

Foster Parent Newsletter Tłıchq̓ Region



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Foster Parent Sharing Group

Unfortunately, the April cook out was cancelled at the last minute. We are planning to head to the North Arm Park June 11, 2018 for a cookout and game evening at 5pm. Please join us with your families!

Foster Rate Increases

The new foster rates will be applied to this month's foster care cheque, issued May 10, 2018. Please speak to your social worker if you have any questions.

Consider Adoption

Children in the permanent care of social services are looking for lifelong families. Adoption subsidy rates have increased to 90% of the foster care maintenance rates. This should remove financial barriers that prevented foster parents from considering adoption. Please speak to Adoption worker Denise Bailey if you would like more information.

Graduates

Join me in congratulating Stephanie Rabesca, who

graduated with her social work diploma in April, 2018, and Denise Bailey, who completed her Masters of Counselling Degree and will convocate in June, 2018.

Social Work Highlighted at the CJBS Career Fair

In April, Dlootia Wedzin and Stephanie Rabesca attended the annual CJBS Career Fair, meeting with students to discuss pre-requisites for the social work program, what a career in social work entails, and to share information about Behchoko Child and Family Services. They met with dozens of interested students and sparked interest for the field of social work. If you or your children would like more details about becoming a social



worker, please contact us at 392-3005.



Becoming a Foster Parent

Foster parents are screened in order to ensure the safety of children in care. This process includes a criminal record check, internal child protection records check, home checks, interviews, medical exam and collecting references. Homes are subject to annual review and social workers see children in the foster home on a monthly basis. If you know of anyone interested in fostering, please ask them to call the BCFS office.

Camp Connections

The 2018 Camp Schedule is as follows:

Ages	Dates
7-11	July 3-9
12-14	July 14-20
7-11	July 25-31
12-18	August 5-11
7-11	August 16-22

Let your social worker know which camp you prefer your foster children attend.

Yes! We encourage our foster parents to travel with their foster children as this

What do I do if my foster child has an appointment in Yellowknife?

You are encouraged to take your foster children to all of their appointments, as you are responsible for their day to day care. After the appointment, updating the social worker about any medication or further testing is important for our records.

Are there any summer camps for foster children?

There are many summer camp opportunities for foster children, and the cost of camp can be covered by BCFS. All of our children are invited to participate in CAMP CONNECTIONS. There are also overnight camps organized by various church groups, community agencies and non-profit societies. Talk to your social worker for more details.



Camp Connections. Photo credits <https://www.fcnwt.com/>



When do foster parents get PO's?

Foster parents can request a Purchase Order if they transport foster children into Yellowknife for appointments with their personal vehicle. Occasionally, when there are emergency apprehensions, foster parents will be offered a PO to help with the initial grocery or clothing purchase. Please contact your social worker if you have any questions.



What is expected of me as a foster parent?

Social workers expect foster parents to treat their foster children like their own children. This means providing structure and discipline, love, affection, and attention. Take the children with you on your family holiday's, attend medical and dental appointments with them, sign them up for activities and go to their events to cheer from the sidelines.

Do I still receive foster payment for when my foster children go away to camp? Yes.

What am I entitled to know about the foster children in my care?

You should be informed regarding an estimate of how long the child will remain in your care, the general protection issues regarding the family, birthdate, sleep routines and medical history.