

## **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)**

President: 250- 498-4109  
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.

**Noelle Typusiak  
Foster Parent Coordinator  
North Okanagan**

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# **SUPPORT INFORMATION**

# **for North Okanagan Foster Parents**



**Okanagan  
Foster Parents Association**

**OFPA**

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

**After Hours Emergency Line**

1-800-663-9122

Contact a Social Worker

**Foster Parent Support Line**

1-888-495-4440

Monday to Friday: 4 PM to 12:45 AM

Sat, Sun, &amp; 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)

Information about Insurance, Bursaries, Community Resources, &amp; Membership

**Federation of****Aboriginal Foster Parents**

1-866-291-7091

[www.fafp.ca](http://www.fafp.ca)**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**

BCNurseLine	811
Help Line For Children	545-2339
Community Response Team	260-7893
Help Line For Children	310-1234
Poison Control	1-800-567-8911
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	542-1122
Eating Disorder Program	542-7111
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
NOYFSS: Intensive Support	545-6517
RCMP Victims Assistance	260-7171
Sexual Assault Helpline	763-4613
Transition House	542-1122
Whitevalley Community Res	547-8866

**Ministry of Children and  
Family Development**3007 - 35th Ave, Vernon V1T 2S9  
Community Services Manager  
Integrated Youth Services  
Child & Youth Mental Health  
Family Group Conferencing  
Phone 558-2775 Fax 549-54582809 - 28th St, Vernon V1T 4Z5  
Intake and Assessment  
Family Services  
Residential Resources  
Adoption  
Guardianship  
Phone 558-2700 Fax 558-2727**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**Children and Youth with  
Special Needs**Phone 250-549-5404 fax 250-549-5604  
206 - 2802 - 30th St, Vernon V1T 8G7**BCFFPA Vernon Area**President : Yvonne 250-558-9946  
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