

Support to Family Care Network

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MEDICAL EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ON THE BODY For Foster Parents & Support Workers

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Date: February 26, 2009
Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Place: 905 Southill Street, Kamloops, B.C. V2B 7Z9

OUTLINE

This workshop will help you to understand:
*The difference between using, abusing, and becoming addicted to alcohol and other drugs
*What "Addiction" means
*How becoming "Addicted" changes brain functions
*The Medical Effects of Alcohol, Marijuana and other

drugs on the brain and rest of the body
*How to use this information in your work

WHO SHOULD COME

Foster Parents and Support workers

*This workshop is geared towards foster parents who have children 0-10 years.

Please RSVP to Virginia.petrie@gov.bc.ca no later than February 18, 2009

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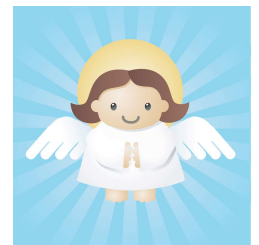
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RELIEF CARE PROVIDERS

The Kamloops Resource team is looking for existing Level 2 and/or Level 3 foster parents willing to provide relief arrangements for foster parents in the Kamloops network. We would like one Level 2/3 home to provide relief for children under 12 years old and a second home to provide relief for teens. The foster parent would no longer provide on-going full-time placements as the home would primarily be available to accept relief arrangements on a bed-specific basis. For further inquiries please contact **Jack Legebokow** at 371-3600.





NATURAL CHILD BURSARY: The Natural Child Bursary was founded in 1991 by Region 'K' for the birth or adopted child of a BCFFPA foster parent member in B.C. who has completed Grade 12 and wishes to continue his/her education. **Who Can Apply:** Any birth or legally adopted child of a foster parents (who has held a membership in the BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations for three consecutive years since 1989, or who is an Honorary Life Member) who resides in British Columbia; has completed Grade 12; who shows an interest in extending his/her education in any field of study including business or vocational school, college or university; is eligible to apply for the above bursary. The highest grades, although considered, will not be the only determining factor in the allocation of the bursary. Amount of Bursary is commensurate with yearly interest earned. A "Letter of Credit" will be issued to the successful candidate and may be redeemed by the named educational facility. **When to Apply:** Applications are accepted in May of each year. **How to Apply:** The applicant will complete the Application for Bursary outlining their educational plans and where they have been attending school and mail it to the Federation office at 200 - 7342 Winston Street, Burnaby BC, V5A 2H1 Include references from a counselor/teacher at their current school and 2 other references from sources other than family. (Friends or Employers) Submit a 750-word essay on the "Effects On Me of Being a Member of A Foster Family" Submit a 'letter of confirmation' from the educational institute where they have been accepted. This confirmation may be sent separately if not available at the time of application submission. **BURSARY ADMINISTERED BY:** BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations, Burnaby BC.

*The family of Ron Babuik would like to thank everyone for the support, kind words and the wonderful food trays. It was greatly appreciated.
Lyn and family*

Local Elections for BCFFPA

The Greater Kamloops Local of the BC Federation of Foster Parent Association will be holding its Election of Officers during the local meeting in April. All positions are open for nomination. Forms are included with this newsletter. Come out and be a part of your fostering community. Next meeting date is Monday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Henry Grube Center.

Upcoming Trainings

Safe Babies Alternate Caregiver: Merritt

This two evening course is designed for the alternate caregiver in a Safe Baby home. The course will take place on February 24 & 26, 2009 at the Merritt MCFD office. Debbie Manke will be doing the training. Please contact Kari/Deb at 1-877-376-3660 ext 212. Please bring a doll and blanket.

Toddler Therapeutic Group (for toddlers and their foster parents)

Feb. 17 - Mar. 31, 2009 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Children's Therapy and Family Resource Centre. Session topics: I need to feel safe and secure; I need to tell you how I am feeling; I need you to accept me for who I am; I need to connect with you; I need to be king of the castle; I need to

celebrate.

