

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FPSS Society Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13th, 2021

PERSONNEL

- Employment opportunity: NI Coordinator
- Hired Nikita Paddock as Central Island Safe Babies Coordinator

NEWSLETTER

- September to October Newsletter went out on time.
- Deadline for November/ December Newsletter is early October.

Island trainings

- Many Island-wide trainings - [Calendars – FPSS Foster Parent Support Services Society \(fpss.com\)](https://fpss.com)
- Teaming up with IPS indigenous Perspectives Society on Bill C-92 information for Foster Parents with Q&A
- Show Hope License purchased for April/May
- Island Wide: FASD presentation Kee Warner and Marcel Gagnon to present - Sept 9th
 - Allison Rees Side Stepping the Power Struggle – Sept 16th
 - FASD Tips - Sept 20th
 - Self Care, Cornerstone of Regulation – Oct 5th
 - Giving Receiving Healing - Chuck Geddes Series September/October
 - Circle of Security Series – Oct
 - Trauma Informed Next Level – Oct 28th
 - Bill C-92 video and Q&A in Partnership with IPS
- Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) “Next Level” Sessions - Island Wide – Monthly through November

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

- Newsletter and Calendars posted on website.
- Facebook and Twitter updated regularly - Currently 1507 (+14) followers and 1339 (+10) likes.
- FPSS Society Fostering Blog page - Looking for new blog
- Local Facebook Page for all areas – Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Alberni, Courtney, Campbell River and Port Hardy -these will be managed by Local Coordinator and Regional Office. **Total of 294 (+27) + group members**
 - **Description:**

Foster Parent South Island Connection Group was created to offer caregivers a way to come together in a safe, virtual space to support one another.

 - Share ideas and resources that have been helpful to you
 - Ask questions
 - Offer items for you would like to donate, buy, or sell
 - Request or offer relief post COVID19
 - To help reduce the stress and anxiety of fostering in isolation.

COORDINATORS re Support Services

- All areas continue to offer support in their areas over the phone, e-mail and Zoom meetings/training

MENTORING PROGRAM

- Mentor Coordinator active on the Facebook Page.

INVESTIGATION AND RESOLUTION SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM TRAINING

- Last fiscal 21 Investigations and 7 1st quarter of 2021/2022
- 11 trained workers Vancouver Island Wide
- NEW - Caregiver Defense Fund

PRIDE

- Caregivers can go back into the training.
- FPSS Society is concerned with no mandatory Suicide Module or Period of Purple Crying – brought this up in SI Advisory and Retention/ Recruitment.

SAFEBABIES

- Dan to set date with Lenora VI Safe Babies Collaborative committee meeting
- Lenora has started the Safe Babies update
- Add Infants in Foster Care Module to LMS
- Add Safe Babies to LMS when ready

BCFFPA

“New” Provincial Contractors group – Regarding Investigation and Resolution program – no meetings

RECRUITMENT

- Finding at ways to do child specific recruitment with Victoria and Nanaimo
- Training from Social Media expert Liz Putman – for all Regional office staff.
- Ads running Island Wide (all major towns) – Facebook
- Virtual information sessions, twice a month through our Zoom system facilitated by 2 South Resource Social Workers, Dianne, and Sandy Case.

TRANSITION COMMITTEE

- Jo creating curriculum
- Contractor to do Instructional Design and Indigenous Worldview.
- LMS system
- Committee currently meeting weekly.
- Contracting with Janet Christie to write grant proposal
- Worldwide review of literature and research regarding Transitions for Children and Youth in Care – Completed by Karen – Royal Roads librarian
- Focus group research on Trauma Informed Transitions – facilitated by Dr Jo Axe – Royal Roads University
- Purchased 20 Transition Books by Andrea Chatwin for Foster Parents

TRANSFORMATIVE RECONCILIATION

- Does another Board member want to do the Transformative Reconciliation training (we can get a bursary)
- Goal to come up with a FPSS Society Reconciliation plan
- Dan and Jo do 1 training session and 1 witnessing event a month

CARF

- All policy recommendations completed in draft, H&S being done and Gap Analysis being researched for best way to do this (goal to be completed by Dec 31st).
- Successful 3-year accreditation
- Quality Improvement plan sent into CARF
- 7 recommendations (5 policy wording, 1 H&S, 1 Gap Analysis of staffing)
- Suggested the Board applying for Governance Standards

UPCOMING MEETING ATTENDANCE:

- FPSS Society Board meeting October 15th
- Transformative Reconciliation – Oct 13th Oct 20th
- Thriving Non-profits - Social Enterprise for Non-Profits – [Thriving Non Profits | Scale Collaborative](#)
- Dan off on leave November 15th and 16th
- Transition Committee Meeting weekly when needed Wednesdays 9:30a,
- FPSS Society Staff Meetings October 20th
- FCSSBC VI Regional Meeting Sept 9th
- FPSS Board Meeting December 8th

