



Foster Parent Newsletter

Extended Society Care Review & Foster Care Licensing Review

We would like to thank you for your part in a very successful Extended Society Care (ESC) review and Foster Care Licensing (FCL) review this year. We have our final report for the ESC review and have had a verbal report on the FCL review (final report pending) and the Ministry reviewers, Ministry Program supervisor and leadership at BGCFS want to recognize all the work of staff and contributions of yourselves to quality service and care for children and youth. Areas of strength include permanency planning, review of rights and responsibilities, documentation of medical, dental and optical appointments, child/youth participation in planning for themselves, involvement in education planning and transitional planning (through RSG activities). Reviewers really liked the attestations and templates as ways to show the work. They appreciated all your efforts to complete the required training and honored the fact that it is a large commitment. Our results were stronger this year than last year, which is extra impressive with the amount of change this year as a result of the Quality standards framework (QSF) and Ready, Set, Go (RSG) initiatives.

Our biggest goals for the coming year related to these reviews and fostering are to update the foster care manual so you can easily find current and relevant information when you need it, to offer the First Nation Inuit and Metis training for those who have not yet completed it, and to ensure plan of care documents are signed.

Thanks again for all you do in caring for children and youth. We appreciate you!

WELL WATER

THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO COMPLETED YOUR APRIL WELL WATER TESTING ON TIME. YOUR NAMES WERE ENTERED INTO A DRAW AND **BETHANY AND TYLER HARVEY** WON THE \$25 INCENTIVE FOR APRIL 2024. CONGRATULATIONS BETHANY AND TYLER!



Celebrating PRIDE



June is **PRIDE** month. Help BGCFS as we celebrate our 2SLGBTQQIAP+ community. BGCFS is participating in both the Owen Sound and Kincardine PRIDE parades. Please feel free to join us to walk in the parade, attend the events as a spectator and/or volunteer or just say hi at our tables after the parades.

The Owen Sound PRIDE Parade is on Saturday June 15th with parade starting at 3 pm and we will have a table set up at the Farmer's Market behind City Hall after the parade.

The Kincardine PRIDE Parade is on June 22nd with the parade starting at 11am at Bruce Power Training Centre (380 Gary Street) and ending at Dunsmoor/McPherson Park and we will have a table set up at the park after the parade.

If you have questions about participating with BGCFS on June 15th or 22nd please reach out to Chelsea Donohue at 226-974-5285.

If you want to learn more about PRIDE events happening in Grey and Bruce this month, check out Grey Bruce Pride social media pages.

YOUTH PRIDE EVENT

2S-LGBTQQIAP+

FREE

FOOD

LIVE YOUTH MUSIC

YOUTH ART SHOW

TOT'S TIE DYE

GLITTER STATION

*Art Show
&
Live Youth
Music*

Share **'what makes you sparkle'**

To have your artwork displayed or to learn more about
this event please email lauracampbell@kcyfs.com

KEYSTONE OWEN SOUND

1793 3RD AVE WEST

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Child, Youth & Family Services

ALL ARE WELCOME
**THURS.
JUNE 13
4-7PM**

Support Groups



Post PRIDE / New Foster Parent Support Group - This group is for anyone who has completed PRIDE, your home study does not need to be complete for you to attend. This group also welcomes anyone who considers themselves new foster parents.



Adoption Support Group - This group is for anyone who has adopted, is adopting or hopes to adopt.



Foster Dad Support Group or Social Group? You will recall we sent out a survey seeking to know if there was interest in a Foster Dad's Support Group vs. Social Group for Foster Dad's. The results are in, and a Foster Dad's Social Group will be coordinated for fall 2024 with more details to come in the September newsletter.

You will see in the calendars attached below that some of our support groups' names have changed.

Anchor Learning Session about Attachment: Impact on Children's Development.

