



# The Village

## Parent, Grandparent & Caregiver Resource

To submit your program or receive *The Village* contact Parent Support Services Prince George  
Call 250-962-0600 or email [kim.brown@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:kim.brown@parentsupportbc.ca)

*The Village* is a registry of programs, resources and services for parents in the community.

Distributed monthly, *The Village* is

- ✓ A valuable resource for parents in the community
- ✓ An indispensable referral tool for service providers who work with parents
- ✓ A cooperative network to increase access to and knowledge of parenting services

Our goal is to gather, compile and share information linking parents and service providers. We value your feedback on how this resource can assist you in the best possible way!



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### Special Events This Month

November 4 6pm  
Stuffy Sleepover  
Prince George Public Library

November 23-December 1  
Festival of Trees 2019  
Prince George Civic Centre

**September 2019, Volume 130**

**FamilySmart "In The Know"** Are you caring for a young person with mental health and / or substance use challenges? Come out to FamilySmart's video and discussion nights, "In the Know." Topics relate to child and youth mental health. No cost to attend, and all caregivers are welcome. Email [kathy.buhler@familysmart.ca](mailto:kathy.buhler@familysmart.ca) for dates, locations, more information about this month's topic, and to RSVP.

### **SCHOOL BREAK FLYER**

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### **Prince George Public Library Events**

888 Canada Games Way | Prince George, BC | V2L 5T6 Find times and registration info at [www.pgpl.ca/events](http://www.pgpl.ca/events)  
Phone: 250-563-9251, ext.128

#### ***Free Homework Help***

Tutors work with students in grades 3-12 to build skills in Math and/or English. Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons and evenings. Registration opens on Wednesday, Sept. 4th and space is limited. Call 250-563-9251 ext. 108 to register.  
At Bob Harkins Branch.

#### ***Free Beginner Piano for 7-9 yrs.***

Fridays, Sept. 13- Oct. 18 from 4:00 – 5:00pm  
Limited space. Call 250-563-9251 ext. 108 to register.  
At Bob Harkins Branch.

#### ***Free Adult Learner Support***

Wednesdays, Sept. 11 – Dec. 4  
Weekly drop in program for adult learners working on math and writing assignments. Laptops will be provided for those who want to make resumes. At Bob Harkins Branch.

### **Nechako Branch, in the Hart**

Storytime for 0 – 5 yrs.  
Wednesdays, Nov. 6 – Dec. 11, from 10:15 – 10:45am

Baby Time for 0 – 11 months  
Wednesdays, Nov. 6 – Dec. 11, from 11:30 – 12:00pm

Legotime for 0 – 9 yrs.  
Mondays, Nov. 4 – Dec. 9 from 4:00 – 5:00pm  
*Programs above are free, drop in*

Sensory Storytime for 0 – 9 yrs.  
Fridays, Nov. 8, 22, Dec. 6 (Group 1)  
Fridays, Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 13 (Group 2)  
Children with sensory sensitivities and their families can enjoy a specially designed half an hour storytime, followed by time to visit and interact with stations that engage the five senses. Call 250-563-9251 ext. 300 to register.

### **Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown**

Stuffy Sleepover for 0-5 yrs.  
Monday, Nov. 4 from 6:00 – 6:30pm  
Bring your favourite stuffed animal to storytime, and afterwards leave your stuffed friend at the library for a sleepover. Call 250-563-9251 ext. 108 to register.

Free Being Me: Self Confidence Workshop for 5-9 yrs.  
Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1:30 – 2:30pm  
Around the world, people are valued for many different reasons and beauty is defined in many different ways. In this program, participants take part in fun activities that encourage them to recognize their strengths that aren't tied to appearance and to create their own version of what it means to be beautiful.  
Free, drop in.

Teen Art Workshop for 13 – 18 yrs.  
Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Teens have the opportunity to connect with local artists for feedback and advice in advance of February's Teen Art Showcase. Learn about how to price and prepare art for exhibition.  
Free, drop in

**Workshops/Training/Volunteer Opportunities**

**Volunteers needed to run Parent Support Circles  
Parent Support Services Group Facilitation**

Learn to be an effective Group Leader: Free Training for volunteers. The training is free to volunteers with the commitment to facilitate a Parent Support Circle for a minimum of one year. Parent Support Circles are weekly groups for any parents who are experiencing stress or isolation in their parenting; would benefit from being part of a community of parents; and want to find healthy ways to relate to their children. The following training is available for Professional Development at a cost of \$350.

**PSS Provides Training in:**

- Group Facilitation skills
  - Listening and Communication
  - Group process and dynamics
  - Parent and Grandparent issues
  - Child abuse awareness & prevention
  - Cultural Issues in Parenting
- For information Call 250-962-0600  
Email [parentnorth@shaw.ca](mailto:parentnorth@shaw.ca)

**Prince George Child Care Resource and Referral CCRR**

offers information, workshops and links parents to child care providers in the community. Free child care referral services are available to parents. Forms and assistance with affordable child care benefits. Contact 250-563-2483 or [ccrr@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:ccrr@nbc.ymca.ca) "Check out our newsletter and events on our website" [www.childcarechoices.ca](http://www.childcarechoices.ca) including the Summer Active Play Program schedule.

**Project Friendship Society:**

Creating programs of interest in Art, Music, Recreation and Culture to support people with Diverse-Abilities. We enlighten, encourage and empower individuals to come out into the community, enjoy events and activities sharing in common interests. We promote an inclusive community by supporting activities for people with Diverse-Abilities. We offer presentations to local schools, associations and organizations to establish connections, to educate and to enlist their support and join in the Project Friendship Society goal in helping isolated persons while they transition from school to adult life and discover their goals, dreams and gifts. For more information please contact: email: [info@projectfriendship.com](mailto:info@projectfriendship.com) 250-613-2800 [www.projectfriendship.com](http://www.projectfriendship.com)

**Become a Foster Parent**

Have you ever thought about becoming a Foster Parent? Do you have questions about the process and aren't sure who to call? The Ministry of Children and Family Development is actively recruiting Foster Parents. We need homes for a variety of children and teenagers. Please contact a Recruitment Specialist at 250-645-3978

**F.A.M.I.L.L.I.E.S<sup>TM</sup> Educational Workshops (No referral needed to access free individual and group services)**

Family Alliance on Mental Illness-Leaders in Involvement Empowerment & Support) provides education and support to ALL family members (Parents, partners, siblings and adult children) affected by ANY mental illness (Psychosis, schizophrenia, depression, bipolar, anxiety, trauma-related, substance use and addictions) with nationally certified Family Educators.

- Dates: Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month beginning September 25, 2019  
September 25<sup>th</sup> Health within Illness  
October 9<sup>th</sup> Understanding Mental and Substance Use Disorders  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> Supporting Recovery from a Mental or Substance Use Disorder  
November 6<sup>th</sup> Communication and Problem-Solving Skills  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> Caring for Yourself and Other Family Members  
Times: 6:30 – 9 PM  
Place: FAMILIES Office (1117 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue)  
Contact: Kim Dixon at 250-561-8033 or [kimdixon@bcssp.org](mailto:kimdixon@bcssp.org)

**Parenting Classes/ Support Circles**

**Parent Support Services Prince George**

For caregivers of all ages! Parent support circles and grandparent raising grandchildren support circles. Occasionally parenting classes and workshops are offered within the circle. Classes and support circles teach caregivers to help their children develop self-esteem, responsibility, and courage. Learn tips for clear communication and respectful discipline. Caregivers are supported and learn from one another. All programs are offered at no cost. Parent Support Services also offers The Village parent resource, volunteer opportunities such as group facilitation, training for group facilitators and a grandparent raising grandchildren support line. For more information please contact Jessica Turner at (250) 962-0600 [parentnorth@shaw.ca](mailto:parentnorth@shaw.ca) <http://www.parentsupportbc.ca/>

**Prince George Native Friendship Centre  
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support  
Circle 1600 3rd Ave, Prince George**

Grand parenting support group for grandparents who are raising and/or the primary caregivers for their grandchildren. No cost. Every Tue 10:00am - 12pm. Call 250-962-0600 for more details.

**Prince George Child Care Resource and Referral  
(CCRR) Grow or Start A Child Care Service  
Business: Information Session**

Current Opportunities in Prince George for Expanding Child Care Services. Becoming an Early Child Care Educator. Accessing Government Grants and Supports. Customizing Business Planning and Business Loan Services. Wednesday, November 13, 2019 9:30 am – 11:30 am or 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the CCRR Family Room at 2020 Massey Drive Prince George, BC. This is a free information session, to register please call 250 563 2483 or email [ccrr@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:ccrr@nbc.ymca.ca)

**Prince George Child Care Resource and Referral  
(CCRR) Science World: Big Science, Little Hands**

Two part workshop

Big Science, Little Hands: hands-on science activities that you can try with your children. Come test out the science concepts of each activity and discuss ways to encourage STEAM literacy in young adults. Coding without Computers: Most children with be involved in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Design and Math) related careers and research shows children are capable STEAM learners. Join us to discover some fun ways that can engage your children in offline coding activities, including: dance, cooking, building, playing with beads, tangrams, and more. Saturday November 23, 2019 9:30 am – 2:30 pm in the CCRR Family Room at 2020 Massey Drive Prince George, BC. Cost is \$10.00 for Members and \$15.00 for Non-Members, lunch will be provided. To register please call 250 563 2483 or Toll Free 1 800 680 6699.

