

## What Services Will The Foster Parent Coordinator Provide?

- Ongoing consultation and networking services for Foster Parents
- Provision of newsletters & notices via email
- Information on MCFD & CLBC policy
- Answer general practice questions about fostering
- Support to Foster Parents experiencing difficult foster care situations
- Support & information for Foster Parents going through the complaints/investigation process
- Library of Resource materials & OFPA web site
- Liaise with MCFD & CLBC staff on common caregiver concerns or misunderstandings
- Assist with recruitment and training of new foster homes
- Promote and assist with the development of caregiver support groups

## Okanagan Foster Parents Association

The Okanagan Foster Parents Association contracts with the Ministry of Children and Family Development to provide support services to Family Care Homes in the Okanagan. OFPA is a consumer-driven, community based, and cross-cultural organization.

### The philosophy of the Okanagan Foster Parents Association is:

Foster Families are a key component of the Family Care Home system in British Columbia. Caregivers need a variety of support services and educational opportunities in order to meet the physical, emotional, cultural, and spiritual needs of children and youth in care. As an organization of caregivers, the Okanagan Foster Parent Association recognizes the need to be flexible in meeting the ever-changing needs of caregivers, the children and youth they care for, and their families.

OFPA services are provided by Foster Parent Coordinators for each of South Okanagan & Similkameen, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, and the Shiswap. Our Coordinator of Aboriginal Services works in the North and Central Okanagan.

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# Support to the Family Care Network of the North Okanagan



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## Important Numbers for Foster Parents

### After Hours Emergency Line **1-800-663-9122**

Used to report a critical incident, obtain social worker approval for emergency medical treatment, etc. when MCFD offices are closed. This is the number used any time the *Standards for Foster Homes* states you must notify a social worker.

### Foster Parent Support Line **1-888-495-4440**

Monday to Friday 4 PM to 12:45 AM  
Sat, Sun, & Stat. Holidays 8 AM to 12:45 AM  
This support line is a service provided to Foster Parents to vent, problem-solve or obtain information. Their mandate is to support and they report only if there is a critical incident or reportable circumstances

### B.C. Federation of Foster Parent Associations **1-800-663-9999**

[www.bcfosterparents.ca](http://www.bcfosterparents.ca)

For information about Insurance, Community Resources, Bursaries, or your membership.

### Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents **1-866-291-7091**

[www.fafp.ca](http://www.fafp.ca)

This provincial organization for caregivers of aboriginal children and youth can provide answers to basic support related concerns

### Representative for Children & Youth

1-800-476-3933  
[www.rcybc.ca](http://www.rcybc.ca)

BCNurseLine	1-866-215-4700
Crisis Line	545-2339
Community Response Team	260-7893
Help Line For Children- toll free	310-1234
Poison Control	1-800-567-8911

Alcohol & Drug Information & Referral Service  
1-800-663-1441

Armstrong/Spallumcheen Community Services Centre	546-3465
Boys & Girls Club of Vernon	542-3121
Children Who Witness Abuse	542-1122
Eating Disorder Program	542-7111
Facts of Life Line	1-800-739-7367
Family Resource Centre	545-3390
First Nations Friendship Centre	542-1247
Health Unit - Vernon	549-5700
Health Unit - Armstrong	546-4727
Hospital, Vernon Jubilee	545-2211
Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868
Learning Disabilities Assoc.	542-5033
B.C. Mental Health Info Line	1-800-661-2121
Mental Health-Adult	549-5737
Mental Illness Family Support	260-3233
N.O.N.A. Child Development	549-1281
NOYFSS	545-4908
NOYFSS: Intensive Support Prog.	545-6517
Okanagan Indian Band	542-4328
Pleasant Valley Health Centre	546-4700
RCMP Victims Assistance Program	260-7171
Sexual Assault Helpline	(250) 763-4613
Spallumcheen Indian Band	838-6496
Transition House	542-1122
Vernon Community Police Office	260-5833
Whitevalley Community Resource	547-8866

### Ministry of Children and Family Development

3007 - 35th Ave, Vernon V1T 2S9  
*Community Services Manager*  
*Integrated Youth Services*  
*Child & Youth Mental Health*  
*Family Group Conferencing*  
Phone 558-2775 Fax 549-5458

2809 - 28th St, Vernon V1T 4Z5  
*Intake and Assessment*  
*Family Services*  
*Residential Resources*  
*Adoption*  
*Guardianship*  
Phone 558-2700 Fax 558-2727

Gathering Place  
300 - 3001- 30th Ave, Vernon V1T 2C2  
*Aboriginal Services - MCFD*  
*Roots Project - FNFC*  
*Family Group Conferencing - FNFC*  
Phone 549-5533 Fax 549-5577

### Community Living B.C.

Community Living Centre - Vernon  
201 - 2802 - 30th St, Vernon V1T 8G7  
Phone 549-5490 Fax 549-5491  
Kamloops: 1-888-933-1933

Quality Service Office - Vernon  
Phone 549-5509 fax 549-5604  
206 - 2802 - 30th St, Vernon V1T 8G7  
Kamloops: 1-877-377-4433

### BCFFPA Vernon Area

President Cheryl MacLeod 549-3543

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Infant Equip Bank Janna 558-9867