work that we do, we also held a youth Summit, released an It Gets Better video and presented Awards of Excellence to some truly outstanding individuals and organizations who, like you, are committed to children and youth in this province.

Our Summit in October this year focused on the experiences of B.C.'s immigrant and refugee youth. Much like many children in care, these youth face a list of challenges every day, and I was interested in hearing their perspectives. *Fresh Voices from Long Journeys: Insights of Immigrant and Refugee Youth* brought together more than 120 immigrant and refugee youth from more than 30 countries. They brought with them a wealth of experience depending on their backgrounds, their entry points to Canada and their legal status here. Participants ranged from those who came with their families, speaking fluent English, to those who had only recently arrived and were still awaiting word on their claims for refugee status.

These young people shared their stories, ideas and recommendations with about 60 invited adult guests – B.C. business people, political leaders and policy makers who had the capacity not just to listen, but also to respond to the issues raised. A dedicated and inspiring 23-member Youth Advisory Team made up of immigrant and refugee youth from the Lower Mainland was instrumental in planning the conference.

We are now working to ensure that the voices of these B.C. young people are heard more clearly by decision makers as we join with these youth to build a better British Columbia.

Also in October we announced the winners of the fourth annual Awards of Excellence, given to those who are doing exceptional work that is changing the futures of the children and youth they come in contact with every day. Two outstanding youth, a police officer who mentors youth, and a number of remarkable organizations were recognized for their excellent work on behalf of B.C.'s vulnerable children and youth. This year's winners include:

Youth Leadership (co-winners): Samantha Claver and Lilia Zaharieva, Victoria  
Service Provider: Mary Manning Centre, Victoria  
Cultural Heritage and Diversity: Aboriginal Infant Development Programs of B.C.  
Advocacy: Dawn Johnson, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Vancouver  
Innovative Services Award: Burnaby Board of Education and Ministry of Children and Family Development  
Mentoring Award: Constable Richard Lavallee, Vancouver

Lifetime Achievement Award: Tracy Porteous, Vancouver, for her longstanding work in domestic violence.

It was an honour to recognize what these extraordinary people and organizations do in their communities. Detailed information on their activities and accomplishments is available on my website: [www.rcybc.ca](http://www.rcybc.ca)

In November, to recognize National Child Day, my Office released a video in support of the It Gets Better project aimed at inspiring B.C. lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth to focus on a positive future. The It Gets Better campaign was launched in the U.S. in 2010 in response to several teen suicides by LGBT youth. Thousands of videos have been submitted by politicians, celebrities, organizations, activists and youth from around the world. Campaign supporters emphasize that every video can change a life. The videos also encourage young people to seek help if they are in crisis. Bullying and homophobia can deeply hurt those who need our support, and can destroy families, communities and lives. We have a responsibility to ensure all young people are encouraged to thrive, because they all have the right to be respected and supported.

The video from my Office highlights the experiences of a variety of British Columbians in dealing with bullying, homophobia, discrimination and being different. Video participants include Dr. Hedy Fry (MP for Vancouver Centre), Spencer Chandra Herbert (MLA for Vancouver West-End), several youth activists, a female Victoria police officer, a First Nations youth worker, a young Victoria opera singer, cast and crew from the current Vancouver production of Mamma Mia, and others. The main video and four break-out videos can be viewed at [www.rcybc.ca](http://www.rcybc.ca).

Thank you for again providing space for me in your newsletter. It is a great opportunity for me to stay in touch with a very valuable group of people who take on a difficult job. If you or your children in care need to talk to an advocate personally, please contact us from anywhere in the province at 1-800-476-3933 or email us at [rcy@rcybc.ca](mailto:rcy@rcybc.ca)

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond  
Representative for Children and Youth

MCFD is currently in the final stages of redrafting an up-to-date version of the Foster Family Handbook. Projected release dates have changed but we will be sure to keep you posted! The new version will likely be available electronically. Please remember to refer to your copy of the Foster Family Handbook for the information you need about providing foster care in BC.



## Regional Delegate Reports

### Coast Fraser— Delegate Currently Unassigned

#### Tricity Foster Parent Local—Jan Chapman

The Tricity Foster Parents held their Local elections in late Fall 2011. The local is organized around e-mail and support is provided electronically as well. Contact by e-mail is: tricityfosterparents@gmail.com. We are finding that this support line is well used and contact results in members receiving answers to their questions.

Tricity Foster Parents also presented an education on the preparation of reports in November and it was well received. The session was held at the Resources office, who sponsored the event.

#### Fraser Valley Foster Parent Association by Betty Davis

Long time foster parent, Laurie Crosby, passed away recently. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

The Hatzic Lake trailer is renting again this year. Contact Betty for more information.

FVFPA will be running workshops again throughout the year, please stay tuned for more information!

#### Abbotsford Local by Tamara Smith

The holiday time was busy for foster parents in Abbotsford as it's often a difficult time for the children in care.

We partnered with our local MCFD Resource office to put on a breakfast with Santa. The event was held in December and our numbers were up from last year so it is quite exciting!

