

## 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.

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# SUPPORT INFORMATION

## for South 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, & 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, & 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**

### **Emergency Numbers**

24 hr. BC Nurse Line	811
Children's Help Line	toll free 310-1234
Crisis Support Line	493-6622
Emergency	911
Poison Control	1-800-567-8911
RCMP	726-3300
Sexual Assault Help Line	861-4357
Victims Services (RCMP)	770-4713

### **Health Units**

Keremeos	499-3029
Oliver	498-5080
Osoyoos	495-6433
Penticton	770-3434
Princeton	295-4442
Summerland	404-8000

### **Community Support**

ARC Soar Wrap	492-2987
Boys & Girls Club and Infant Dev. Program	493-0512
Dragonfly Pond Respite Society	490-3305
Ooknakane Friendship Centre	490-3504
OSNS Child Development Ctr	492-0295
PDCRS Penticton and District Community Resources	492-5814

## **Ministry for Children and Family Development**

<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/foster/index.html>

### **MCFD - Aboriginal Services**

215 - 1301 Main St. Penticton  
492-1261

### **Children & Youth with Special Needs**

#104 - 1301 Main St. Penticton  
770-7475

### **MCFD - Oliver Community Service**

34630 95 St. Oliver  
485-6001

### **MCFD - Penticton Community Service, Youth Service, Probation and Adoptions**

1274 Main St. Penticton  
770-2200

### **MCFD - Princeton Community Service**

89 Kenley, Princeton  
295-7585

### **MCFD - Residential Resources**

#104 - 1301 Main St. Penticton  
250-770-7524

### **MCFD - Summerland Community Service**

13211 Henry, Penticton  
404-3000

### **Mental Health, Child & Youth Services**

#351 - 740 Main St, Penticton  
487-4422