**Prince George Child Care Resource and Referral  
(CCRR) Little Food Explorers**

Help toddlers and preschoolers develop positive feelings about food. Learn about a fun, structures approach to explore food with children and how to create positive mealtimes. Book by November 15, 2019 and receive a program kit that includes a program guide, recipes, picture book and resources to send home to parents. Monday, November 25, 2019 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the CCRR Family Room, 2020 Massey Drive Prince George, BC. Cost is \$5.00. To register please call 250 563 2483 or Toll Free 1 800 680 6699

**Hadih House Support Groups**

Materials, snacks and childminding supplied. This group is offered at Hadih House, in partnership with Parent Support Services Society. This support group is a combination of workshops, topics and peer support. Hadih House is located at 2105 Pine Street. For more details please contact the Program/Outreach Coordinator

Hadih House phone # 250 563 7976

**Hadih House Family Unity**

Runs twice a month from 2pm – 5pm. Help prepare and share a meal with other families. Connect and support one another while enjoying a healthy “home cooked” meal. Open to all caregivers and families. This group is offered at Hadih House, in partnership with Parent Support Services Society (2105 Pine Street). Contact: 250-563-7976 or email: [hadihhouse@carneyhill.ca](mailto:hadihhouse@carneyhill.ca)

**Support line for Grandparents raising  
Grandchildren**

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Line and email support. Skilled and experienced advocates will staff the phone line and provide email support to help people understand their rights, obligations and options prior to and after assuming responsibility for raising a family member’s child. Staff will also ensure that callers are aware of all benefits, supports and resources available to them – and how to access them. To call the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Line, please dial 604 558-4740 (Lower Mainland) or 1 855 474-9777 (toll free from anywhere in B.C.) The support line hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm Email the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Service at: [GRGline@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:GRGline@parentsupportbc.ca)

**Check out Parent Support Services  
Society Facebook Page:**

Check us out on



<http://www.facebook.com/ParentSupportBC>

## Support Groups

### **Prince George BC Choices for Down Syndrome**

This group has come together to support those embracing life with Down Syndrome. Please find us on Facebook at “Prince George BC Choices for Down Syndrome.” More information can be found there on upcoming events.

### **Support Group for Families affected by brain injury**

Do you have a spouse or family member(s) that have been affected by brain injury? Do you find that your family and friends cannot relate to what you are experiencing? Family Education is an adult support group that offers a place for family members to share their experiences and offer support to one another. Each month features a different education topic surrounding the role of family members as caregivers. You are not alone in your struggles. Come share your journey with us. Dates: (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month) Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup> Time: 9:30-11:30am Location: Little Room of the Prince George Brain Injured Group Office 1070 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

\*No registration required – drop-in welcome\*

Contact facilitator for more info: Jane Daigle,  
[jane.daigle@pgbig.ca](mailto:jane.daigle@pgbig.ca) 250-564-2447

### **Family Support Program offered at the CDC.** Child Development Centre, 1687 Strathcona Avenue, Prince George

This service offers support for children with developmental delays or developmental challenges and their families. Service and support is offered in the areas of parenting groups, support for parents/caregivers in providing a healthy and safe home environment, assists with how to deal with challenging behaviours, nutrition training, children’s groups, kindergarten readiness, community connections, and advocacy. Referrals are welcomed from individuals and families of the community and from other community agencies. No cost. Ongoing. For more information contact Tanya at (250)563-7168 extension 210 or email [tanyak@cdcpg.org](mailto:tanyak@cdcpg.org), or check out information on our website at <http://cdcpg.org/family-services.shtml>.

**Northern Interior Autism Society:** For more information check out the Facebook link at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/345483355508718/>

### **Family Support Program**

CSFS provides family support and advocacy to Aboriginal (and non-aboriginal) children and families in the community of Prince George. We provide services and supports in the areas of parenting/family wellness, adult and youth/child life skills, social work, cultural connections, and men/women support. Please contact our intake worker, at 250-563-1281, or drop in to our office, located at 835- 3rd ave, to set up an intake and/or register for a group.

### **FRC Parent Support Group**

•No cost • Registration required • Children welcome under their parent’s supervision•

A group for parents facing some challenges who need a safe space to connect, gain support and info.

A comfortable space to connect with other parents and facilitated by the Family Support Worker/Early Years Coordinator.

Must register prior to attending by contacting:  
250-614-0684

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Dates: First and Third Wednesday of every month ongoing

Times: 6:30 – 8 PM

Place: University Hospital of Northern BC, Education Room 410

AND

Dates: Every Tuesday and Thursday

Times: 4 – 5 PM

Place: University Hospital of Northern BC, Adult Acute Psychiatry

Contact: Kim Dixon at 250-561-8033 or

[kimdixon@bcssp.org](mailto:kimdixon@bcssp.org)

## Active & Healthy Living

The YMCA of Northern BC is hosting another cycle of the **Family Healthy Living Program** beginning in **January 2019!** The Family Healthy Living Program is a **FREE** 10week program for families of children between the ages of 8-12 who are off the healthy weight trajectory.

Throughout the 10wks families will learn about healthy eating, active living, goal setting, healthy body image and self-esteem, managing stress and active living for Everybody. Families will also learn ways to create positive family meal times and physical activity experiences.

**Registration is now open** for the January offering of the Family Healthy Living program. To inquire about enrolling in the program call 1888-650-3141 or email [familyhealthyliving@uvic.ca](mailto:familyhealthyliving@uvic.ca) or go on the website at [www.familyhealthyliving.ca](http://www.familyhealthyliving.ca).

**Building Blocks** Pre-registration is required  
Community Kitchens, open to parents with children birth to 6 years. No cost. Childcare is available by sign-up to first 4 children. Transportation available. Every Wed at 1200 LaSalle, Family Resource Centre 10:30 - 1:00 pre-registration is required.  
Contact Deb Ewen at 250-564-5941  
[dewen@pgnfc.com](mailto:dewen@pgnfc.com)

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**Active Living Guide:** To learn about all the great services, recreation opportunities and programs PG has to offer - Check out the Prince George Community Active Living Guide at <http://princegeorge.ca/cityliving/recreation/activelivingguide>

### **Leisure Access Program City of Prince George**

This is a subsidy program that provides an opportunity for individuals with limited income to participate in select recreational activities. Eligible applicants can receive complimentary swim passes and a credit towards swim lessons. View applications online at [www.princegeorge.ca](http://www.princegeorge.ca) or contact Community Well-being and Partnerships at 250-561-7600 or email [rec\\_admin@princegeorge.ca](mailto:rec_admin@princegeorge.ca)

**KidSport Prince George** is a local chapter of KidSport British Columbia. KidSport provides financial assistance to children and youth in Prince George to remove financial barriers so that all kids can play sports. Application forms are available at City Hall and online at: [kidsport.ca/princegeorge](http://kidsport.ca/princegeorge) or call Community Services at 250.561.7788.

**YMCA of Northern BC** Our toddler, children and youth programs are family friendly, fun, interactive and affordable! Financial Assistance is available for those that qualify. Call 250 562 9341 to arrange a tour or [nbc.ymca.ca](http://nbc.ymca.ca) for information

### **ActNow BC - Provincial Government**

Part of the provincial government's efforts to help British Columbians live healthier lives through nutrition, physical activity, eliminating tobacco use and ensuring healthy pregnancies. No cost. Take the ActNow BC Healthy Living Pledge online for a chance to win some great prizes Contact [www.ActNowBC.ca](http://www.ActNowBC.ca)

### **Power Play Program**

•No cost • Drop-in • Parent participating program • Early learning physical fitness and play time for parents and their children aged 0-6.  
A fun non-structured space for children to play, learn and explore.  
A place for parent's to connect with other parent's.  
Family Support Worker on site for support and information.  
Monday and Wednesday from 10am– 11:30am (including clean-up)  
Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-3:00pm (including clean-up)  
Contact 250-614-0684  
South Fort George Family Resource Centre, 1200 LaSalle Ave, Prince George, BC

### **Drop-In Programs**

#### **Sunday Open Studio at Two Rivers Gallery.**

**Families...** drop by the Gallery and get creative. Each week introduces a new project and another opportunity for you to express yourself and get hands on with all kinds of art! Our Sunday Open Studio sessions are a creative way to spend time with the family and create interesting and unique art projects. Drop in from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Sundays! Admission is \$8.00 for Individuals and \$15.50 for Families. Sunday Open Studios are FREE for Two Rivers Gallery members. A Family Membership for one year is only \$70.00... Why not join today?

**MakerLab:** Thursdays, 5pm – 9pm and Saturdays, 1 – 4pm. Everyone welcome. \$7.50 drop-in fee to use our materials or free drop-in with your own tools and materials; family rates available.

#### **Prince George Public Library**

We have programs for parents, caregivers and children. Early literacy activities for children under 5 years include: Babytime, Toddler Time and Family Storytime. Programs for school-aged children, teens and adults are also available.  
No cost. These programs are drop-in, no registration required. It's a non-judgemental place for anonymous information. Check our website or call for further information. Programs are available at Bob Harkins Branch (Downtown) and Nechako Branch (Hart area). Contact your Public Library at 250-563-9251  
[www.lib.pg.bc.ca](http://www.lib.pg.bc.ca)

**Carney Hill Neighbourhood Centre - Hadih House Drop in Centre** providing family support and services, clothing exchange, pantry cupboard, laundry facilities, internet access, telephone, newspaper, access to community resources, monthly food boxes, family unity program and more.  
 Drop in open 10-4:30 weekdays  
 2105 Pine Street. Contact 250-563-7976  
 hadihhouse@carneyhill.ca  
 Please call or email for more information or you can view the calendar of events  
<http://www.carneyhill.ca/index.php/hadih-house/>

**Coffee and Bannock Drop-In**  
 Days: Thursday and Time: 11:00am-3:00pm  
 Location: 835-3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Carrier Sekani FS  
 Specifics: Call Jennifer for more information 250-563-1281

**Prince George Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) Active Play**  
 Join CCRR every Tuesday from 10:00 am – 11:00 am to support Active Play in Children. We will have a variety of activities that will encourage moderate to vigorous bursts of energy. We will include both adult and child activities that support fundamental movement skills involving parts of the body such as feet, legs, trunk, head, arms and hands. Located at Highland Family Development Center at 155 McDermid Drive, Prince George, BC. Cost is Free to drop in! If you have any questions please call 250-563-2483 or email [ccrr@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:ccrr@nbc.ymca.ca).

