

Reconciliation and Foster Parent Support

Land Acknowledgement will be made:

- in all signatures on OFPA emails
- in all OFPA newsletters
- on the OFPA website
- on OFPA Facebook page, including all private Facebook groups managed by OFPA
- at meetings and training events hosted by OFPA
- on Annual Report

Indigenous Cultural Training for Foster Parents: Foster Parent Coordinators will:

- promote Indigenous Cultural Training to all Foster Caregivers in our network
- email all Foster Parents a Cultural Training Plan resource twice /year
- join mail lists for provincial and national Indigenous organizations to connect with current information and events
- share Indigenous information and events through emails, website, blog posts, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, newsletters, or in-person meetings with Caregivers once/week

Bill C92, Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report and Recommendations, Jordan's Principal

- all Foster Parent Coordinators will be familiar with these
- information will be shared with Foster Caregivers

Local Indigenous groups and agencies: Foster Parent Coordinators will

- build relationships with Indigenous groups and agencies in the communities they serve
- advertise local Indigenous events and information

OFPA Website: okfosterparents.ca / fosteringokanagan.ca

- Website will have a section dedicated to Indigenous Resources for Foster Parents.

National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), National Indigenous History Month (June), National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30)

- OFPA will acknowledge, share information and events with Foster Caregivers
- OFPA will purchase orange shirts for all Foster Parent Coordinators and Board members

ROOTS Celebration

- OFPA will advertise this event and encourage all Foster Families to attend.
- At least one Foster Parent Coordinator will attend/volunteer at event each year

While our services contract is to support caregivers who have a Family Care Home agreement with MCFD, we also share information, emails, websites, our library and workshops with Out of Care homes and Caregivers who foster with other Indigenous agencies.

Indigenous groups in our service area:

- *Westbank First Nation*
- *Metis Society of BC*
- *Ki-Low-Na Friendship Center*
- *Splatsin Indian Band*
- *Ooknikanee Friendship Center Penticton*
- *Okanagan Indian Band*
- *North Okanagan Friendship Society*
- *ROOTS Committee*
- *and the Indigenous Perspectives Society of BC.*
- *Indigenous Caregivers Association*

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