

BC Foster Parents Association

Annual General Meeting & Conference 2026

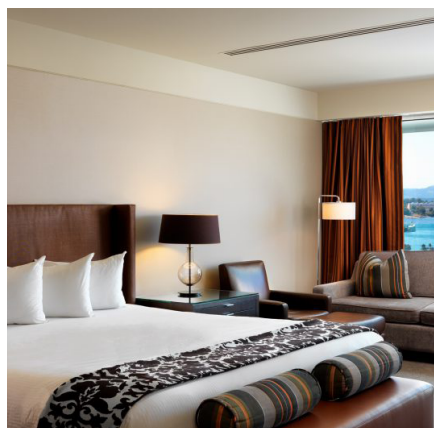
October 16-17, 2026



The Inn at Laurel Point in Victoria is located on the traditional territories of the Lkwungen (Lekwungen) speaking peoples, also known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.



Camps for Kids Fundraisers:
Daily 50/50 Draws,
Bucket Draw



Guest speakers, multiple
half-day workshops, and
networking opportunities



Caregiver wellness evening,
banquet dinner, and
live DJ entertainment

October 16-17, 2026 | Inn at Laurel Point | 680 Montreal Street, Victoria BC



BOOK NOW TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED ROOM RATE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Book your stay at the Inn at Laurel Point in Victoria for BCFPA's 2026 AGM & Conference before **September 11, 2026** to receive BC Foster Parents Association's discounted room rate of **\$235 per night** for a standard guest room.

Use this link to book now at the Inn at Laurel Point.

Guests are also able to book their stay by contacting the hotel directly by phone (**1-800-663-7667**) or by email (**reservations@laurelpoint.com**) and identifying themselves as attendees of the BCFPA conference to receive the special guest room rate.

The link to book is also available on our social media platforms and via email newsletters.

Morning Workshop Options - Friday, 10:00 am to 12:15 pm



Infant/Child CPR with First Aid presented by Alert First Aid

Capacity: 75

Length: 2 hours; plus a 15-minute coffee break.

This two-hour hands-on training session will prepare participants to recognize and treat infant illnesses and injuries, including mild and severe choking, infant/child CPR, childhood fevers, infant seizures, poisoning, allergic reactions, and injury/illness prevention.

Topics include: preparing to respond; responding to emergencies; airway emergencies (choking); breathing emergencies (choking); breathing emergencies (CPR); childhood fevers; infant seizures; poisoning; allergic reactions; and prevention practices.

About Alert First Aid (alertfirstaid.com)

Alert First Aid was founded by Jaimie Pierson in 1998. Today, Alert First Aid continues the commitment to providing the best first aid training. They strive to provide their students with an interactive and engaging learning environment, and their instructors are dedicated to helping students become proficient in first aid and emergency care.



Conflict Prevention & Resolution for Foster Caregivers presented by Dr. Evan Hoffman (The Conflict Doctor)

Capacity: 75

Length: 2 hours; plus a 15-minute coffee break.

In this engaging, highly practical workshop, Dr. Evan Hoffman equips participants with proven strategies and tools to prevent, manage, and resolve conflicts effectively within family and caregiver environments.

Designed specifically for foster caregivers, kinship caregivers, social workers and support agency workers, the session addresses the unique challenges common in these settings.

By the end of the 90-minute workshop, participants will be able to: identify early warning signs of conflict and apply proactive prevention strategies; use proven communication tools to de-escalate tense situations; apply interest-based problem-solving approaches tailored to family and caregiver contexts; navigate difficult conversations with greater confidence and emotional intelligence; and implement immediate, practical techniques that improve relationships.

About Evan Hoffman (theconflictdoctor.ca)

Evan Hoffman, PhD is a conflict resolution specialist with deep roots in the social services and human support fields. Trained in psychology and crisis intervention, he has spent more than two decades helping individuals and organizations navigate high-stress situations with empathy, clarity, and respect. His early work in personal support and community-based services shaped a career-long commitment to understanding human behaviour and promoting emotional safety in complex environments.

Today, Dr. Hoffman combines his experience as an educator and practitioner to help others build resilient relationships and manage conflict constructively. Whether working with front-line staff, managers, or community leaders, he focuses on developing the skills and confidence people need to respond to conflict with compassion and effectiveness.

Afternoon Workshop Options - Friday, 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm



The Business Side of Fostering presented by Interior Community Services' Renata Bonthoux and Marna Forsyth

Capacity: 75

Length: 3 hours; including a 15-minute coffee break

Do you want to understand your role, responsibilities, and rights (from a business perspective)? Then this course is for you! The Business Side of Fostering aims to provide foster caregivers with information relevant to

all self-employed contractors with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and Indigenous Child and Family Service Agencies. We will cover: The ins and outs of your contract; Family Care Home Investigation (protocol) and Quality of Care Review processes; What (and why) to document and report; insurance, taxes, and WCB for caregivers; resources; and more!