Our local foster parent association will be soon hosting a meeting to cover the topics of extended health care, insurance, wage loss prevention and understanding your Ministry contracts. We want to encourage our local caregivers to come out and join us! If you have had an issue with any of these subjects we want to hear from you. Watch for our flyer with event details.

Abbotsford has seen an increase in protocols in the last 6 months. There is no better time for us to become a collective voice than right now! We are looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

### Interior Region by Kevin Daniel

It's been very busy in the Interior region with regional meetings, Derek Clarke, and training going on in all areas of the region. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> Interior Community Services brought Derek Clarke, who was one of the keynote speakers from IFCO, to Kamloops to speak on his life as a misdiagnosed and labeled youth in the care system. Derek also met privately with some of the foster parents and their teens.

In October the Macro Board met with the Interior CSM in Kelowna and discussed issues that directly involved the region

such as mileage, adoptions, and safe visitation sites. The mileage issue was brought forward to the provincial level as well. Concerns were also brought up about safe visitation site and the cleanliness of the rooms and toys. It was suggested that foster parents bring their own toys for the kids. Adoptions were also discussed and it was asked if there was any way that it could be streamlined so that foster parents only have to do the one home study instead of two. It was said that due to the Adoption Act, they have to do a separate home study.

Finally, in late Fall, Heather Bayes, Marcy Perron and I sat down with Doug Hughes, Nancy McComb and Barry Fulton to discuss issues that were affecting certain areas in our region. A few other key issues will be brought up at the face-to-face Board meeting in February.

Well that's it for now, I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of 2012!

### Vancouver Island Region by Jo Axe

Over the past few months, BCFFPA has taken part in a number of activities on Vancouver Island as it continues to maintain its mandate to represent and support foster parents in providing quality care in BC.

October was Foster Family Month and it was celebrated at the BC Legislature with powerful speeches from the Representative for Children and Youth and the Minister of Children and Family Development, as well as heart-warming stories from individuals involved with foster care.

Also in October, I met with the Executive Director of the FPSSS. This was a forward-thinking meeting which surfaced ideas on how BCFFPA and FPSSS can enjoy a positive working relationship in the future.

In December, BCFFPA and foster parents were invited to attend the illumination of the lights at the BC Legislature – this was a lovely occasion, enjoyed by adults and children alike.

Moving forward, BCFFPA is planning a week of rider insurance workshops on the Island. So look out for more information on this and take part in these relevant sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns about your role as a foster parent, please feel free to contact BCFFPA at 1-800-663-9999.

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Are You A BCFFPA Member?



## Regional Delegate Reports Continued

### North Region by Lee Lachmuth

My position as Northern Representative has just begun and I am excited to be working with Northern Foster Parents. With such a large geographical area, one of the biggest challenges is to establish a communication system that is efficient and effective.

In order to represent Northern Foster Parents I am in the process of establishing communication and membership with the BCFFPA for the Foster Parents. The development of Locals in the communities and communication with MCFD, Delegated Agencies and Support Agencies through Partnership meetings is a high priority. I believe that with ongoing, respectful communication we can serve, nurture and protect the families in the best way possible.

I am looking forward to the upcoming AGM in May in the beautiful city of Vernon and my hope is to see representation at the AGM from several Northern communities. Hope to see many of you there.

### Thank you to our Funders and Donors

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...thank you for making a difference in the lives of BC's foster parents and children ...

### Benefits for BC Foster Parents

BC foster parents can receive tickets to events through [Kids Up Front Foundation](#). To be placed on the mailing list e-mail Debbie Drewitz at [ddrewitz@telus.net](mailto:ddrewitz@telus.net)



## Exciting cross-Canada adventure for BC Youth

Envision a life and job skill-building program that takes a group of youth on the adventure of a lifetime—travelling across Canada to work on organic farms in Manitoba, then back to BC for parks and recreation job experience, all the while incorporating French language and cultural learning opportunities.

Now envision this program is an all-expenses paid adventure for youth in care and former youth in care.

This was the reality for five BC youth, thanks to a partnership between the Ministry of Social Development, the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the program itself—Katimavik.

Katimavik provides learning through volunteer service programs for youth between the ages of 17 and 21. The programs incorporate second-language and cultural-heritage learning opportunities, interpersonal skill development, self-esteem building and job-skill building programs to help young people enter the workforce with confidence.

### Katimavik



This year, for the first time in BC, all five participants were youth in government care and former youth in care. According to the youth, it was a "huge success" where they learned everything from the importance of living a healthy lifestyle through nutrition and exercise, to environmental stewardship to valuable employment and leadership skills.

Six months in duration, the Katimavik program wrapped up in December. The camp started with a two-month stay in Winnipeg, where participants volunteered on small community organic farms, learning about local food production and sustainable farming practices. Following that, participants spent four months in Fort Langley volunteering at various office jobs, including parks and recreation and administrative jobs.

This special pilot project was funded through funds within the existing fiscal plan.

