



FPSS FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES SOCIETY
"Serving the Foster Parents of the Vancouver Island Region through Support, Networking, Education and on-going Training"
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FACT SHEET FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES SOCIETY

What is FPSS Foster Parent Support Service Society?

The FPSS Society is a Grass Roots organization committed to providing meaningful and accessible support, education and networking services which will continually enhance the skills and abilities of foster parents to deliver the best care possible to the children in their homes.

Working cooperatively with the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development and the foster parents of Vancouver Island, the FPSS Society shares the responsibility for providing meaningful Education, Support and Networking opportunities to caregivers in our fostering community. We work to establish a nurturing environment for caregivers—

"A Supportive Culture"

—that empowers the foster parents of the region to become involved, enriches their understanding of Ministry expectations, and increases their caregiver competency, awareness, and accountability.

What services does the FPSS Society provide?

Peer Support Groups: Opportunities for foster parents to network through the development, organization and scheduling of Peer Support Groups, which are meaningful and effective, and best meet the needs of foster parents in the VI Region.

Investigation and Resolution Support Team: Support to caregivers involved in investigation processes, including the organization, training and supervision of volunteer support workers.

Mentoring Program: A Mentor is an experienced foster parent who will act as a trusted advisor, friend or support person and reduce the isolation foster parents may experience. The goals of mentoring are to increase the retention rate of foster homes, provide foster parents with a support network and information, and to help prevent placement breakdown.

Region-wide Communication: *The Island Connection:* comprehensive newsletter, published five times per year and distributed to all foster parents free of charge. **Website:** <http://fpsss.com>. **Area Offices:** located in Victoria and Nanaimo.

Area Coordinators: There are Area Coordinators available to assist foster parents in obtaining current and accurate information; support services to caregivers including training and development; and peer support in Victoria, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Comox Valley, Campbell River, and Port Hardy.

MCFD Team Building Meetings: Identification, presentation and management of common issues for caregivers.

Ongoing Training: Opportunities for foster parents to further their skills and knowledge development.

How can you contact the FPSS Society?

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Contact the FPSS Regional Office at

(Toll free) 1-888-922-8437 or admin@fpsss.com

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