

Mentoring Program for Foster Parents

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Confidentiality is respected in all circumstances. The limitations to this would be if the mentor receives information of possible abuse or neglect, in which case the mentor is obliged by law to report any suspicions of abuse or neglect.
2. Participants will not disclose the identity of their partnerships or discuss the content of their exchange without the consent of the individuals involved.
3. Participation is voluntary and each partner can dissolve the partnership at any time (“no fault” divorce).
4. Meetings can take place face-to-face, by telephone, or by E-mail. There should be at least one mutually agreed contact per month.
5. Mentors will support positive professional practices and ascribe to the Ministry’s Practice Standards for Foster Home, Children in Care, etc.
6. Mentors will promote excellence in fostering.
7. Mentors will participate in ongoing training and development in their role as a mentor.

**I’m interested, but I
still have questions.
Who do I call?**

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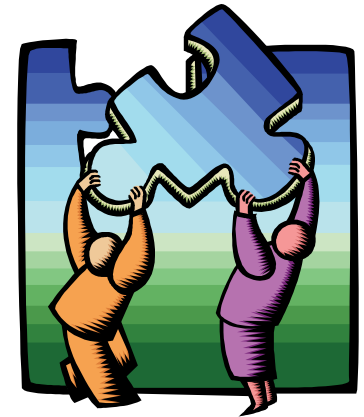


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FPSS Society Foster Parent Mentor Program

The FPSS Foster Parent Support Services Society has a Mentor Program for Foster Parents.

If you are an experienced Foster Parent and wish to contribute to the quality of fostering practice, then this program may be for you.



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What is a Mentor?

A mentor is an experienced foster parent who has completed basic mentoring training. Mentors are selected with the following qualities in mind:

- ◆ A positive attitude towards the Ministry and the caregiving community
- ◆ A strong knowledge base
- ◆ Strong interpersonal and communication skills, especially listening skills
- ◆ Empathy – a sense of caring and support
- ◆ Are flexible and open
- ◆ Sees solutions and opportunities
- ◆ Patient
- ◆ Willing to share their knowledge, skills and experience.

Why would a foster parent want to become a Mentor?

Not everyone will want to be mentor, but mentoring provides an opportunity to contribute to the quality of fostering practice by helping new foster parents improve their skills and knowledge and helping foster parents remain in fostering.

It is also an opportunity to help current foster parents in their own growth and development. Some of the other benefits might be developing their own caregiving skills and being recognized as a role model.

How does one become a Mentor?

Mentors will be experienced foster parents with at least 3 years of experience.

They hold a current MCFD contract, have good listening skills, and have either completed the BC Foster Parent Education Program Certification or are in the process of achieving certification.

In order to become a mentor the foster parent must make a commitment, attend an orientation session and sign a confidentiality agreement.