

Foster Care Team Members on Vancouver Island

Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)

Serves Provincially



Child protection (Child Protection Workers); Guardians of Children and Youth in Care (Guardianship Social Workers); Provide Resources to Foster Homes (Resource Social Workers); Study and Approve Foster Homes; Adoptions (Adoption Social Workers); Children with Special Needs (Child and Youth Special Needs (CYSN)); Social Workers and Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH) Clinicians; Policy Development (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/fostering>)

Delegated Aboriginal Agencies (DAA)

Serve Provincially

Act on behalf of the Director (MCFD); wide range of responsibilities and authorities

Currently, there are 24 Delegated Aboriginal Agencies [in BC] with various levels of delegation: three can provide voluntary services and recruit and approve foster homes; seven have the additional delegation necessary to provide guardianship services for children in continuing care; and 14 have the delegation required to provide, in addition to the above, full child protection, including the authority to investigate reports and remove children (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/data-monitoring-quality-assurance/reporting-monitoring/accountability/delegated-aboriginal-agencies>)

BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations (BFFPA)

Serves Provincially

Administration of Foster Parent Insurance Program; *FosterlineBC* (newsletter; published three times a year); Administration of 1-800-663-9999 Fosterline; Work with MCFD to update mandatory foster parent training and Pre-Service training; Advocacy (<https://bcfosterparents.ca/>)



Foster Parent Support Services Society (FPSS)

Serves Vancouver Island Region

Investigation and Resolution Support Program; Safe Babies Caregiver support and training; Peer



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Support; Networking; On-going Training; Mentor Program; Websites (fpsss.com and fosterhope.ca); Facebook groups; Retention; Team Building with MCFD, Local Communities, Delegated Agencies, and Local Foster Parent Associations; Local Area Co-ordinators (7); Resources (*Tuition Waivers Guide*, *Opening Doors to Education for Children and Youth in Care*; *Transition Guide*, brochures and fact sheets); *The Island Connection* (newsletter; published five times year) (<https://fpsss.com/>)

South Island Foster Parent Association (SIFPA)

Serves South Vancouver Island

Peer support; Foster Family Events; Fostering 101; Team building with MCFD and FPSS

Cowichan Valley Foster Parents' Local (CVFP)

Serves Cowichan Valley

Peer support; Foster Family Events, Social Worker Appreciations

Port Alberni Foster Parent Association (PAFPA)

Serves Port Alberni, Tofino and Ucluelet

Peer support; Foster Family Events,

Campbell River Foster Parent Association (CRFPA)

Serves Campbell River and area (Black Creek to Oyster River Bridge, Gold River, Sayward, Quadra and Cortez Islands)

Co-chair Partnership meetings, Reps on Education Planning Committee, Peer Mentorship, MCFD Appreciation as part of BC Social Worker Week, Peer Support, Family Events

Overview of MCFD Social Worker Opportunities



Child Protection Social Workers specialize in developing plans with families to ensure the safety of children and youth through assessment and collaboration. They receive, assess, and respond to concerns of child abuse and neglect by interviewing parents, children and youth, assessing strengths and needs, working with appropriate agencies, developing safety plans and determining if children or youth are in need of protection.

Guardianship Social Workers are responsible for the day-to-day guardianship decisions for a child throughout a child's stay in care. Guardianship social workers work with the child or youth, their family (when appropriate) and the foster home care provider to develop a plan of care. Guardianship social workers create and support cultural plans for Aboriginal children in care, in consultation with families, children, youth, elders, caregivers and communities.

Adoption Social Workers specialize in developing adoption as a permanency option to meet the needs of children and youth in government care. Adoption social workers work with guardianship social workers to prepare children for adoption and develop adoption plans that meet the unique needs of individual children and youth. They also work with prospective adoptive parents to educate, assess and complete adoption home studies.

Resource Social Workers recruit, develop and maintain a range of options for children's placement in care. Frequently these resources are identified as foster homes, group homes and specialized/staffed residential placements. Resource social workers work in collaboration with child protection social workers when a placement is required to meet the individual needs of the child in care.

Child and Youth Special Needs (CYSN) Social Workers work with children/youth that have been identified with special needs and their families to determine their eligibility for appropriate and available programs and services. Special needs may include brain injuries, deafness, visual impairments, autism, chronic health impairments, moderate to profound intellectual disabilities, or complex health needs/nursing services. CYSN Social Workers provide supports and services to assist with identified needs.

Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH) Clinicians provide direct clinical services to children and youth identified with mental health concerns. Clinical services may include intake, assessment, provisional diagnosis, treatment, therapy, and crisis response. CYMH clinicians work with community agencies, schools, hospitals, family doctors and other MCFD programs to provide specific supports, consultation or general information regarding the mental health of children and youth.

Team Leaders are experienced social workers who provide clinical and administrative supervision to their teams and ensure that program policies, standards and practices are met. Team leaders support professionalism, collaboration, clear communication and productive working relationships, both in MCFD and with community partners.

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