

# KINSHIP CARE UPDATES

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

*Supporting Kinship Caregivers & Families in B.C*

## **New annual affordability payment for families receiving financial assistance through the Child in the Home of a Relative (CIHR) program.**

The new annual affordability payment is an optional supplement of up to \$8,797.36 (youth aged 14 to 17 years) and \$8177.92 (youth aged 18 years) and is offered until the youth's 19th birthday.

**This is an opt-in payment program – you must apply to receive the funds.**

It is an annual payment (not monthly). Payment will be paid in the month of the child's birthday.

- If that birthday occurred between April 2023 and June 2023 (when the supplement started), a prorated amount will still be paid out the month after the family applies, even if the youth turned 19.

This affordability payment is not taxable but must be reported on tax returns (you will be issued a T5). Therefore, this payment may impact eligibility for other benefits such as GST credits, Canada Child Benefit, or Fair Pharmacare. For more information, click the links below.

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## **The Provincial Tuition Waiver Program (PTWP) will be available for former youth in care of ANY age.**

**Effective August 1, 2023** eligibility for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program will open up to include include former youth in care, including kinship care, of any age, on any care status when they turned 19 regardless of their time in care.

In addition, a new annual grant will be available - up to **\$3,500** to help students who are recipients of the provincial tuition waiver pay for additional costs such as books, computers, and internet services.

For more information on the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program, click the button below.

[Learn more](#)

## First Nations, Inuit & Métis Kinship Care gathering in Houston, BC

The Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Society & Parent Support Services Society of BC invite you to an afternoon to connect with other kinship care providers and share a meal. There will be cultural activities that the children and youth can participate in.



**Wednesday, August 23th, 2023**

**Time:** 12:00PM - 3:00PM

**Location:** Houston Community Hall (2302 Butler Ave, Houston, BC)

**Want more information?**

**Email us at:** [kinshipcare@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:kinshipcare@parentsupportbc.ca)

**Call:** 604-558-4740 or Toll-Free: 1-855-474-9777

[See Event Poster](#)

## Book an appointment with our advocates today!

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.

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## CONTACT US

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

**Greater Vancouver:** 604-558-4740

**Toll-Free:** 1-855-474-9777

**Email:** [kinshipcare@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:kinshipcare@parentsupportbc.ca)

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## 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! Sign-up today to start receiving Kinship Care Updates.

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Situated on the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Tsel̓íl̓wítulh (Tseil-] waututh), Sto:lo, and Qayqayt Nations.

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather on and provide services in, is on the unceded Traditional Territories of all Indigenous Nations of BC.

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