Each group will consist of circle time, teaching module and activity stations. For more information and to register, call Isabelle Majnaric (250-371-5332). Offered in partnership between Infant Development Program, Child and Youth Mental Health, and Interior Community Services.

Cybersafe with Steve

Dotto: Your kids and the internet. Should you be concerned? Thursday, February 12th, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Henry Grube Education Center. Video conference available in Barriere, Clearwater, Chase and Logan Lake. Presented by the SD73 Parent Advisory Council and the Virtual School Society.

Foster Parent Meetings

Merritt : Third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. Next meeting Feb 18th at 1661 Bann St. Everyone welcome. Partnership to follow.

Kamloops- Local BCFFPA meeting. 1st Monday of each month. Rotating evenings and days. Next meeting Mar. 2nd at 10:00 a.m. April's meeting will be on April 6th at 6:30 p.m. This will be the election of officers.

Kamloops Safe Babies: February: Coffee Party Feb. 19th, 2009 at 9:30a.m. at Trudy's. 250-573-3989.

March: Workshop training with Monica on Ages and Stages at Gateway Church. Date and time to be announced. **April:** Coffee Party at Cheryl's April 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. 250-374-3473. **May:** Coffee Party at Penny's May 21st at 9:30 a.m.. 250-374-1528.

Kamloops Partnership: Next meeting will be February 24th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Battle St. MCFD office.

Kamloops Rivers

Group: Meets the last Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Mount Paul Golf Course.

Kamloops Coffee Drop Ins:

Held the first Thursday of each month at the ICS office at 765 Tranquille Road from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Drop by and have coffee with the Network Facilitators, Kari & Deb, talk to other foster parents or just relax.

Barriere/Clearwater-

Partnership will be held Monday, May 25 at the Barriere MCFD office at 10 a.m. all foster parents are welcome.



Consent for Immunization for a Child in Care

Foster parents have the authority to consent to immunization for a child in their care. The public health nurse is not required to ask the foster parent for proof of authority as immunization is regarded as part of the routine health care to protect the community from communicable diseases. Also, a foster parent cannot refuse CIC's immunization unless it is authorized by the child's S.W. For CIC's in voluntary care the parent has the right to consent to immunizations unless the S.W. has authorized the foster parent to consent.

Safe Babies Training (Kamloops)

Safe Babies Training: February 18-20, 2009 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Feb. 18th & 20th at 905 Southhill (MCFD Training

Room) and Feb 19th at Interior Community Services 765 Tranquille Rd office. Please bring a doll and blanket. Monica Sivertson will be

facilitating this workshop.

Contact Kari/Deb at 250-554-3134 ext 212 to register.

Support to Family Care Network Staff, group liaisons and the BCFFPA Locals work in partnership to meet the individual needs of the foster parents in each community. Please ensure your voice is heard by contacting us, your group liaison leader or your Local BCFFPA.

Aboriginal Drumming Group
Held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Interior Indian Friendship Center on Palm Street from 4 pm to 5 pm. Bring your foster children out for a fun, cultural activity. This group does performances throughout the year. Everyone is welcome!





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Foster Parent Important Numbers/Website:

After Hours Emergency Line: 1-800-663-9122

(call to report critical incidents, AWOL, obtain approval for emergency medical care, etc.)

Provincial Foster Parent Support Line: 1-888-495-4440

Hours: Monday to Friday 4 p.m. - 12:45 a.m.

Sat, Sun & Stat holidays 8 a.m. - 12:45 a.m.

B.C.F.F.P.A. Provincial office: 1-800-663-9999

In Your Grasp - on-line resource finder

www.inyourgrasp.bc.ca

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

MIB Merit Insurance & Bonding Services Ltd
3567 Ravine Way
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Tel: 250-475-3114 Fax: 250-475-3151

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**Support during
meetings with MCFD**

A reminder that you have the right to support during a meeting or protocol process with the Ministry. I.C.S. Staff are trained to support all foster parents in this process. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. It is your right to have support and the Ministry has an obligation to inform you of this right during a protocol process.

You can contact us at:

250-554-3134
ext 212

For our outlying communities, toll free at:

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