

KINSHIP CARE UPDATES

Kinship Care Help Line: Call 1-855-474-9777 (Toll free)

Supporting Kinship Caregivers & Families in B.C

The Province is making changes to protect families in 55+ strata buildings throughout B.C.

Changes to the regulations surrounding 55+ strata buildings and their age restrictions were announced by the Province earlier this month. This amendment expands the list of exemptions to 55-and-over bylaws in strata buildings to include future children, dependents, and spouses or partners of current residents.

These changes will ensure that residents will be able to stay in their homes even if their family structure changes. Residents expecting children and or planning to raise children will not have to worry about losing their homes.

The exemptions will also permit adult children of current residents to move back home with their parents or former caregivers.

If you have any questions about these changes, please call the PSS Kinship Care Help Line at 1-855-474-9777 (Toll free).

[Learn More](#)

Aging and Kinship Care Conference June 10-11, 2023 in Kamloops BC

Let's learn from each other what support can look like. Be part of a weekend filled with learning and networking as we support each other — Working together to improve the lives of grandparents and others raising a relative's child in British Columbia.

Date & Time: Saturday and Sunday – June 10-11, 2023

Location: Thompson River University Conference Centre in Kamloops, BC

Gather face-to-face to connect kinship caregivers from across the province. You will have the

opportunity to share your unique experiences as senior kinship caregivers in a safe forum. Learn about various supports and services through guest speakers.

[Register Now](#)

Are you a kinship caregiver raising a child or youth with significant, complex needs?

The Ministry for Children and Family Development has launched **Enhanced Out-of-Care Support Agreements**.

These agreements are for children needing enhanced supports who are currently on Extended Family Program Agreements, interim or temporary Custody orders to a person other than a parent, or permanent transfers of custody.

Out-of-Care Arrangements are:

- An Extended Family Program (EFP) Agreement under s. 8;
- An interim custody order to a person other than a parent under s. 35(2)(d);
- A temporary custody order to a person other than a parent under s. 41(1)(b), s.
- A permanent transfer of custody to a person other than a parent (following an EFP Agreement or a temporary custody order) under s. 54.01;
- A permanent transfer of custody to a person other than a parent (following a continuing custody order) under s. 54.1

MCFD says, the "Enhanced Out-of-Care Support Agreements will provide comprehensive, wrap-around supports for children and youth living with needs complex enough to impact their day-to-day lives in a profound way."

If you are wondering, "What is significant, complex"? Is my child eligible? Please check out [MCFD's Eligibility Flyer here](#).

If you need support understanding whether your kinship care arrangement meets the out-of-care agreement requirement, please call the PSS Kinship Care Help Line at 1-855-474-9777 (Toll free).

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Grand Gathering Workshop

For BC grandparents raising grandchildren and others raising the child of a relative,

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Supporting Children through their Emotions:

Does it feel overwhelming when your child has the “big feelings” that seem to come out of no where? Come and learn practical strategies to calm their stress response system and foster their ability to regulate through co-regulation and connection with you as the caregivers.



Workshop Presenter:

Brenda Dragt, MSW - CCI Consultant & Lead Trainer, Complex Care & Intervention program with Complex Trauma Resources.

Register for this free, online workshop today!

[Register Now](#)

You can now meet with our advocates on Zoom, in addition to the phone!

You can now schedule a meeting with our advocates on Zoom, in addition to the phone. The Kinship Care Help Line operates **Monday, Tuesday from 10AM – 2PM & Thursday, Friday from 9AM – 5PM.**

Call the Kinship Care Help Line for assistance to:

- Navigate complex service systems such as the Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Overcome information barriers; find the answers, assistance, and resources
- Identify benefits and services that will support the whole family

Please note that Help Line advocates can provide fulsome legal information but cannot provide legal advice. To book an appointment today, visit our website or click below.

[Book Appointment](#)

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CONTACT US

If you need more information – please contact
PSS's Kinship Care Help line at:



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Toll-Free: 1-855-474-9777
Email: kinshipcare@parentsupportbc.ca

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Thursday, Friday 9AM – 5PM

New: Scan QR code to book
an appointment or click
here: ([Mon-
Tues](#)) or ([Thurs-Fri](#)).

About Us

At Parent Support Services Society of BC, our mission is to support the well-being of all families and children by empowering those in a parenting role through community connections, research, education, and advocacy. [Visit our website to learn more!](#)

Make an Impact

We're grateful for all those involved with PSS—Make a difference in the lives of BC families by joining our community of supporters!

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Situated on the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories
of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish),
and sel̓ilwílulh (Tsleil-waututh) Nations.

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather on and provide services in, is on the
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