

Okanagan Foster Parents Association

- ◇ contracts with MCFD to provide Support and Education to Foster Parents in the Okanagan, Shuswap, and Similkameen
- ◇ is managed by a Board with Fostering experience
- ◇ provides services through their Foster Parent Coordinators and Education Facilitators
- ◇ works in partnership with MCFD and BCFFPA

We believe

- ◇ Foster Families are a key component of the Family Care Home system in British Columbia
- ◇ Foster Parents need a variety of support services and educational opportunities in order to meet the many needs of Children in Care
- ◇ services for Foster Families need to be consumer-driven, community based, and honour cultural diversity

www.okfosterparents.ca

www.facebook.com/okfosterparents

OFPA@OFPA_Support

Board@okfosterparents.ca

As your Foster Parent Coordinator

I Provide:

- Training
- Newsletters & email notices
- Information on MCFD policy
- A library of resource materials
- OFPA web site

I also provide help if you are

- experiencing difficult foster care situations or
- going through the complaints / investigation process

I work with your local Foster Parents Association to make sure you have lots of opportunities to meet other Foster Parents.

I help MCFD with recruitment and act as liaison between them and their Foster Parents.

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SUPPORT INFORMATION

for North Okanagan Foster Parents



Okanagan
Foster Parents Association

OFPA

www.okfosterparents.ca

**Centralized Screening
(was After Hours)**

1-800-663-9122

*Report abuse or contact a Social Worker
outside of office hours*

Foster Parent Support Line

1-888-495-4440

Monday to Friday: 4 PM to 12:45 AM

Sat, Sun, & Holidays: 8 AM to 12:45 AM

*Professional support, information and
consultation*

**B.C. Federation of
Foster Parent Associations**

1-800-663-9999

www.bcfosterparents.ca

*Information about fostering, insurance,
bursaries, & membership, plus Advocacy*

Indigenous Caregivers of BC

1-844-391-0007 Ext. 229

fostercaregiversbc.ca

*Training and support for BC's Indigenous
Caregivers*

**Representative for
Children & Youth**

1-800-476-3933

www.rcybc.ca

*Support and advocacy for children,
youth and families who need help with
the child welfare system*



**Important Numbers
for
Foster Parents**

BCNurseLine	811
Community Response Team	260-7893
Help Line For Children	310-1234
Crisis Line	1-888-353-2273
Poison Control	1-800-567-8911
Oak Centre Child & Youth Advocacy	778-475-2920
Alcohol & Drug Info & Referral Service	1-800-663-1441
Facts of Life Line	1-800-739-7367
B.C. Mental Health Info	1-800-661-2121
Boys & Girls Club Armstrong	546-3465
Boys & Girls Club Vernon	542-3121
Children Who Witness Abuse	558-3850
Family Resource Centre	545-3390
Health Unit - Vernon	549-5700
Health Unit - Armstrong	546-4727
Learning Disabilities Assoc.	542-5033
Mental Illness Family Support	260-3233
N.O.N.A. Child Development	549-1281
NOYFSS	545-3572
RCMP Victims Assistance	260-7171
Transition House	542-1122
Whitevalley Community Res	547-8866

BCFFPA Vernon Area

President: Cheryl 250-547-9338
Membership: Wendy 250-260-3915

**Ministry of Children and
Family Development**

2809 - 28th St, Vernon V1T 4Z5

Intake and Assessment

Family Services

Residential Resources

Adoption

Guardianship

Collaborative Practice

Youth Services

Youth Probation

Phone 558-2700 Fax 558-2727

3007 - 35th Ave, Vernon V1T 2S9

Child & Youth Mental Health

Child & Youth Special Needs

Phone 558-2775 Fax 549-5458

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

BCFFPA Support Workers

trained volunteers who will:

- ◇ *treat your information as*
- ◇ *confidential*
- ◇ *discuss your situation with you by
phone or in person*
- ◇ *give you information*
- ◇ *attend meetings with you and take
notes*

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