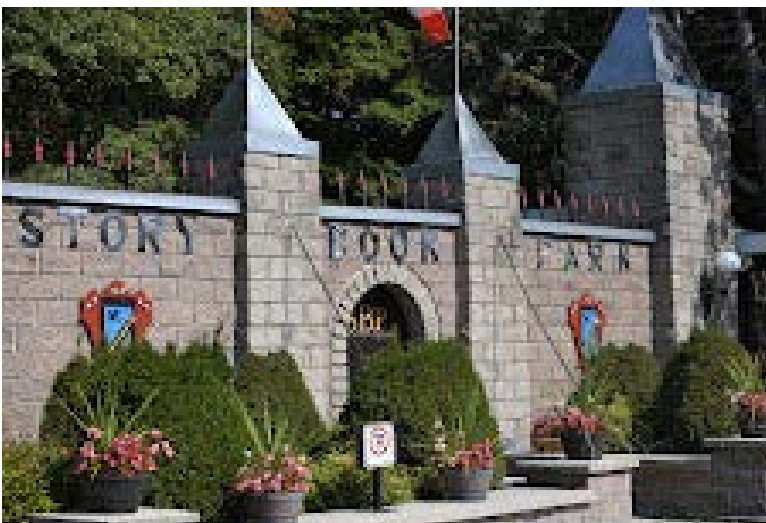
We are happy to invite you to a learning session with Anchor about Attachment. Anchor would like to hear from you your questions about attachment and its impact on children's development. Please submit your questions to Darlene (darlene.gafoor@bgcfs.ca) by June 17th and join the virtual learning opportunity:

June 24, 2024, from 7-9 PM

You will receive the link via email.

We Appreciate You

We want to thank each of you for all you do each day to support the children and youth we serve. Without you we could not do what we do. We were very happy to see so many of you join us on June 7th for the Story Book Park Appreciation event. Although it was overcast, there were lots of smiles and laughter and the weather held until we were eating. We had a wonderful turnout of over 225 staff, foster parents, volunteers and our families.



SPRING PRIDE

We are wrapping up Spring PRIDE and are happy to say we expect 10 people to complete PRIDE and begin the home study process.



SUMMER

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of June, and our children and youth will be out of school and enjoying summer vacation soon. Please find your foster parent calendars attached as well as other flyers about upcoming events as well as the Bluewater District School Board Important dates for 2024/25 school year.

BGCFS FPA SUMMER EVENT

Sunday, July 21st 2-? pm



Tour of the Bervie Zoo (weather permitting)

5138 Highway 9, Kincardine

Supper will be held at the Kinloss Community Center

4303 Highway 9, just west of Kinloss

Please bring a salad or dessert.

FPA will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers.

DOOR PRIZES!!!!

Please RSVP to FPA by July 10 and let us know the number of family you are bringing.

Bring lawn chairs or we can eat inside the building. The building is accessible.

Any questions... call 519-270-5973 or email ejroth@hurontel.on.ca Jody

Check it out at berviezoo.com

National Indigenous Peoples Day



On June 21, for National Indigenous Peoples Day, we recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Metis across Canada.

About National Indigenous Peoples Day

For generations, many Indigenous groups and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on June 21 or around that time of year because of the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

National Aboriginal Day, now National Indigenous Peoples Day, was announced in 1996 by then Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc, through the [Proclamation Declaring June 21 of Each Year as National Aboriginal Day](#). This was the result of consultations and statements of support for such a day made by various Indigenous groups:

- in 1982, the National Indian Brotherhood, now the Assembly of First Nations, called for the creation of National Aboriginal Solidarity Day
- in 1995, the Sacred Assembly, a national conference of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people chaired by Elijah Harper, called for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous Peoples
- also in 1995, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommended the designation of a National First Peoples Day

On June 21, 2017, the Prime Minister issued a [statement](#) announcing the intention to rename this day National Indigenous Peoples Day.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is part of the [Celebrate Canada](#) program, which also includes Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day on June 24, Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27 and Canada Day on July 1.

The Government of Canada provides funding opportunities for community [celebratory events](#), as well as for [commemorations on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

[National Indigenous Peoples Day \(rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca\)](https://rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca)