

Foster Parent Training Calendar Spring 2020

Support Groups

All foster parents are invited to attend any support group. Child care is provided for support groups. Support groups include a training component to each session.

Walkerton Support Group meets 2nd Wednesday of the month

Does not run in summer months

Trinity Lutheran Church Walkerton—611 Colborne Street Walkerton

9:30-11:30

Worker contact: Melissa Matthews

Kincardine support Group meets 2nd Wednesday of the month

Kincardine Baptist Church—569 Queen Street Kincardine

9:30-11:30

Worker contact: Donna Reed

Foster with a View Support group meets 3rd Wednesday of the month

Does not run in summer months

Chesley Community Church – 307 1st Avenue North Chesley

6:00-8:00pm

Worker contact: Karen Playford & Teri van Aalst

Owen Sound Support Group meets 1st Tuesday of the month

Does not run in summer months

BGCFS Office in Owen Sound

7:00-9:00 pm

Worker contact: Tina Hamel

Foster Parent Association

All foster parents are welcome to attend FPA. FPA meetings consist of FPA business, support and training. On site child care not provided however foster parents will receive reimbursement for child care to attend meeting.

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month

Chesley community Church –307 1st Ave North Chesley

7:00-9:00pm

Worker contact: Donna Reed

Foster parent contact: Nancy Craig

FPA/CAS Meetings

Any foster parent is welcome to attend FPA/CAS meetings. It is an opportunity for foster parent association and the agency to share information and keep informed of updates.

Monthly meetings alternate between Owen Sound and Walkerton locations.

FPA/CAS does not meet in summer months

10:30-noon

February 16- Owen Sound

March 25- Walkerton

April 15- Owen Sound

May 20- Walkerton

June 17- Owen Sound

Training Committee

Any foster parent is welcome to attend the training committee meetings at any point in time. Training committee works collaboratively and shares ideas to secure training opportunities for foster parents, aiming to put out fall and spring training calendars each year.

Meetings occur every other month directly following FPA/CAS meeting.

Training committee does not meet in summer months

12-1:00

March 25- Walkerton

May 20- Walkerton

Retention and Recruitment

Any foster parent is welcome to attend retention and recruitment committee meetings to share ideas and come up with strategies to recruit new foster parents and keep the ones we have!

Meetings occur every other month directly following FPA/CAS meetings.

Retention and Recruitment does not meet in the summer months

12-2pm

February 19- Owen Sound

April 15- Owen Sound

June 17- Owen Sound

Evening of Dialogue

April 30, 2020

6:30pm

Owen Sound office

Training Information

On site child care is not provided for training. Foster parents will be reimbursed for child care to attend training.

Mileage to attend training will be reimbursed.

Please call the foster parent RSVP training line at extension 4299 or email AdminSupport.FBC@bgcfs.ca to sign up for any of the trainings offered.

Foster parents will receive incentive to attend training as follows:

Full day- \$100

Half day- \$50

1-2 ½ hours- \$20

First aid completion - \$100

CPI completion- \$200

CPI recertification- \$100

Support group attendance \$20

Evening of dialogue- \$20

Car Seat Training in Walkerton

Date and time TBA.

Car Seat Training/Installation- Individual

Foster parent Darlene Longmire is a certified car seat installer. She is available for one on one consult and installation. You are able to reach her directly to arrange. 519-385-2249.

February 24, 2020 – Sign Language

Foster parent Darlene Longmire will provide a fun and interactive introduction and overview of sign language, specifically words such as more, please, all done, mommy, daddy, baby, sister, brother, colours, basic foods, animals, feelings & alphabet.

6:30-8:30-pm

Walkerton office

February 26, 2020- Public Health Substance Presentation

“Staff from the Grey Bruce Health Unit will provide an update on a number of substance related issues locally while highlighting strategies to promote harm reduction. Focus will include the latest data, research and information on opioids, cannabis and vaping. An overview on the proper use of naloxone will also be provided. Following the presentation there will be ample opportunity for parents to ask questions and join in the discussion.”

9:30-11:30 am

Owen Sound office

May 7, 2020- All Day Training

Chesley Community Church 307 1st Ave Chesley

9:00 am- registration

9:30-3:30- presentations

Keystone will be facilitating training regarding the following topics:

Emotional Dysregulation and how to Manage Behavior Problems in Teens

Mindfulness for Children and Teens

Emotion Focused Parenting and Validation Skills

**lunch is provided for this training

CPI Recertification (1 day)

March 26, 2020- Owen Sound

October 22, 2020- Owen Sound

Training will run from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm each day. Registration will be open to Staff, Foster Parents and Volunteers alike, to attend any of the above sessions. This will create a diverse group with varied experiences and therefore promote greater learning opportunities.

Foster Parents are welcome to email training&reservations@bgcfs.ca directly or speak to their worker and have their worker register with Training and Reservations.

** lunch is not provided for this training. Please bring own lunch and snacks. Coffee and tea will be available.

CPI is a mandatory foster parent training. If you are unsure whether you need 1 day recertification or 2 day full certification, please check with your worker.

CPI full certification (2 day)

June 11 & 12, 2020- Owen Sound

October 29 & 30, 2020- Owen Sound

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LOFF (League of Ontario Foster Families)

June 4-6, 2020

This event is organized through the FPA. Contact Wendy Ward or Nancy Craig regarding requirements to attend and registration.

Save the Dates for Fall 2020:

Evening of Dialogue- Tuesday Sept 22, 6:30-8:30- Walkerton

Foster Parent Recognition- Tuesday October 20- 6:30-8:30 Owen Sound

CPI 1 day recertification October 22, 2020- Owen Sound

CPI 2 day full certification October 29 & 30, 2020- Owen Sound

Additional Training Opportunities

Speak to your worker regarding any other training opportunities you become aware of and are interested in attending. We always support and encourage ongoing learning. ***In order to receive incentive for additional training it needs to be approved by worker in advance.***

CPRI has archived webinars that can be accessed for foster parents to receive individual training in the comfort of their own home! Handouts are available for each webinar. Ask your worker to print copies for you if needed. Some topics include:

Leaky Brakes TIC TIC TIC BOOM!....Understanding Reactive Rage- presented by: Becky Richards

<https://www.cpri.ca/index.php/workshop/41/>

Getting To The Root Of It: Responding To Difficult Behavior Originating In Relational Trauma- presented by Erin Watkins and Steve Kelly

<https://www.cpri.ca/index.php/workshop/60/>

It's Within Relationship That I Will Heal: Supporting The Journey Of Kids And Youth Who Have Experienced Relational Trauma—presented by Erin Watkins

<https://www.cpri.ca/index.php/workshop/57/>

The Bridge Between Being Trauma Informed and Trauma Responsive—presented by Tom Ketelaars

<https://www.cpri.ca/index.php/workshop/29/>

Being Trauma Informed—Presented by Sharon Skutovich, MSW, RSW & Tom Ketelaars, CYW

<https://www.cpri.ca/index.php/workshop/28/>