

Please complete and return to **BCFFPA**
131 Eighth Street, New Westminster, BC V3M 3P6

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ p/c: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

NEW membership _____ **Renew** membership _____

1 year individual \$30.00 couple \$35.00

2 year couple \$50.00 couple \$60.00

1 year association \$200.00

Membership classifications:

Foster parents and honorary life members are **full members** of BCFFPA and are welcome to vote and participate in governance of the Federation. *Associate and honorary members* shall not hold office or hold voting privilege unless Article III, Section 2b applies.

I/We are: Regular Level 1 Level 2 Level 3
(tick one) Specialized or Contractor

OR my affiliation with BCFFPA is (ie. agency staff, MCFD, non-foster parent etc.) _____

As member(s) of BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations, I/we agree to abide by the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, and Policies and Procedures of the Federation.

Signature (we require a signature to process your payment)

Please charge my membership fees to my

Visa Mastercard

Number _____ Expiry _____

OR Cheque enclosed



If you were referred to BCFFPA by another foster parent member, please note their name here

Please print clearly. Thank you for your support!

*BCFFPA is a provincial organization
created by foster parents, for foster
parents and governed by foster parents.*

We are a registered non-profit society which aims to bring together foster parents, social workers, groups and individuals who are working to improve the standard of care for children in British Columbia. We provide recruitment services for the Ministry of Children and Family Development and work together in partnership in the development of policy and practice for foster care services across the province. BC's foster parents can come to us for information, professional development opportunities, referral, guidance about policy, advocacy, and support or assistance of all kinds.

Our Local Foster Parent Associations and Board of Directors are run by foster parent volunteers who are elected by our foster parent members.



BCFFPA is a non-profit charitable organization. We are funded through a contract with MCFD and we receive a portion of our revenue through individual donations and grants. The majority of BCFFPA membership fees are redistributed to our active regional Foster Parent Local Associations to support their local activities.



BCFFPA

...a branch of your family tree since 1967

BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations

is your provincial resource for

*Fostering Information
Caregiver Education
Resource Referral
Support or Advocacy*

&

Foster Parent Insurance Information

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**A Registered Charitable Organization
Founded in 1967**

Objectives of BCFFPA Include

To be the collective voice for all foster parents while working toward improving foster care policy, practice and child care standards by...

- presenting briefs and position papers to government to express the viewpoint of foster parents on matters concerning fostering and foster children.
- working with the Ministry of Children and Family Development in the continuous review and development of policy, practice and program services pertaining to foster care.

To be a channel of communication to...

- government, community and foster parent support agencies and birth families of children in care.

To enhance the image of fostering and foster children through public relations and community engagement by...

- assisting in recruitment of new foster homes across the province.
- providing information relating to fostering to interested community organizations and the general public.
- developing a Code of Ethics and Practice Standards to ensure consistent, high quality service in the community.
- participating in government and agency focus groups to ensure the voice of foster parents is heard.

To help foster parents increase their skills in caring for children by providing information, referral and training opportunities through...

- publication of our FosterlineBC newsletter with participation of the Ministry and community stakeholders.
- encouragement of a team approach to fostering through joint training of foster parents, social workers and birth parents where appropriate.
- by strengthening foster parent communication networks locally and provincially to provide support for foster parents.



Join BCFFPA! Let your voice be heard!

Benefits of Membership in BCFFPA

- Retail discounts throughout the province
- Right to participate on provincial focus groups to represent BCFFPA and the foster parents in the province of BC
- Right to participate in voting and governance of BCFFPA Boards of Directors on local, regional and provincial levels
- Access to bursaries for foster, birth and adopted children
- Educational opportunities
- Strong provincial support network

Mission Statement

BCFFPA represents and supports all foster parents to provide quality in-home foster care in British Columbia. We aim to accomplish this through the availability of services including advocacy, education, training and support.

Fostering is caring for someone else's child temporarily—a child who, because of family difficulties, health or the absence of guardians, is in need of someone to provide for their wellbeing.

Fostering is challenging, demanding, frustrating, enriching and rewarding.

Fostering can give you the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life.

Foster parents are people like you, from all walks of life, who welcome children into their homes for a certain time; people who can help children to grow and to cope with life's experiences, now and in the future.

Vision Statement

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

Belief

Resilient Foster Parents = Empowered Children and Youth