

What Services Will The
Foster Parent Coordinator
Provide?

- Ongoing consultation and networking services to foster parents
- Provision of newsletters
- Information on Ministry 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 process
- Library of Resource materials
- Liaise with MCFD staff on common caregiver concerns or misunderstandings
- Provide/Assist with recruitment and training of new foster homes
- Promote and assist with the development of caregiver support groups.

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**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/youth they care for, and their families.

The OFPA employs Foster Parent Coordinators for each of North Okanagan, South Okanagan and Central Okanagan.

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**Support
to the
Family
Care
Network
of the
South
Okanagan**



**Okanagan
Foster
Parents
Association**

**Keremeos,
Princeton Area**

After Hours Emergency Line

1-800-663-9122

This line is used to report a critical incident, an AWOL, 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., and 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

For information about Insurance, Community Resources, and membership.

BCFFPA Interior Macro Region

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Important Numbers for Keremeos, Princeton Area Foster Parents



Help Line For Children- toll free 310-1234

RCMP-emergency- 911

Poison Control- 1-800-567-8911

Princeton Crisis Line– 493-6622

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Anonymous counseling, information, referral,
24hrs

Youth Crisis Hotline 1-800-448-4663

Princeton General Hospital– 250-295-3233

South Similkameen Health Services Centre-

Keremeos- 250-499-3000

Princeton Emergency Program– 250-295-
3155

Princeton Mental Health– 250-295-3404

Keremeos Public Health Nurse– 250-499-
3019

Princeton Public Health Nurse– 250-295-4448

Mental Health Drop in Centre– 250-295-6936

Alcohol and Drug Counselor– 250-295-6776

Princeton Crisis Assistance Society–
250-295-6881

Alcohol & Drug Information Line-1-800-663-
1441

Provincial Youth Ombudsman– 1-800-642-
6157

Princeton Childcare Society– 250-295-3126

Princeton Park and Rec.– 250-295-7222

Princeton Library– 250-295-4448

Princeton Centennial Pool– 250-295-6535

OSNS Child Development Centre– Penticton–
250-492-0295

Penticton and District Community Resource
Society– 250-4925814

Okanagan Foster Parents Association

President :Bonnie Thompson

250- 498-4109

Ministry for Children and Family Development

MCFD Intake Family Services/Resources
Princeton– 295-7585

MCFD Website

<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/foster/index.html>

Community Living British Columbia (CLBC) 250-770-7475

Child and Youth Mental Health 250-487-4422

Youth Probation– Penticton- 250-770-2200

ARC Soar Wrap Program– 250-492-2987

Safe Babies Foster Parents Support Group

For info contact

Penny Poitras– 250-493-4915

Carol Wall– 250-492-2126

Aboriginal Programs and Agencies

Ooknakane Friendship Centre –

250-490-3504

Native EnÓwkin Centre – 250-493-7181

Fed. of Aboriginal Foster Parents Assoc.-
604-291-7091

Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Princeton-
250-295-3356

Lower Similkameen Indian Band, Keremeos-
250-499-5528