**Prince George Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) Friday Play Time**  
 This drop in time is for Parents, Grandparents, Guardians and children to do crafts, classroom play and active play in the gym. Every Friday following the school district calendar from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the Highland Family Development Center, 155 McDermid Drive, Prince George, BC. Cost is Free! Coffee, Tea and snacks provided. If you have any questions please call 250-563-2483 or email [ccrr@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:ccrr@nbc.ymca.ca).

**Early Learning**

**SD 57: StrongStart** is a free drop-in early learning program for children and their parent/caregivers. Staffed by Early Childhood Educators the program offers a play based program to enhance children's learning and development. Closed during all school holidays/professional development days.

**StrongStarts in SD57**

**Beverly Elementary** 250-964-9311  
**Tuesday and Thursday** 9:00-12:00

**Pineview Elementary** 250-963-7060  
**Tuesday** 8:30-11:30

**Buckhorn Elementary** 250-963-7110  
**Thursday** 11:15-2:00

**Harwin Elementary** 250-562-1773  
**Monday to Friday** 8:45-11:45

**Heather Park Elementary** 250-962-1811  
**Monday to Friday** 8:45-11:45

**Malaspina** 250-964-9874  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday** 8:45-11:45

**Nusdeh Yoh** 250-562-7201  
**Monday to Friday** 8:30-11:30

**Nukko Lake Elementary** 250-967-4314  
**Wednesday** 8:30-11:30

**Peden Hill Elementary** 250-562-5822  
**Monday to Friday** 9:00-12:00

**Quinson Elementary** 250-562-1161  
**Monday to Friday** 9:00-12:00

**Ron Brent Elementary** 250-562-2327  
**Monday to Friday** 8:30-11:30

**Spruceland Elementary** 250-563-4208  
**Monday to Friday** 8:45-11:45

**For more information contact your local school, Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/PGearlyLearning/>  
**Andrea Maurice 250-561-6800 ext 341**  
[amaurice@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:amaurice@sd57.bc.ca)

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**Vantage Vision & Reading Programs** address the needs of those students who have vision skills deficits as the major cause of their reading difficulties. Remediation may be necessary even if the individual has 20/20 vision. Therapy is based on the vision skills necessary to read and to comprehend what is read. The programs provide vision therapy combined with reading strategies to remediate vision skills deficits and tie in reading instruction. Costs are minimal. Contact via Facebook, our website [www.vantagevision-reading.com](http://www.vantagevision-reading.com), or by phone: Office – 250-563-1136; Cell – 250-617-1751 Please visit the website for more information.

**YMCA Neighbourhood Scholars**  
Monday to Friday 9:30am – 12pm  
Literacy program that builds kindergarten preparedness  
Transportation included and subsidy available Call 250 562 9341 x 109 to arrange a tour or [nbc.ymca.ca](http://nbc.ymca.ca) for information

**Tips for School Success**  
**Social Emotional Learning**  
Each month of the school year, parents will receive helpful tips, activities and resources to support their children at home and in the classroom. Family and school can work together to improve children's social emotional learning skills. These skills lead to school and life success. Please go to <https://www.smore.com/5a08c-going-back-to-school> to see the flyer. Contact: Linda Campbell at [lindacampbellsel@gmail.com](mailto:lindacampbellsel@gmail.com)

**Prince George and District Skill Building Library**  
AiMHi  
The Skill Building Library is open to anyone who can use items from our collection. Skills targeted include: fine motor, social, discrimination, but mostly they are just fun to play with. Parenting resources also available.  
No cost.  
Tue 10am-12pm, Wed 10am-12pm and 1-3pm, Fri 1-3pm. 950 Kerry St.  
Contact Gillian Taylor at 250-964-8479

**Tutoring and Training Centre**  
**Learning Differences Centre of BC**  
Provides one-to-one multisensory tutoring to children and adults affected by learning difficulties. Training in Multisensory Math and the Orton-Gillingham

Approach to Language development, and parent support workshops are offered throughout the year. Cost varies. [www.theldc.com](http://www.theldc.com)  
Mon-Thu, 10am-6pm. 785 Patricia Blvd.  
Contact Lynne Robinson office manager - [manager@theldc.com](mailto:manager@theldc.com) at 250-564-8011

**Aboriginal Infant Development Outreach Program**  
Prince George Native Friendship Centre  
Home visiting for children birth to 3 years old and their families, as well as expecting parents. Offer networks with community resources, activity ideas, toy lending, child development information. Infant Massage and developmental assessments as needed. No cost. Ongoing and based on family schedule. 138 George St. Contact Lisa Vienneau at 250-564-5941 [aidpoutreach@pgnfc.com](mailto:aidpoutreach@pgnfc.com)

**Rhyme Time**  
•No cost • Drop-in• Parent participating program•  
Early learning expressive play through music, movement and story time.  
A fun place for families with children ages 0-3 to be silly, sing, and use their imagination.  
Tuesdays from 10:00am– 11:30am (6-8 week sessions offered in the Fall, Winter, Spring)  
Next Session Starts: Tuesday, Sept 10th, 2019  
Contact 250-614-0684  
South Fort George Family Resource Centre, 1200 LaSalle Ave, Prince George, BC

**Expectant Parents**

**SmartMom Text Message Project Launched for Northern Moms-To-Be**  
The FNHA is pleased to introduce a new pilot project for northern mothers: SmartMom Canada, the first Prenatal Education Program in Canada delivered to prenatal women by text messaging. SmartMom has been developed in collaboration between Northern Health Authority, Optimal Birth BC, the Ministry of Health and First Nations Health Authority. SmartMom will text you information to help guide you through every week of your pregnancy. Texts are tailored to your due date and all information is free and from health sources you can trust.  
[www.smartmomcanada.ca](http://www.smartmomcanada.ca) <<http://firstnationshealthauthority.cmail20.com/t/i-l-ujlclcd-qxhljkh-w/>> or on the FNHA website here.<<http://firstnationshealthauthority.cmail20.com/t/i-l-ujlclcd-qxhljkh-yd/>>  
Or to enroll: Text “SmartMom” to 12323

**Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre**  
250 562-4464  
Counseling for fathers and mothers  
Options counseling  
Peer counseling, peer support groups

**Baby's New Beginnings- Pregnancy Outreach Program**



Providing support for pregnant women and women with babies under 7 months old. We offer prenatal vitamins, food vouchers, donated baby items and clothing, prenatal classes and a Women's Wellness Support group. We are open for drop-in from 12 (Noon) to 4pm.

South Fort George Family Resource Centre  
1200 LaSalle Avenue  
250-614-BABY(2229)

#### **Prince George Prenatal Classes**

Offers a full range of classes from trained prenatal instructors as well as a physiotherapist, registered dietician and father mentor. Early prenatal classes - Nutrition, physiotherapy, and Dad's class. Prenatal Classes - late pregnancy, labour/birth, postnatal, newborns, breastfeeding, hospital tour  
1) Prenatal in a day (9am to 3pm) plus one breastfeeding class on a Tues/Wed evening  
2) Tuesday or Wednesday evenings (7-9pm) for six weeks. Fee \$100.00 includes all classes and hospital tour (financial assistance is available)  
Phone: 250-565-2910 to register or email: [pgprenatalclasses@northernhealth.ca](mailto:pgprenatalclasses@northernhealth.ca)

#### **Prenatal Registry Program**

Primary Care Nursing  
Contact program if you are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant.  
The nurse will provide information, referrals, and support to help you have a healthy pregnancy.  
Services available at no cost between the hours of 9:00-4:00pm Mon-Fri . 2nd Floor, Northern Interior Health Unit, 1444 Edmonton St. Contact the program at 250-565-7478

#### **All Options Pregnancy Counselling**

Northern Health – Primary Care Nursing  
Emergency Contraceptive Pill, Pregnancy testing and referrals where needed.  
No cost.  
Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Health Unit, 2nd floor.  
Contact the Health Unit at 250-7478

#### **Chemical Dependency at Risk Program**

Central Interior Native Health  
We help those women who identify themselves as Aboriginal and who are pregnant and want medical/social support.  
No cost. Drop-in from 9am-4pm. 1110-4th Ave.  
Contact Marie at 250-564-4422

### **New Parents**

#### **Baby's New Beginnings- Pregnancy Outreach Program**

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250-614-BABY(2229)

#### **Birth Father's Registry - MCFD 250 387-3660**

Are you a birth father who wants to assert your right to be involved in adoption planning for your child? Ensure that you are notified of a proposed adoption.

#### **Breastfeeding Support Drop-In**

Northern Health – Primary Care Nursing  
Nurse on site. Breastfeeding advice and support.  
Weigh and measure your baby's growth.  
No cost.  
Thu 9:30-11:30am Health Unit, 2nd Floor, 1444 Edmonton St. Call 250-565-7478 if you have questions.

#### **Lactation Support Services**

The Lactation Support Nurse works alongside other members of your healthcare team to offer breastfeeding support. Assistance is offered to breastfeeding babies and their families while in hospital & by telephone.  
Face to face office visits can be set up. Please call for an appointment. Lactation Support Services 250-565-2327 Available Monday to Friday  
Please note: This person does not work statutory holidays and there may be no service available if she is on vacation

#### **Maternity Home Visiting**

Northern Health- Primary Care Nursing  
Following the discharge of a new baby, all parents are contacted and could be offered a home visit with a nurse who will do a physical assessment as well as provide education and counselling to parents.  
No cost.  
Mon to Sat. In-home or alternate location.  
Contact 250-565-7476 if you have questions for a nurse.

#### **Infant and Toddler Drop in Program at Montessori**

One morning each week meet with parents, infants, toddlers and a facilitator to encourage development of movement, language development and to learn together.  
For more information contact:  
Montessori 250-562- 6560

### **Parent Education**

**The Bridging to Employment** Program is now accepting applications for people of aboriginal decent who are 16 years of age and older and are interested in moving forward with their career and educational goals. The program is based on assisting participants to complete a variety of self-assessments to identify their skills, strengths and areas to work on, while learning about the life skills needed to build and execute a plan to move toward employment in their target market niche. Our nine week curriculum will

include the following topics: Self-esteem, communication and responsibility. Identity, emotional awareness and perceptions, Goal setting, delay of gratification, impulse control and time management Mindfulness, thinking and decision making skills Building support systems and relating skills Financial Literacy Certification in Food Safe, First Aid, WHIMIS, First Aid, Serving it right Work Experience Placements. Referrals and orientations to educational upgrading and post-secondary/trades programs Our application forms can be picked up at 987 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please forward all inquiries to Samantha Wurtak at [samantha@csfs.org](mailto:samantha@csfs.org) or call us at 250-563-5530

**BC Foster Parent Education Program**

Axis Family Resources, Foster Parent Support Program, 185 Quebec Street, Prince George This is the provincial education program for approved foster parents covering a wide range of topics relevant to working with children in care. There is no cost to participate in this educational experience. It is available in a classroom setting, online or via correspondence. This training program is a requirement for all MCFD and delegated agency Foster Parents. Please contact our Foster Parent Support Program staff at. 250-564-9064 ext 24 or [www.axis.bc.ca](http://www.axis.bc.ca)

**Learning Circle Literacy Program**

Prince George Native Friendship Centre The focus is on Adult Learners (aged 18 and up) who require additional assistance with their education and skill development goals. One-to-One tutor services, pre-prep GED sessions, and Basic computer training. Also available is a lending library. No cost. and educational workshops available. Contact 250-564-3568 literacy@pgnfc.com

**Child Development Centre, 1687 Strathcona Avenue, Prince George**

The Centre's Therapy Program provides information to parents of children with special needs and development delays on how best to facilitate their child's development. We have a Family Resource Lending Library, including videos/DVDs, books, etc. No cost. Ongoing. For more information call Debbie Harmon at 250-563-7168 extension 225 or email [therapy@cdcp.org](mailto:therapy@cdcp.org)

**Parenting After Separating**

Contact the Family Justice Centre at 250-565-4222.

**Learning Disabilities Association of BC**

Runs a tutor referral service designed to help students, of any age, who struggle with reading, spelling or mathematics. To find a qualified tutor in your community contact Liz at 250-963-003 or [liz.c@ldabc.ca](mailto:liz.c@ldabc.ca)

Tutor training and enrichment workshops are offered throughout the year. For information about issues relating to learning disabilities contact Gloria Olafson at 250-562-8787 or [sdld@bcgroup.net](mailto:sdld@bcgroup.net)

**Parent Services**

**IMSS (Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society)**

FREE services to new emigrants and refugees: Settlement in school for children and parents in the workplace. Linc (learn English) morning program for parents, with free licensed daycare for children 6 month - 5 years. Woman's program; These goals were achieved with the participation of the immigrant women in different activities regardless Canadian culture, Canada Services, Health Fitness, Healthy Eating, Parenting, computer, sewing, crocheting, arts, crafts, and, workshops empowering women (Free daycare provided) -Youth leadership: IMSS hosted a multitude of different diversity building and multicultural events for youth. Some events were based on informal cultural sharing, a key component to true multiculturalism such as: participating at the National Aboriginal Day Celebration, organizing immigrant's family picnic at the lake and park, youth group bowling, hiking, soap making and movie nights. This program focus on more structured activities like: leadership building days, anti-bullying workshops, diversity/multiculturalism training and youth employment related information sessions. A series of Career Exploration workshops are also delivered to help immigrant youth develop their life and job skills to ease their transition to social integration and work and/or return to school. IMSS 1270 2nd Ave, Prince George, BC V2L 3B3 250-562-2900 [IMSS.PG@IMSS.CA](mailto:IMSS.PG@IMSS.CA) [WWW.IMSS.CA](http://WWW.IMSS.CA)

**Adoptive Families of BC**

Adoptive Families Association of BC supporting adoption from the beginning and as your child grows. We offer support, education and resources to adoptive families. Adoption Support Coordinator T: 1-866-303-4591 F: 604-320-7350 200/7342 Winston St. Burnaby, BC V5A 2H1 [www.bcadopt.com](http://www.bcadopt.com)

**Prince George Child Care Resource and Referral**

CCR offers parenting information and links parents to child care providers in the community. Free consultations, support and referral services are available to parents. Forms and affordable child care benefits. **Also** Check out our toy and equipment lending library! Parent and Organization members welcome. Free annual membership. Contact 250-563-2483 or [nbc.ymca.ca](http://nbc.ymca.ca) [www.childcarechoices.ca](http://www.childcarechoices.ca) or [ccr@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:ccr@nbc.ymca.ca)

**Infant Development Program**

**Home visiting program** for families who have children between birth - 3 years, and who may be looking for extra support. Consultants have knowledge and experience in all areas of development including speech, motor, social, emotional, behavioral and cognitive.

No cost. Open referral, parents may call directly or be referred. Appointments are set at a time agreed upon by families and the consultant. All visits done in the family's home.

Contact IDP at 250-564-6408

[idp@aimhi.ca](mailto:idp@aimhi.ca) and [www.aimhi.ca](http://www.aimhi.ca)

**Confident Parents, Thriving Kids**

Confident Parents: Thriving Kids is a family-focused phone-based coaching service effective in reducing mild to moderate behavioural problems and promoting healthy child development in children ages 3-12.

Through a series of 6 to 14 weekly coaching sessions, along with exercises and workbooks, trained coaches empower parents and/or caregivers to learn effective skills and techniques that support social skills and cooperation in their child. These techniques are proven to prevent, reduce and reverse the development of mild to moderate behaviour problems that create challenges at home, school and in social settings.

Confident Parents: Thriving Kids is offered at no cost to BC families, and coaches are available to speak with parents during day, evening and weekend hours to meet each family's needs. If you are interested in Confident Parents: Thriving Kids, please talk to your family doctor or pediatrician to request a referral. Learn more:

<https://www.cmha.bc.ca/programs-services/confident-parents-thriving-kids/>

**Mediate BC is now offering distance family**

**mediation** "aimed at helping British Columbians undergoing separation or divorce who find it difficult to talk to each other in person because of distance or conflict between them". Mediators use email, teleconferencing etc. and there is a sliding scale based on income. Family Justice Counsellors are available to assist eligible families with parenting issues at no charge. More information is on their website [www.mediatebc.com](http://www.mediatebc.com) under "Family Mediation Services". Pamphlets available by emailing [Mediation.Advisor@mediatebc.com](mailto:Mediation.Advisor@mediatebc.com).

**Kids' Guide to Separation and Divorce**

Government of B.C.

A website to help parents and professionals explain divorce and separation to kids. No cost. Contact [www.familieschange.ca](http://www.familieschange.ca)

**Intersect Youth & Family Services Society**

Provides voluntary counselling for children and youth under 19 years. Offers assessment and referrals, individual, family and group therapy. Priority given to children and youth facing mental health disorders or those at risk of harming self or others. This is a self-referral process and intake is weekdays from 9 am to 11 am.

No cost.

8:30am-4:30pm, Mon-Fri. 1294-3rd Ave.

Contact 250-562-6639

[www.intersect.bc.ca](http://www.intersect.bc.ca)

**Supported Child Development Program**

Child Development Centre, 1687 Strathcona Avenue, Prince George

This program provides consultation and support services for children birth to 12 years of age in licensed preschools, daycares and after school care programs. We assist children with developmental delays, disabilities or challenges to be successful within a group setting. Screening and assessments are available. No cost. Ongoing. For more information, contact Christy at (250)563-7168 extension 215 or email [christyk@cdcp.org](mailto:christyk@cdcp.org), or check out our website at <http://cdcp.org/supported-child-development.shtml>

**Parent Support****Project Friendship Society:**

Creating programs of interest in Art, Music, Recreation and Culture to support people with Diverse-Abilities.

We enlighten, encourage and empower individuals to come out into the community, enjoy events and activities sharing in common interests. We promote an inclusive community by supporting activities for people with Diverse-Abilities.

We offer presentations to local schools, associations and organizations to establish connections, to educate and to enlist their support and join in the Project Friendship Society goal in helping isolated persons while they transition from school to adult life and discover their goals, dreams and gifts.

For more information please contact:

PO Box 147

Prince George, B.C. V2N 4R9

email: [info@projectfriendship.com](mailto:info@projectfriendship.com)

250-613-2800

[www.projectfriendship.com](http://www.projectfriendship.com)

**FamilySmart Parents in Residence (PiR)** work from a lived experience perspective. We provide barrier-free peer support for caregivers who are parenting or supporting young people of all ages with mental health and / or substance use challenges. We also help caregivers with system navigation, networking, resources and education. As well, we work with service providers to assist in working well together with youth, young adults and families to improve mental health outcomes. There is no cost for services, and no referral necessary. Email: [kathy.buhler@familysmart.ca](mailto:kathy.buhler@familysmart.ca) or phone 1-855-887-8004. [www.familysmart.ca](http://www.familysmart.ca).

**Carrier Sekani Family Services Parent Support Groups**

**Tuesdays Parent group 1:30-3:00**

Join us for our parenting group which covers various parenting programs geared towards parenting toddlers, school aged children and teenagers. Contact Naomi for more information about which program is currently being offered.

Location: Victoria Towers (1245 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue) contact Naomi at 250-563-1281 Ext 103 or [nlocheed@csfs.org](mailto:nlocheed@csfs.org) to register

**Wednesdays Mother’s Health and Wellness group 10:00-11:30**

Location: Victoria Towers (1245 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue) contact Naomi at 250-563-1281 Ext 103 or [nlocheed@csfs.org](mailto:nlocheed@csfs.org) to register

**Fridays Women’s group 10:00-12:00**

Location: Victoria Towers (1245 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue) contact Alice Compagnon at 250-563-1281 Ext 206 or [alice@csfs.org](mailto:alice@csfs.org) for more information on this drop in group

**Parent Guidance and Support Program.**

We also have a new parenting program located at 2025 Victoria Street called Parent Guidance and Support Program. This is an onsite parenting program available to parents. contact Lisa Hourie at 250-563-7796 or [lhourie@csfs.org](mailto:lhourie@csfs.org) for more information and to register for this program

**Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD) Prince George Native Friendship Centre**

This program provides support services for children to be included in childcare, or after school settings. A family centered program that assists children to be successful, regardless of developmental delay, disability or challenges within a group setting. Child screening & assessments available. No cost. For more information please contact: Cindy Gosnell at 250-564-3568 ext. 234

**Carrier Sekani Family Services**

Family Support/Adult & Child and Youth Life Skills/Family Wellness/Cultural Support, referrals and more available ongoing at CSFS, please call 250-563-1281 to book an intake appointment

**Carrier Sekani Family Services has the following happening:**

**Mondays:**

- Boys group contact [patrick@csfs.org](mailto:patrick@csfs.org)

**Tuesdays:**

- Parenting Group 2:00-3:30 contact [nlocheed@csfs.org](mailto:nlocheed@csfs.org) Parent only parenting group facilitated in Victoria Towers 1208 20<sup>th</sup> Ave contact Naomi for more information or to register for upcoming programs
- Girls group 3:00-5:00 contact [patrick@csfs.org](mailto:patrick@csfs.org)

**Wednesdays:**

- Skills to Success contact [alice@csfs.org](mailto:alice@csfs.org)

**Thursdays:**

- Food Skills for families 10:00-12:00 contact [alice@csfs.org](mailto:alice@csfs.org)
- Anger and Stress management 1:30-3:30 contact [Michele@csfs.org](mailto:Michele@csfs.org)

**Fridays:**

- Women’s group 10:00-12:00 contact [alice@csfs.org](mailto:alice@csfs.org)

**Family Connections Program**

Strengths- based, family centered program that supports marginalized families with children ages 0-6yrs that are facing challenges, such as poverty, isolation, mental health, family violence, homelessness, mental or physical barriers, FASD, or MCFD involvement. Services include parenting support groups, one on one support and outreach, referrals and resources. No Cost Mon-Fri (access requires an intake appointment to assess the needs of the family) Contact Cory at 250-614-0684 South Fort George Family Resource Centre, 1200 LaSalle Ave, Prince George, BC Cory@pgefrfry.bc.ca [www.sfgfrfrc.com](http://www.sfgfrfrc.com)

**Children's Residence**

**AiMHi** Respite for families that have children with special needs. No cost. MCFD- CYSN funded. For children aged 0 up to and including 18 years of age. Child must be referred by MCFD. 24hrs, 7 days/week 386 Greenplace. Contact Nadia Cote at 250-563-2260 [nadia.cote@aimhi.ca](mailto:nadia.cote@aimhi.ca) [www.aimhi.ca](http://www.aimhi.ca)

**Wazdidadilh Aboriginal Infant & Family (AIFDP) Development Program**

A program of the Prince George Native Friendship Centre (PGNFC), AIFDP is a family-centered environment for expecting families and those with children ages birth through six; open to all families. There are educational and fun workshops for the parents as well as age appropriate play based learning opportunities for the children (parents and children remain on site). Families can access support, home visits, child development assessments, resources, and much more, based on their individual interests. Pre-registration required. No cost. For more information, contact us at 250-564-5941, [aifdpadmin@pgnfc.com](mailto:aifdpadmin@pgnfc.com), or come by (afternoons are best) 138 George Street Mon-Fri.

**Family Support AiMHi**

Assists families with finding community resources, developing child care plans, increasing parenting skills, developing self-care skills. No cost for eligible participants. Call Ministry for Children and Families 250-565-6904 for eligibility criteria. As needed. 950 Kerry St. Contact Susan Wilson at 250-564-6408. [susan.wilson](mailto:susan.wilson) [www.aimhi.ca](http://www.aimhi.ca)

**Foster Parent Support Program**

Axis Family Resources 185 Quebec St. Prince George Assists Foster Parents to successfully maintain children in their care and increase stability of placements. We offer a wide range of services to Foster Parents including emotional and crisis support, protocol and quality of care support, knowledge regarding fostering expectations, Pre-Service Orientation for those thinking of becoming Foster Parents, provincial foster parent education program, coffee socials, educational workshops, foster family events, etc. please contact our Foster Parent Support Program staff at 250-564-9064 ext 24.

**Parents Together at Intersect**

Parents Together is a supportive and educational community group for parents of teens. If your teenagers choices and behaviours are stressing you out, frustrating you or worrying you .... Come check out this group and realize you are not alone. Every Monday night for two hours. Facilitator: Judi 1294-3rd Ave. Contact Intersect at 250-562-6639

**Prince George Family Services Society**

Provision of short-term, in-home family preservation services to families whose children may be at risk of being removed. Family reunification and crisis intervention. No cost. Referral from Ministry of Children and Family Development required. Contact Loren Tudor at 250-564-3515 [pgfamily@telus.net](mailto:pgfamily@telus.net)

**Rural Family Support Online Forum**

BC Schizophrenia Society  
Do you live in rural BC and support a family member or friend coping with mental illness? Do you find it hard to get to an in-person support group? This private discussion area is available to you 24/7. Go to <http://www.support.bcsc.org/> to sign up.

No cost.

24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Online

Contact Kim Dixon at 250-561-8033 or 1-888-561-8055 [kimdixon@bcsspg.org](mailto:kimdixon@bcsspg.org) [www.bcsspg.org](http://www.bcsspg.org)

**Family Fun****Little Artist's Program**

•No cost • Drop-in • Parent participating program • Early learning art experience for parents and their children aged 0-6

A fun and messy approach to creative expression in the youngest artists.

Thursdays from 10:00am– 11:30am

(including clean-up)

Contact 250-614-0684

South Fort George Family Resource Centre, 1200 LaSalle Ave, Prince George, BC

**YMCA of Northern BC**

Our toddler, children and youth programs are family friendly, fun, interactive and affordable!  
Financial Assistance is available for those that qualify. Call 250 562 9341 to arrange a tour or [nbc.ymca.ca](http://nbc.ymca.ca) for information

**Financial Aid and Legal Aid**

(Please contact a service provider for assistance with applications)

**New Information regarding Child Care Changes, improvemnets and governemnet plan:**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care/child-care-improvements>

**Clicklaw BC**

<http://www.clicklaw.bc.ca/>

This site provides legal information, education and help for British Columbians.

**Canadian Bar Association lawyer referral service -**

tel: 604-687-3221

\* A list of lawyers and some will do initial consults of an hour for only \$25.

**Native Court worker & Counselling Association of BC**

The Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of B.C., is an Aboriginal Agency with our offices located inside of the Prince George Court House in Room 1045 as well as on the third floor of the Scotia Bank Building in Room 304. We provide information, support, and advocacy for Aboriginals, spouses of Aboriginals, and family members who are accused of a crime, going through Family Court Matters, and who need general support for housing, treatment etc. We alleviate the stress of speaking to Justice Officials and Court Staff, while supporting and encouraging our people. We can be contacted toll free at 1-877-811-1190 Ext.320 for Christina Draegen – Northern Regional Manager, Ext. 321 for Carmen Williams – Youth and Family Advocate, Ext. 322 for Jordan Contois PG and Quesnel Native Courtworker; Lori Henry is the Native Courtworker covering Prince George, Tsay Keh Dene, and Kwadacha

**The Parents Legal Centre in Prince George  
Located at 302-1488 Fourth Avenue**

**Phone: 250-277-0100**

The Parents Legal Centre (PLC) is a service provided by the Legal Services Society. The Centre helps parents (or persons in a parental role) address social worker’s concerns about their children’s safety early on and collaboratively to avoid a trial in court.

- Support by a team of lawyer and advocate;
- Information and advice on options for resolving child protection issues as early as possible;
- Legal advice and representation at collaborative processes such as mediation, family case planning conferences and other meetings;
- Information and support throughout the process;
- Legal advice and representation at uncontested hearings; and
- Assistance connecting to other services, including counselling and housing.

PLC services are available to people who meet LSS’s financial eligibility guidelines. They assist families prior to and during their involvement with the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Legal Guide and Resource Booklet**

**Parent Support Services Society of BC**

Online resource offering legal and financial information and resources for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren <http://www.parentsupportbc.ca/>

**My Support Calculator -**

**[www.mysupportcalculator.ca](http://www.mysupportcalculator.ca)**

\* The calculator itself is very useful, but even more so is the straight forward directory available on this page (to the right) with a list of family lawyers, and other related professionals.