About Renata Bonthoux and Marna Forsyth

Renata holds a Bachelor of Social Work, a Child and Youth Care Diploma and a Brief Systemic Family Therapy Diploma. She has been with Interior Community Services for the last 18 years with her first 8 years spent supporting high-risk youth and supervising visits between families and children/youth. Her combination of education and experience have provided the necessary skills and enhanced her ability to effectively facilitate training, support situations requiring difficult conversations, navigate contracts, and advocate for caregivers.

Marna holds a Bachelor of Education and is the Saskatchewan representative for the Family Advisory Council with CANFASD. She has been providing education and training to caregivers for the last 10 years. Marna is passionate about providing support to those who care for our most vulnerable children and youth. Marna also uses her skills and experience to empower caregivers, social workers and other community professionals through collaborative learning with the Caregiver Learning Network.



Supporting Youth in Care Living with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) presented by Beckham Ronaghan

Capacity: 75

Length: 3 hours; including a 15-minute coffee break

This interactive three-hour workshop is designed for foster caregivers, and child and youth professionals supporting youth who experience symptoms of Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) or significant emotional dysregulation. Workshop participants will build a foundational understanding of BPD while learning practical Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) skills they can use in the moment to respond to emotional escalation, intense reactions, and challenging behaviours. Participants will develop effective strategies for validation, de-escalation, emotion regulation, and boundary setting.

Participants will leave with skills they can immediately apply to strengthen relationships, reduce conflict, and support youth with greater confidence and compassion.

About Beckham Ronaghan (beckhamronaghan.com)

Beckham Ronaghan (they/them) is a social worker in private practice on WSÁNEĆ territories (Victoria, BC). They have worked across a variety of settings, including community mental health, crisis response, hospitals, and youth services, supporting individuals with complex mental health needs.

Event Itinerary

October 15, 2026 (Thursday)

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Welcome Reception

Pick up your registration package, grab a bite to eat, and participate in a kick off 50/50 draw

Terrace Ballroom

Wellness Evening

Enjoy a complimentary 30-minute spa treatment (caregivers only, sign-up required)

Merino Rooms

October 16, 2026 (Friday)

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Breakfast and Registration

Terrace Ballroom

8:45 AM to 9:00 AM

Territorial Welcome and Opening Prayer

Terrace Ballroom

9:15 AM to 9:45 AM

Keynote

Terrace Ballroom

10:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Morning Workshops - Mini Sessions

Infant/Child CPR with First Aid
presented by Alert First Aid

Spirit Rooms

Conflict Prevention & Resolution for Foster Caregivers
presented by Dr. Evan Hoffman

Merino Rooms

12:15 PM to 1:15 PM

Lunch

Buffet lunch and 50/50 draw

Terrace Ballroom

**Friday schedule continues on next page*

1:15 PM to 4:15 PM

Afternoon Workshops - Half-Day Sessions

The Business Side of Fostering
presented by Renata Bonthoux and Marna Forsyth
Spirit Rooms

Supporting Youth in Care Living with Borderline
Personality Disorder (BPD)
presented by Beckham Ronaghan
Merino Rooms

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Crafting Therapy Workshop
Caregivers only, sign-up required
Merino Rooms

October 17, 2026(Saturday)

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Breakfast and Registration
Terrace Ballroom

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Annual General Meeting
with Territorial Welcome and Opening Prayer
Spirit Rooms

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Banquet Dinner
Terrace Ballroom

7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Dance and Fundraiser
Bucket Draws, 50/50 draw, and live DJ entertainment
Spirit Rooms

Crafting Therapy Session for Caregivers

Join Board Treasurer Raquel Lesieur and Board Secretary Julie Holmlund for a fun and creative workshop on the evening of Friday, October 16th.

All supplies needed will be provided in the workshop at no extra cost.

Please note that this activity is for foster caregivers only and sign-up during registration is required. Attendance is capped at 40.



Meet our DJ

Music has always been an important element of Paul aka DJ PTK's life. With both parents being heavily involved in music growing up, he couldn't help but fall in love with music.



Looking ahead, while attending Bishop's University on a basketball scholarship, Paul took classes such as "The Art of Listening" and "Musical Studies" while working to obtain his B.B.A. Paul would DJ at house parties and often help DJ at the university pub. As a music enthusiast, by 1998 his CD collection was well over 5000!!!

In 2010, Paul started a party and event company called Party Crashers which has two large stores in Victoria. With the stores a success, Paul has now had the opportunity to do what he loves....DJ and help people have a good time.

With 22 years of customer service along with a love for music and the ever evolving aspects of DJ lighting and equipment, Paul has gone full steam ahead into the industry under the name DJ PTK. With the business models of "Affordable without compromise" and "The service will speak for itself", Paul looks forward to helping people make memories, one track at a time.

About the Fundraisers

Daily 50/50 draws will be taking place during our welcome reception, Friday lunch hour, and banquet evening. Tickets will be available through staff for \$10 per arms-length (18 tickets).

During our classic bucket draw, happening on Saturday night, the Spirit Rooms will be populated with our fresh new teal buckets placed in front of many luxurious packages. Purchase 8 tickets for \$20 and decide which packages you want to take a chance on winning! We will be selling tickets throughout the conference.

