

What Services Will Your Foster Parent Coordinator Provide?

- ✓ **Ongoing consultation and networking services to foster parents.**
- ✓ **Provision of Newsletters and email news**
- ✓ **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/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**
- ✓ **Assessment of training needs and provision of relevant training opportunities**

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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.

OFPA employs Foster Parent Coordinators for each district - Shuswap, North Okanagan, Central Okanagan and South Okanagan.



Support
to the

Family Care
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In the Shuswap



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www.okfosterparents.ca **Children's Help**
Line toll free
310-1234

After Hours Emergency Line

1 (800) 663-9122

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.

Provincial 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

www.bcfosterparents.ca

For information about insurance, Community Resources and your membership.

BCFFPA Provincial

President: Melanie Filiatrault

(250) 860-3579

BCFFPA Salmon Arm Local

President: Grant Smith

(250) 835-0133

OFPA - Okanagan Foster Parent Association

President: Bonnie Thompson

(250) 535-0201

Important Numbers for
Foster Parents

- ❖ RCMP emergency – 911
- ❖ Poison Control – 1-800-567-8911
- ❖ BC Nurseline – 1-866-215-4700
- ❖ Shuswap Lake General Hospital – (250) 833-3600
- ❖ Canadian Mental Health Association – (250) 832-8477
- ❖ Infant Development Program – (250) 833-0164
- ❖ Sexual Assault Crisis Line – 1-800-563-0808
- ❖ Women’s Shelter – (250) 832-9616
- ❖ Victimlink (for victims of crime) – 1-800-563-0808
- ❖ Alcohol & Drug Info/Referral Line – 1-800-663-1441
- ❖ Children Who Witness Violence Program – (250) 832-4474
- ❖ Health Units:
 - Salmon Arm – (250) 833-4100
 - Sicamous – (250) 836-4835
 - Enderby/Mable L – (250) 838-2450
- ❖ Health Info Line – 1 (800) 465-4911
- ❖ Free for Families - (250) 832-1170
- ❖ Family Violence Info Line
Call 24/7 - 1 (800) 563-0808



MCFD - Ministry for Children and Family Development

(250) 832-1719 -Child Protection
-Child & Youth Mental Health
- Family Service

(250) 832-1655 -Youth Services
-Resources
-Youth Probation

Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents

1-866-291-7091

www.fafp.ca

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