**CanLII <https://www.canlii.org/>**

\* This is an excellent search engine about Canadian Law

**Family Law Legal Advocacy Program**

We work with families considering separation, separated caregivers, parents, grandparents or other family members seeking custody, very young parents; and families who are involved with the Ministry for Child and Family Development. We can assist you in setting reasonable goals and in navigating the court systems to obtain a legal solution. The Family Law Legal Advocacy Program provides free assistance to anyone with family law issues or questions. It’s important to note that services are offered by a legal advocate, not a lawyer. We provide information, referral, advocacy, court support, and assistance with legal form completion; in the following areas, so that community members can develop a plan to move forward:

- Parental arrangements, children’s rights, child protection
- Child or spousal support
- Separation and divorce, guardianship
- Protection orders
- Family Maintenance Enforcement and Protection (FMEP)

For more information, please contact:

Prince George Native Friendship Centre  
Family Law Legal Advocacy Program  
Elizabeth Hannah, Family Law Advocate  
1600 - 3rd Avenue (3rd Floor), Prince George, BC  
V2L 3G6  
Phone (250) 564-4324 or Fax (250) 614-7728  
Email: [lawadvocate@pgnfc.com](mailto:lawadvocate@pgnfc.com)

**The Aboriginal Business and Community Development Centre aims to improve Financial Literacy** in the community by hosting FREE

Financial Literacy workshops to various groups and individuals. Workshops are interactive and conversation-based and cover topics such as banking, money management, saving, borrowing money, debt, and credit.

Juanita Shields  
Financial Literacy Coordinator  
Aboriginal Business Development Centre  
250-562-6325

**Help for Everyday Legal Problems  
New Website Helps BC Residents with Everyday Legal Problems**

The Justice Education Society of BC (JES) is pleased to announce the launch of their new website: [www.JusticeEducation.ca](http://www.JusticeEducation.ca). With this site, the Society is introducing a range of new information and services that will help improve the legal capability of British Columbians.

**JP Boyd on Family Law wikibook:**

**[http://wiki.clicklaw.bc.ca/index.php/JP\\_Boyd\\_on\\_Family\\_Law](http://wiki.clicklaw.bc.ca/index.php/JP_Boyd_on_Family_Law)**

\* A good link to share with many people if they want to do their own research without getting lost in jargon.

**Courthouse Libraries:**

<http://www.courthouselibrary.ca>

\* A great place to start for any research Courthouse Libraries BC is pleased to announce that our new Clicklaw Wikibook, [The Beginner's Guide to Finding Legal Information: A how-to for legal research and representing yourself in court in British Columbia](#) is now available online. Our [news release](#) gives detailed information about the publication. We describe the Guide as a new resource that: "helps people handle their everyday legal problems. It is particularly useful to people who are representing themselves in court in British Columbia. Written by librarians at Courthouse Libraries BC, the new Guide gives a basic introduction to understanding laws & legislation, and gives how-to instructions to find specific legal resources on a given topic." You can print out a copy of the Guide by using the PDF download feature (currently 27 pages), or download it as an ePub on a mobile device.

**Representative For Children and Youth**

1 800 476-3933 [www.TalktotheRep.ca](http://www.TalktotheRep.ca)  
Children and Youth in Care have rights. The Representatives advocate for children and youth. They are there to answer your questions and assist you with resources.

**Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George**  
*Yunkawhut'en ba koo "houses for Aboriginal people"*

We provide safe, healthy, and affordable housing for Aboriginal people of all incomes, ages, and capabilities. Our housing portfolio includes Prince George and the surrounding region. Applications can be found on our website at [www.ahspg.ca](http://www.ahspg.ca) or in the office at 1919 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Prince George, BC V2L 5R2

If you have applied in the past, please ensure that your application is up to date. Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George is currently accepting applications for our newly built one bedroom apartment suites at 1811 Spruce Street, with an anticipated move in date of early February 2019 (For applicants 55 years of age and older).

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office at 250-564-9794. Our friendly staff is looking forward to helping you with your housing needs.

**Family Justice Centre**

250 565-4222 1 888 668-1602  
[www.ag.gov.bc.ca/family-justice](http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/family-justice)

Emotional support and short-term counseling  
Referrals to emergency and community services  
Information and mediation services for custody, access, support

**Legal Services Society (LSS), the organization that provides legal aid in BC.**

If you have a legal problem and can't afford a lawyer, we can help. Join the thousands who use the self-help information on our Family Law in BC website or who read our free legal information publications. You may also qualify for some legal advice from a lawyer or even for a lawyer to take your case.  
<http://legalaid.bc.ca/>

**The Family LawLINE: Legal Services Society**

Is a telephone advice service provided by Legal Services Society. Provides eligible clients legal advice and support to assist them with family law issues. In addition to legal advice, the Family LawLINE provides: Appointments with the same lawyer. Assistance preparing documents for court. Coaching to help you represent yourself through all stages of court and other collaborative processes.  
Telephone Legal Services Society:  
604-408-2172 or (toll free) 1-866-577-2525  
Monday to Friday, 9 am - 3 pm (Wednesday to 2:30 pm).

**Canada Child Tax Benefit** Canadian Government  
The Canada Child Tax Benefit is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under 18. May include the National Child Benefit Supplement, BC Family Bonus, and Universal Child Care Benefit. Contact Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-387-1193  
[www.cra-arc.bc.ca/benefits/](http://www.cra-arc.bc.ca/benefits/)

**Affordable Child Care Benefits - BC**  
Ministry of Child and Family Development  
Monthly payment that helps families with low incomes to cover the costs of childcare.  
Contact Enquiry BC at 1-888-338-6622  
[www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/)

**Child Disability Benefit**

Canadian Government  
The Child Disability Benefit is a tax-free benefit for families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in mental or physical functions.  
Contact Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-387-1193  
[www.cra-arc.bc.ca/benefits/](http://www.cra-arc.bc.ca/benefits/)

**Income Assistance**

Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance  
Program provides financial assistance to eligible people with low incomes.  
Contact Income Assistance at 1-866-866-0800  
[www.eia.gov.bc.ca/publicat/bcea/applying.htm](http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/publicat/bcea/applying.htm)  
**Pharmacare Program** Government of BC Provides information about the status of individual claims being processed and how to apply for reimbursement.  
Contact Health Services at 1-800-554-0250

**YMCA Assisted Memberships**

Family YMCA of Prince George  
Assisted memberships are available to those who would benefit from joining but are unable (not unwilling) to pay full fees.  
Visit the Member Services desk at the Main YMCA Facility (2020 Massey Dr.) or call 250-562-9341.

**CONFIDENT KIDS, PRODUCTIVE ADULTS**

The Psychology Foundation of Canada applies the best psychological knowledge to create practical programs helping children become confident, and productive adults. Our programs and resources are delivered through multiple channels and diverse partnerships across Canada.

<https://psychologyfoundation.org>

**Social & Emotional Health**

**Y Mind Programs**

If stress and anxiety are impacting your life and preventing you from doing what you want or need to do, Y Mind groups can give you the tools and support you need.

Programs are free and come with a FREE 3-month YMCA membership

Eligibility requirements:

\*Be able to attend all program sessions

\*Experience anxiety or depression

For more information visit <http://nbc.ymca.ca/youth-services/y-mind/>

Please contact the YMind Program Coordinator at [ymind@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:ymind@nbc.ymca.ca) to sign-up.

**Prince George Hospice Society/ Grief and Loss Programs**

**Rainbows Program**

Rainbows grief and loss program for children and teens who have experienced a painful transition from death, divorce, separation, or abandonment. The next session starts Tuesday, September 10th. If we have enough interest, we will be running an adult group at the same time as the children. The program is free of charge, and registration is happening now. Please call Catherine at 250-563-2551 or information or registration.

**Broken Circle** Grief program for adults who have had the loss of a loved one. We ask that you be 3 months from the death of your loved one. Next session is in January, but please phone for registration. Catherine at 250-563-2551

**Tea Time for the Soul**

A casual drop in to share your grief story. Begin to peel the layers of grief away. Tea and cookies are provided. Monday afternoon 3:00-5:00pm, and Saturday mornings from 9:0-11:00am. There is no fee. Catherine or Denise at 250-563-2551

**Coffee for the Caregiver**

Are you a Caregiver? So you need some time for yourself? Come and share with others in a safe place. Talk about the struggles and successes. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00pm

**Heartbeat**

Every community experiences death by suicide. When an intentionally self-inflicted death occurs families and friends suffer a magnitude of isolated, complicated grief. Because the grief that follows suicide is different from grief resulting from other causes of death the Canadian Mental Health Association formed HEARTBEAT, a group of mutual support for those who have suffered loss through suicide. For more information contact Sandy at 250-961-9330 or e-mail [galletti@telus.net](mailto:galletti@telus.net) or visit [heartbeatsurvivorsaftersuicide.org](http://heartbeatsurvivorsaftersuicide.org)

**Community Counselling Centre**

Now taking referrals for individual counselling; there is no waitlist at this time!

Our couples intakes are waitlisted for some time but we are still accepting referrals.

The Centre is also in the process of forming groups, please refer any clients interested in this modality to John Sherry, the cost will be **\$5 per session.**

We will be sending out new information about the Centre for training opportunities as well.

Our prices remain the same:

10\$ for individual

20\$ for couples

These prices are on a sliding scale.

Referral Line: 250-960-6457

**BC Bereavement Help Line**

1-877-779-2223 Toll Free

<http://www.bcbereavementhelpline.com/>

**Native Healing Centre Adult Addictions**

**Counselling Services**

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

A culturally based counselling service for adults dealing with addictions. Prince George Native Friendship Centre, 1600-3rd Ave., 3rd floor. 250-564-4324.

**Native Healing Centre Adult Counselling Services**

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

A culturally based counselling service for adults dealing with abuse, residential school abuse, emotional problems, grief and loss, relationship problems and more. Prince George Native Friendship Centre, 1600-3rd Ave., 3rd floor. 250-564-4324.

**Native Healing Centre Child/Youth Counselling Services**

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

A culturally based counselling service for children and teens dealing with abuse, emotional problems, grief and loss, relationship problems and more. Prince George Native Friendship Centre, 250-564-4324.