### Quick Facts:

*"Katimavik" means "meeting place" and is a federally funded program that has helped over 30,000 youth since its launch in 1977.*

*Five BC youth, between the ages of 17 to 20 were selected by MCFD to participate in this year's pilot project, to build on opportunities for serving under-represented and vulnerable youth.*

*As part of the program, participants were offered a chance to billet with a host family in the community for 10 days. This helps the youth in forging positive relationships with community members and getting a more in depth look at the lifestyle and culture of people living in the host region.*

**For more information about Katimavik's programs, check out [www.katimavik.org](http://www.katimavik.org).**



## Have You Hugged Your Social Worker Today?

### March 5-11, 2012 is Social Worker Week in BC!

Day in and day out our social workers in BC serve, support and advocate for our community members. They work tirelessly, juggling large caseloads to make a positive difference in people's lives.

We don't say it nearly often enough ... we appreciate you! Congratulations to all of our dedicated Ministry and agency social workers and thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the Children and Families of BC!

If your Local hasn't planned an Appreciation Event yet, please talk about it with your Local members. Don't forget to take a minute during Social Worker Week to let your social workers know how much you appreciate them and the work they do every day.

## What's the Difference Between Support and Advocacy?

**Support**—[peer support] occurs when people provide knowledge, experience, emotional, social or practical help to each other. It commonly refers to an initiative consisting of individuals who are trained in offering appropriate support to others. It usually looks like *listening* or a *dialogue* with a theme of providing *guidance*. A "peer" is someone who has "been there, done that" and can relate to others who are now in a similar situation. Supporters can also be people who have a great deal of knowledge about a situation.

**Advocacy**—refers to a *political process* by an individual or group which aims to influence public policy, practice and decisions within a system (political, economic, social or institutional). The form of advocacy can include a myriad of activities such as media, public speaking, commissioning, research, lobbying or direct contact with legislators or governing bodies.

BCFFPA provides *support* and *advocacy*. We offer support, similar to that provided by BC's regional agencies however we are also able to advocate directly with MCFD workers, managers and directors—even speaking with the Deputy Minister and the Minister herself a couple of times each year—regarding changes needed within MCFD policy and practice.

It is our role to report to MCFD the statistics, successes and challenges of service delivery within all of BC's regions. When foster parents speak with our Provincial office or one of our delegates, we log each concern, gathering numbers and information to bring forward to Ministry officials at the regional and provincial levels. Sometimes it takes a while to see measurable change, but this is the way BCFFPA ensures positive shifts are taking place to provide better services for foster parents and the children in their care.



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# Community Resources

## Provincial Resources

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

## Coastal Fraser

*For contact information for local foster parent groups or support in your area, please call 1-800-663-9999.*

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| <b>Hollyburn Family Services</b><br>www.hollyburn.ca                                                   | 604-987-8211 |
| <b>Vancouver Aboriginal Child &amp; Family Services Society</b><br>www.vacfss.com                      | 778-331-4500 |
| <b>Family Services of Greater Vancouver</b><br>www.fosterhub.ca                                        | 604-279-7100 |
| <b>Fraser Valley Foster Parent Association</b>                                                         | 604-865-1924 |
| <b>Abbotsford Community Services Foster Parent Caregiver Support</b>                                   | 604-859-2165 |
| <b>South Vancouver Youth Centre</b><br>www.svyc.ca<br>(Ask about their foster parent support workers!) | 604-325-2004 |

## Island

*For contact information for local foster parent groups or support in your area, please call 1-800-663-9999.*

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| <b>Foster Parent Support Services Society</b> | 1-888-922-8437 |
| FPSSS (Victoria)                              | 778-430-5459   |
| FPSSS (Nanaimo)                               | 250-390-9686   |
| FPSSS (Campbell River)                        | 250-286-0555   |

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| <b>Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents</b><br>(Nanaimo office) | 250-591-0069 |
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## Interior

*For contact information for local foster parent groups or support in your area, please call 1-800-663-9999.*

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| <b>Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents</b><br>(Westbank office) | 250-768-4229 |
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| <b>Okanagan Foster Parent Association</b><br>www.okfosterparents.ca |              |
| Central Okanagan                                                    | 250-868-9285 |
| North Okanagan                                                      | 250-558-0939 |
| South Okanagan                                                      | 250-488-0561 |
| Shuswap                                                             | 250-253-4499 |

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| <b>Okanagan Metis Children &amp; Family Services</b> | 250-868-0351 |
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| <b>Interior Community Services</b><br>www.interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca | 1-877-376-3660 |
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## North

*For contact information for local foster parent groups or support in your area, please call 1-800-663-9999.*

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| <b>AXIS Family Resources</b><br>(24/7 support)<br>www.axis.bc.ca (satellite office locations online) | 1-877-392-1003<br>Press 205 |
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*We are in the process of developing our Community Resources page. Please submit your relevant contacts to [jayne@bcfosterparents.ca](mailto:jayne@bcfosterparents.ca).*



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Vancouver, BC V5M 3H4

Contact: 1-866-291-7091  
Local: 604-291-7091



**Federation of BC  
Youth In Care Networks**

Provincial Office Location: 55 8th Street, New  
Westminster, BC V3M 3N9

Contact: 1-800-565-8055

**Adoptive Families  
Association of BC**



Provincial Office Location: 200-7342 Winston  
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