

## Your Foster Parent Coordinator

### Provides:

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

As well as support and information if you are

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

Your Foster Parent Coordinator works with your local Foster Parents Association to make sure you have lots of opportunities to meet other Foster Parents and that Foster Parent concerns and ideas are shared

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## 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, BCFFPA and FAFP

### 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](http://www.okfosterparents.ca)**

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# SUPPORT INFORMATION

for

# Central Okanagan Foster Parents



**Okanagan Foster  
Parents Association**

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## After Hours Emergency Line

Contact a Social Worker

1-800-663-9122

## 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.bcfoosterparents.ca](http://www.bcfoosterparents.ca)

- ◇ Insurance information
- ◇ Community Resources
- ◇ Bursaries
- ◇ Membership

## Representative for Children & Youth

1-800-476-3933

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

- ◇ Support and advocacy for children, youth and families who need help dealing with the child welfare system
- ◇ Similar to previous office of Children's Advocate

## Important Numbers for Foster Parents

### Emergency- 911

Children's Help Line toll free 310-1234  
RCMP 762-3300  
Poison Control 1-800-567-8911  
BC Nurse Line 24 hour dial 811  
Kelowna General Hospital 862-4000  
Kelowna Health Unit 868-7700  
Westbank Health Unit 768-6150  
Crisis Stabilization Unit (KGH) 862-4478  
Kelowna Crisis Support Line 763-9191  
Victim Services (RCMP) 470-6242  
Sexual Assault Help Line 861-4357  
Kelowna Women's Shelter 763-1040  
NOW Canada 763-3876  
Kelowna Community Res. 763-8008

## Ministry for Children and Family Development

Resources and Adoptions	717-2070
Family Services	861-7236
Permanency Planning and Youth Services-	861-7610
Aboriginal Services	491-7025
Intake and Investigations-	712-7586
Child & Youth Mental Health	861-7301
C&Y Special Needs	861-7255
Regional Office	470-0888

## Aboriginal Programs and Services

Ki-low-na Friendship Society	763-4905
Metis Community Services	868-0359
Lake Country Native Association	250-548-3723
Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents	1-866-291-7091