**Aboriginal Child & Youth Wellness Program**

The Aboriginal Child & Youth Wellness Program was created for children, youth and their families; to promote wellness, balance and healing. In terms of the medicine wheel, balance means being strong emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually. Our program is based in Prince George, and we have support workers and clinicians who travel to, or live near our communities. Our team works with Lheidli T'enneh, McLeod Lake, Tsay Keh Dene and Kwadacha. Offering cultural counselling services, assessment and workshops For more information, please contact:

1600 - 3rd Avenue (3rd Floor), Prince George, BC V2L 3G6

Phone (250) 564-4324 Fax (250) 614-7728

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 daily

**The Project Friendship Society** is a non-profit charitable society; our main goals are to provide opportunities for adults with diverse abilities. Membership and Registration fee for the 2019/2020 year is \$10. This is a onetime fee and covers all the programs we offer. For more information please call Lois at 250 552-5545 or the Project Friendship line at 250 613-2800.

**Joyful Tone Singers** meets every Tuesday starting September 10, 2019 at First Baptist Church 5th and Harper from 1 pm until 2 pm. This group is for all who love music and singing. Some of our members are nonverbal but they love the beat of the music. So to this end we really need people who like to sing, especially where there is no critical ear and the focus is on fun. Joyful Tone Singers has No Drop In Fees.

**Ricochet Recreation** better known as Ric Rec is a social group that meets every Wednesday at the Kinsmen Community Centre, 777 Kinsmen Street. We meet from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm. Our first day back will be September 11, 2019. Ric Rec offers events like Card Bingo, Karaoke, Games, Crafts, Outside Entertainers, Scavenger Hunts, Dances and Parties. This group also opens its doors to the grade 11/12 students who will soon be transitioning into the adult world and possibly looking for things to do. Ric Rec's Drop In Fee is \$3.00 per week.

Nov 06 – Bingo & Hot Seat Prize

Nov 13 – Games Day

Nov 20 – Fitness Frenzie

Nov 27 – Christmas Karaoke

Dec 04 – Christmas Card Bingo & Hot Seat Prize

Dec 11 – Christmas with Santa – Please bring finger food to share & A wrapped gift – value no more than \$10 – Marked male, female or either

As well instead of bringing in your \$3 for drop in, please bring a non-perishable item for the St Vincent de Paul food bank

January 8, 2020 – Card Bingo

**Victim Services Program**

**The Prince George Native Friendship Centre's Victim Services program** provides support for our Prince George community members, who may be struggling after an incident of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or human trafficking. We offer a genuine, caring and empathetic approach to being present with a survivor, to hear his or her story and to help with the process of moving toward healing. This can include supporting community members during their time attending court, helping to navigate the complexities of the legal system, and helping to find resources that can assist in developing tools for personal wellness. This program supports both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous community members with the challenges that may surface following survival of a crime, including court orientation, victim impact statements, court accompaniment, liaising with crown counsel and the RCMP, providing general court information, and accessing the "Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP)". We work collaboratively with and can refer out to counseling, lawyers, multicultural supports, court workers, housing, literacy, human rights complaints services and police complaints services.

For more information, please contact:

Prince George Native Friendship Centre

Victim Services Program

Nicole King-Smith

1600 - 3rd Avenue (3rd Floor), Prince George, BC V2L 3G6

Phone: (250) 564-4324, or Fax: (250) 614-7728

Email: [nkingsmith@pgnfc.com](mailto:nkingsmith@pgnfc.com)

**Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling Program**

Elizabeth Fry Society  
A psycho-educational counselling program providing individual or group counselling to children ages 3-18. Self-referrals welcome.  
No cost. 1575 5th Ave.  
Contact Debra at 250-563-1113

**Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling Program Phoenix Transition Society**

A counselling program for children that provides one on one, sibling or group counselling in a childlike environment. sandracw@shaw.ca  
No cost. Ages 3-18 years.  
Mon-Fri, 1-5 pm. 1780 11th St.  
Contact Sandra Morton at 250-563-7315

**Circle of Truth (COT)**

Surpassing Our Survival (SOS Society) Sexual Violence Prevention and Counselling Services  
A program that provides men an opportunity to work through and begin healing from the traumatic effects of sexual violence. Provides support for significant family members. No cost. As required - 8:30am-4:30 pm #102-1112 6th Ave.  
Contact 250-564-8302

**Prince George Sexual Assault Centre Men's group.**

15 week program for men 18 and older who have been impacted by sexual violence.  
Next program starts in fall 2018.  
Call Marianne at (250) 564-8302 to register.

**Kids Konnection**

Surpassing Our Survival (SOS Society) Sexual Violence Prevention and Counselling Services  
Counselling, support and education for children and caregivers after disclosure of child sexual abuse.  
No cost.  
Contact 250-564-8302

**Stop The Violence**

Surpassing Our Survival (SOS Society) Sexual Violence Prevention and Counselling Services  
Counselling and support services for women who have experienced violence in all its forms, specializing in sexual violence. No cost. Contact Lynnell Halikowski at 250-564-8302 [lynnellh@telus.net](mailto:lynnellh@telus.net)

**Thursdays Anger & Stress management group 1:30-3:00**

Location: Victoria Towers (1245 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue)  
contact Michele Jones at 250-563-1281 Ext 203 or [michele@csfs.org](mailto:michele@csfs.org) to register

**Victim Support Services**

Elizabeth Fry Society of Prince George  
Short term crisis intervention for women who have experienced violence in a relationship. Victim Support Services also offers advocacy, information on the criminal justice system, support groups, crisis intervention and more.  
No cost 1575 5th Ave. Contact 250-563-1113

**Physical Health****Medical Crisis Line**

Northern B.C. Friends of Children Society  
Assists parents with children from birth to 19 years who are experiencing a medical crisis. Offers counselling, resource referral and financial grants for: travel, therapy, medical equipment and prescriptions. Referral area from Williams Lake to Yukon.  
No cost.  
9am-4pm, Mon-Fri. 221-1600 3rd Ave.  
Contact Riley Wilcox at 250-564-2217 or toll free 1-866-564-2217 [friendsofchildren@telus.net](mailto:friendsofchildren@telus.net)

**Audiology (Hearing) Clinic**

Northern Interior Health Unit  
Hearing evaluation, fitting of amplification devices and sale of hearing aids and accessories for infants and children up to 18 years. Referral from doctor required.  
1475 Edmonton St. Contact the Hearing Department at 250-565-7371

**NH Speech and Language Clinic**

Northern Health - PG Speech and Language Clinic  
Provides assessment and intervention to children with communication delays and disorders. Provides support to families and children from birth to five years in the areas of early language and literacy.  
No cost. Referrals welcome from parents and agencies. Individual dates set. Health Unit, 1444 Edmonton St, 1st floor. Contact the Speech & Language Clinic at 250-565-7370  
For more information, please go to our website: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/services/programs/speech-and-language-program>

**Community Care Licensing**

The purpose of the Community Care Licensing program is to make sure that licensed facilities are healthy and safe environments for adults, youth and children in care. We represent the public and families who rely on care providers to look after their loved ones. Daycares or residential care facilities that provide care and supervision to three or more children, who aren't related to the caregiver, need a community care facility license. If you or someone you know is providing a type of care that may require a license, please feel free to contact us. Northern Health Licensing Officers are pleased to assist with the application process. More information can be found on our website at <http://www.northernhealth.ca/YourHealth/CommunityCareLicensing.aspx>

**Healthy Kids Program - Dental and Vision**

**Assistance** The Healthy Kids Program helps low-income families with costs associated with basic dental care and prescription glasses for their children.

- Dependent children under 19 years of age, in families approved for premium assistance by the Medical Services Plan (MSP) through the Ministry of Health Services, are automatically registered with the Healthy Kids Program.
- Dental- Children are eligible for \$1400 of basic dental services every two years. This coverage includes services such as exams, x-rays, fillings, cleanings and extractions. Dentists can advise families of other services that may be covered.
- Optical - Children are eligible for prescription eyeglasses (lenses and basic frames) once in a twelve-month period. Children's eye examinations are covered by MSP. Inquire at Ministry of Social Development:  
[http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2005/healthy\\_kids.htm](http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2005/healthy_kids.htm)

**The Federal government has the "Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program"**

which provides supplementary health benefits, including prescription and non-prescription drugs, for registered First Nations and recognized Inuit throughout Canada. See <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/index-eng.php>

To be eligible for NIHB, the person must be identified as a resident of Canada and be one of the following:

- a.A registered Indian according to the Indian Act;
- b.An Inuk recognized by one of the Inuit Land Claim organizations; or
- c.An infant less than one year of age, whose parent is an eligible recipient.

**Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy  
Child Development Centre, 1687 Strathcona Avenue, Prince George**

These services provide therapy support for children with special needs and/or developmental delays. Most of these services are for children from birth to school entry. However, we offer limited occupational therapy and physiotherapy services to school age children with more substantial mobility issues. We help children with developmental challenges develop their communication, gross and fine motor, independent daily functioning skills, as well as the development of the ability to participate in regular and adapted community activities. No cost. Ongoing. For additional information contact Debbie at (250)563-7168 extension 225 or email [therapy@cdcp.org](mailto:therapy@cdcp.org), or check out information on our website at <http://cdcp.org/therapy.shtml>.

**Child Health Clinic**

Northern Health – Public Health Clinic  
Providing immunizations to children starting at 8 weeks of age. Provide information on growth & development, nutrition, safety, dental health, postpartum depression, etc. and referrals as needed. No cost. Appointments available Monday to Friday. Located in the Auditorium at the Health Unit, 1444 Edmonton St.  
To book an appointment please call 250-565-7381

**Nursing Support Services**

A provincial program of RN's assisting parents and caregivers of children with persistent and challenging health needs. We provide education to Teaching Aides in schools, provide services in-home, work with families for consultation and assessment to access health care supplies and equipment, and provide consultation and referral information for families as well as access to nursing. Health Unit, 1444 Edmonton St., 2nd floor.  
Contact Jaime or Marilyn at 250-612-4519 or 250-565-7391

**On-call and Drop-in Health Services**

Northern Health –Public Health and Primary Care Nursing. Access to nurse via phone or drop-in for a wide range of topics concerning child and family health and wellness. Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00pm and 12:30pm–4:00 pm (Except statutory holidays) 1444 Edmonton St. 250-565-7478.

