

Area Coordinator Support

For general inquiries, foster caregiver information and referrals.

Area Coordinators are available to provide support services to caregivers including information, education and networking.

South Island

Tel: 778-430-5459 / Fax: 778-430-5463

Email: sicoord@fpsss.com

Cowichan Valley

Tel: 250-618-8327

Email: dacoord@fpsss.com

Nanaimo/Ladysmith

Tel: 250-618-8327

Email: cicoord@fpsss.com

Port Alberni

Tel: 250-735-1124

Email: pacoord@fpsss.com

Upper Island

Campbell River

Tel: 250-204-1566

Email: uicoord@fpsss.com

Comox Valley

Tel: 250-986-7929

Email: cvcoord@fpsss.com

Vancouver Island Region

All Offices—Call Toll Free:

1-888-922-8437

Area Coordinator Responsibilities:

- The Area Coordinators assist in the development, maintenance, and improvement of Local Councils and the Support Services Program through contact with foster caregivers, community liaisons, participation in community partnership, ministry and Council activities related to the Family Home Care system.
- Coordinators adhere to standards of Confidentiality required by the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the FPSS Society with respect to children/youth in care, their families and foster caregivers.

EMERGENCY

“After Hours” Duty Worker

Contact Number:

1-800-663-9122

Foster Caregivers are encouraged to call this number in the event of an EMERGENCY or CRISIS concerning a child in their care, occurring after regular office hours.

FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT LINE

Call Toll Free: 1-888-495-4440

Weekdays 4:00 pm to 12:45 am

Statutory Holidays & Weekends

8:00 am to 12:45 am

If you have an immediate concern relating to a child in your care—the Support Line is here to help you and will provide:

- Fast response for urgent issues outside regular ministry office hours.
- Professional support, information and consultation.

INVESTIGATION AND RESOLUTION SUPPORT PROGRAM

1-888-922-8437

- FPSS Society can arrange for a support person to help you through a Protocol Investigation.
- The support person can answer questions, attend interviews with you, and give you information about the investigation.
- Call toll free 1-888-922-8437 for more information.

FPSS Foster Parent Support Services Society

Safe Babies Program



Supporting the Foster Caregivers of the Vancouver Island Region Call

1-888-922-8437



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The Safe Babies Training Program consists of four intensive modules addressing the following topics:

- Understanding the impact of substance misuse during pregnancy
- The effects of alcohol and other drugs on the body
- Acute withdrawal in the newborn
- Neuro-developmental support of Safe Babies
- Health issues for the Safe Babies
- Partnership with natural families
- Care for the Caregiver



The Safe Babies Program is committed to providing relevant support, training and consultation to Caregivers, Social Workers and Community Partners in the South, Central, and Upper Vancouver Island Areas.

SUPPORT:

The Safe Babies Program Coordinator will provide pre-placement consultation to new Safe Babies caregivers and provide ongoing consultation as required.

The Safe Babies Program Coordinator is available to provide ongoing telephone consultation to existing Safe Babies caregivers.

Safe Babies caregivers will be contacted regarding current information and Regional training opportunities pertaining to infants prenatally exposed to alcohol and other drugs and their families.

TRAINING:

The Safe Babies Program will continue to offer the intensive Safe Babies Training in each area as indicated by the level of need and interest.

Ongoing educational opportunities will be provided to Safe Babies Caregivers and Social Workers.

CONSULTATION:

The Safe Babies Program Coordinator is available to provide consultation to Ministry of Children and Family Development Social Workers and Community Partners who are working with Safe Babies infants and caregivers.

The Safe Babies Program Coordinator will maintain current information regarding prenatal substance exposure and related issues.

Some of this resource material may be available for loan.

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*Supporting the BC Ministry of
Children and Family
Development caregivers in
the challenging task of
providing safe, nurturing care
for infants prenatally
exposed.*