Things to do in Victoria

Wondering how to spend your free time on Thursday afternoon, Friday evening, or Saturday afternoon? There's so much to do in Victoria!

Off the Eaten Track Culinary Walking Tours

Get to know Victoria's food scene through a walking tour. Experience some of the best hidden culinary gems in the city. All of the stops are small businesses that locals know and love

Ritual Nordic Spa

Hit pause on your busy life and experience a modern take on the age-old Finnish tradition of sauna. You'll move between areas of hot, cold, and rest to offer temperature contrasts that boost immunity, improve mood, and jump-start circulation.

Fisherman's Wharf

Just around the corner from Victoria's Inner Harbour, Fisherman's Wharf is a colourful collection of floating homes, restaurants and businesses. Use it as your base for a paddle or whale watching excursion, hop aboard a Victoria Harbour Ferry, or simply enjoy a meal on the wharf.

Plus explore and experience so much more around the Inner Harbour and Downtown Victoria right outside the event venue!

Digital Payment Options

Following the enthusiastic response to our new payment options last year, we are happy to announce that we will continue to offer cashless payment options for purchasing 50/50 and bucket draw tickets.

Attendees will be able to make secure, contactless card payments through Square. Just tap to purchase your tickets at the venue - quick and easy!

We will be continuing to accept cash payments alongside added credit and debit payments.

BCFPA AGM 2026 REGISTRATION FORM - Full Conference

Please submit one form per attendee. This form is also available online including a secure credit card payment system.

First Name		Last Name	
Phone Number		Email Address	BCFPA Membership #
Street Address		City	Postal Code
Please note any dietary needs or preferences Please select all that apply ☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten-free ☐ Dairy-free			
Please list any food allergies or sensitivities			
Full conference registration (Includes all event options, meals, and conference materials) Workshop selection: Please select one of each Morning Workshop ☐ Infant/Child CPR with First Aid ☐ Conflict Prevention & Resolution for Foster Caregivers Afternoon Workshop ☐ The Business Side of Fostering ☐ Supporting Youth in Care Living with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD)			☐ \$350
Would you like to enroll in the Friday craft session? (Foster Caregivers only) ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Would you like to attend the Wellness Room? (Foster Caregivers only) ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Please check the payment method of your choice ☐ Visa/Mastercard ☐ Cheque enclosed payable to BC Foster Parents Association			
Credit Card Number	Cardholder Name		CVV
Expiry Date	Signature		

REGISTRATIONS: All registration forms must be received by the BCFPA Provincial Office by **September 30, 2026**.

Mail, email, or fax completed registration form:

BCFPA, 208-20641 Logan Avenue, Langley, BC V3A 7R3 | Email: office@bcfosterparents.ca | Fax: 604-544-2223

BCFPA AGM 2026 REGISTRATION FORM - Workshop Only

Please submit one form per attendee. This form is also available online including a secure credit card payment system.

First Name		Last Name	
Phone Number		Email Address	BCFPA Membership #
Street Address		City	Postal Code
Please note any dietary needs or preferences Please select all that apply ☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten-free ☐ Dairy-free			
Please list any food allergies or sensitivities			
Workshop day (Friday) only (Includes workshop options and workshop-day meals) Workshop selection: Please select one of each Morning Workshop ☐ Infant/Child CPR with First Aid ☐ Conflict Prevention & Resolution for Caregivers Afternoon Workshop ☐ The Business Side of Fostering ☐ Supporting Youth in Care Living with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD)			☐ \$175
Please check the payment method of your choice ☐ Visa/Mastercard ☐ Cheque enclosed payable to BC Foster Parents Association			
Credit Card Number	Cardholder Name		CW
Expiry Date	Signature		

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ACCOMMODATIONS: Accommodation and parking are NOT included in the registration fee.

CANCELLATION and REFUND POLICY: Refunds (minus a \$20 cancellation fee) will only be made for cancellations received in writing to office@bcfosterparents.ca by **September 30, 2026**. You are welcome to name an alternate participant. There will be NO refunds for non-attendance.

CHILDCARE: Childcare is not provided for the AGM and Conference Event.

FOOD ALLERGIES & SENSITIVITIES: We make every effort to accommodate food allergies and sensitivities in our menu choices; however we cannot guarantee the hotel is able to provide well-balanced meals or menus for those who have more specialized dietary needs.

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BCFPA AGM 2026 REGISTRATION FORM - Guests and Children

Please submit one form per attendee. This form is also available online including a secure credit card payment system.

First Name		Last Name	
Phone Number		Email Address	
Street Address		City	Postal Code
Please note any dietary needs or preferences Please select all that apply			
☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten-free ☐ Dairy-free			
Please list any food allergies or sensitivities			
All meals for guests of registered attendees (Includes banquet dinner)			☐ \$130
Banquet dinner for guests of registered attendees			☐ \$80
Please check the payment method of your choice			
☐ Visa/Mastercard ☐ Cheque enclosed payable to BC Foster Parents Association			
Credit Card Number	Cardholder Name		CVV
Expiry Date	Signature		

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