**School and Youth Health**

Northern Interior Health Unit  
School age immunizations, Kindergarten, Grades 6 and 9. Provide school-age child health information. Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm. 1444 Edmonton St.  
Contact a nurse at 250-565-7478

**Northern Health Connections**

Northern Health  
A travel service program for patients needing to travel for out-of-town medical appointments in northern BC and between northern BC and Vancouver.  
Nominal fee based on distance.  
Contact Northern Health Connections at 1-888-647-4997  
[www.northernhealth.ca](http://www.northernhealth.ca)

**Northern BC Children & Families Hearing Society** reaches out to children and families with hearing challenges from all communities of Northern British Columbia. We offer networking, socialization, and educational events throughout the year. These include educational workshops, sports workshops, ASL lessons for children and social events such as our Christmas party and spring barbeque. Our biggest event is our annual Adventure Camp at Ness Lake in September. Every month our Play Learn Share Grow social group meets at a different venue where both children and parents can socialize and have fun. All children and families with deaf or hard of hearing members are welcome to our events! We have a great resources library of DVD's, children's books and baby signing books located at the PG Child Development Centre. Each month we email an informative newsletter full of resources and we have a Facebook page. To sign up for our newsletter or learn more about our events and library, please email [pgdeaf@telus.net](mailto:pgdeaf@telus.net) or phone 250-563-2425. [www.nbchearingsociety.com](http://www.nbchearingsociety.com)

### **Help Lines**

#### **Children and Family Information Line**

Northern Health - Children and Families Team  
Public health nurse available to address concerns regarding children's health, childcare, and parenting.  
Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm.  
Contact the Information Line at 250-565-7478

#### **Foster Parent Support Line**

Contact the Foster Parent Support Line at 1-877-392-1003 ext. 205 and ask to be directed to the Foster Parent Program on call worker

**Parent Advocacy Support Line.** Help is available to assist parents dealing with issues at school. If you are worried about issues at your child's school please call and access our confidential support. 250-562-0085  
School District 57 Parent Advisory Council

#### **Crisis Line**

Crisis Prevention, Intervention and Information Centre for Northern BC  
No cost, confidential, anonymous peer support and referrals.  
Handles TTY (hearing impaired) calls. Access to the language line for those requiring an interpreter.  
24 hours/day 7 days/week. 1600-3rd Ave., 5th floor  
Contact the Crisis Line at 250-563-1214 or 1-888-562-1214 [pgcrisiscentre@telus.net](mailto:pgcrisiscentre@telus.net)  
[www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca](http://www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca)

#### **Canadian Grandparents Rights Association**

Promotes, supports, and assists grandparents and their families in maintaining or re-establishing family stability. Guides people in the initial process of obtaining custody of, and access to, their grandchildren.  
Contact Donna at 250-617-2622 or 250-962-9250

#### **Helpline for Children**

24 hour toll free phone line for children needing help. Takes reports of child abuse and neglect from any concerned party. Contact the Helpline at 250-310-1234

#### **BC Bereavement Help Line**

1-877-779-2223 Toll Free  
<http://www.bcbereavementhelpline.com/>

#### **Youth in BC 24 Hour Distress Line**

604-872-3311  
1-866-661-3311 Toll Free  
<http://youthinbc.com/>

### **Teen Resources**

#### **Foundry Prince George**

We believe young people should have a voice in their care and that finding the right support shouldn't be difficult. Foundry provides a one-stop-shop for young people 12 to 24 years to access mental health care, substance use services, primary care, social services and youth and family peer supports. We provide safe, non-judgmental care, information and resources, and work to reach young people earlier – before health challenges become problematic. Foundry brings health and social services together in a single place to make it easier for young people to find the care, connection and support they need.

Open Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm; all services are free, confidential and walk-in ready.  
For more information, please get in touch with us:  
Phone: 236-423-1571 Fax: 236-423-3881

1148 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2L 5G6

[foundry@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:foundry@nbc.ymca.ca)

<https://foundrybc.ca/>

Find us on Facebook where you can access both a monthly and weekly calendars, stay update with all of our events, workshops and programs

#### **Prince George OPT Youth Clinic**

Northern Health- Public Health and Primary Care Nursing

Female physician provides information, counselling, and medical services for youth and young adults to age 25. Primarily birth control and STI testing.  
No cost. Cost for birth control. Thu, 3:15-5:30pm.  
Northern Interior Health Unit. 1444 Edmonton St.  
Contact 250-565-7381 for appointments

#### **Native Healing Centre Youth Addictions Counselling Services**

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

A culturally based counselling service for youth and young adults dealing with addictions. Prince George Native Friendship Centre, 1600-3rd Ave., 3rd floor.  
250-564-4324.

**Youth Website** topics on mental, physical and emotional wellbeing: [checkyourhead.org](http://checkyourhead.org)

**Young Parent Program – Elizabeth Fry Society**

Through modeling of respect, commitment and honesty, we strive to enhance family development by sharing knowledge and skills to empower individuals. We offer:

Any person under 24 years of age who was pregnant or parenting before the age of 20

- Daycare
- Educational options
- Family development
- Individual support
- Parenting support
- Social events

We are a program for youth under the age of 24 who was pregnant or parenting before the age of 20 and would like access to individual support; parenting support and information, peer group activities, and exploration of educational opportunities. We offer free, fun family outings and activities, as well as daycare. Outreach workers and family development services provide support and assistance with life skills, housing, and accessing mental health and addictions services. Our partnership with School District #57 provides access to educators and school counsellors. Cost: None Referral Needed: No  
Address: 1575 – 5th Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2L 3L9

Phone: 250-563-1113

Text: 250-612-2688

Website: [www.pgefry.bc.ca/programs/prince-george/young-parent-program/](http://www.pgefry.bc.ca/programs/prince-george/young-parent-program/)

**AGED OUT Website:** Get ready for life on your own; Take care of yourself; Learn useful life skills. Resourceful website developed by former youth in care to assist other youth aging out of care.

<https://agedout.com/>

**Family Mediation Program**

Family Mediation Program through Northern Health's Parent Services, provides services to support parents or caregivers and their teens (between 12-18 yrs of age) by bringing families together, giving everyone an opportunity to be heard and helping families work together to resolved conflict. The Mediator, much like a coach, assists families with working together better as a team! Families can access Family Mediation services through: Ministry of Children and Family Development, your teen's School, an agency supporting your family or by self-referring. For more information call 250-649-4820.

**Teen Guide to Parental Separation and Divorce.**

Government of B.C.

A website which supports teens who are going through parents' separation or divorce. Online.

Contact [www.familieschange.ca](http://www.familieschange.ca)

**YAP - Youth Around Prince (YMCA of Northern BC)**

This is a resource centre located at 1160 7th Avenue that offers services to at-risk youth ages 13 to 24. The centre is home to many agencies including Intersect, Northern Health, MCFD, CASEY, Street Spirits, School District 57 and the YMCA. Contact 250 645 3983 or 250-645-4010 or visit [www.youtharoundprince.org](http://www.youtharoundprince.org) or on Facebook.

**Youth Works Employment Program****YMCA of Northern BC**

This career focused employment program offers qualifying youth, aged 18-24, job skills training, certification training as well as long term planning towards a rewarding career.

To qualify, participants cannot currently be in school full-time.

This service is completely free to qualifying participants

Contact: Youth Works Coordinator:

Debra Hennig

250-565-5428

[debra.hennig@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:debra.hennig@nbc.ymca.ca)

Address: 1148 7th Avenue,

Prince George, BC. 250-645-3966

Website: [www.nbc.ymca.ca/employment\\_services](http://www.nbc.ymca.ca/employment_services)

**Youth Support Line**

Crisis Prevention, Intervention and Information Centre for Northern BC. Confidential anonymous peer support for youth. 24 hours/day; 7 days/week.

Contact 250-564-8336 or 1-888-564-8336

**Website to learn to advocate for your rights online.**

For youth (and their families) who have been exploited through a photo or video of them being posted or shared online. It explains how to get the picture down, what to do and more.

<http://needhelpnow.ca/app/en/>

**Mindcheck.ca is now Foundry Online:**

<https://foundrybc.ca/info-tools/>

Same great resources and tools! A Provincial Resource for those suffering with mental illness or addiction

For those of you with tweens and teens, this website may be of interest. It is a youth and young adult-focused interactive website where visitors can check out how they're feeling and get connected to support early and quickly. Support includes education, self-help tools, website links, and assistance in connecting to local professional resources."

It is a good resource for family members who want to learn more about supporting a child with early signs of mental illness or substance misuse.

**Reconnect Youth Village** – Youth Drop in Centre, Outreach, Street Outreach and Supported Independent Living located at 171 George Street.

A youth centered team of advocates assisting in the empowerment of individuals in a culturally holistic environment which promotes healthy lifestyle choices and transitions. Reconnect offers voluntary youth centered service; providing safe, stable and supportive environment for youth who are at risk or engaged in high risk activity. Reconnect uses a harm reduction model and youth have access to support 24 hours a day. Phone 250-562-2538 email [reconnect1@pgnfc.com](mailto:reconnect1@pgnfc.com) [www.pgnfc.com](http://www.pgnfc.com)

*\*This registry is provided as a convenience to the public. The inclusion of a service should not be taken as an individual endorsement.*

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