

KINSHIP CARE UPDATES

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

Supporting Kinship Caregivers & Families in B.C

Clarification re: the Canada Dental Plan info that was shared in the last Kinship Care Update

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[Learn more](#)

Kinship Care Gathering in the Lowermainland



Lower Mainland GRAND GATHERING



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023
1:30 PM TO 3:00 PM

Bob Prittie Library (Near Metrotown)
6100 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby, BC

IN-PERSON EVENT

FREE

SCAN TO REGISTER



***For kinship caregivers in the Lower Mainland & children 5-12 years old.**

Limited spaces and pre-registration is required!

We acknowledge the financial support of:
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New Horizons for Seniors Program



The Parent Support Services Society of BC is hosting a free in-person event for Kinship caregivers in the Lower Mainland and the children in their care.

The Grand Gathering event is suited for children between the ages of 5 to 12 and their caregivers. Join PSS' Practicum Student, Sam Thokle for some tea, coffee and sweet treats, as you gather and connect with other Kinship Caregivers in the community!

Date & Time: Saturday, November 25th | 1:30 PM - 3:00PM

Location: Bob Prittie Library, 6100 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby, BC (Near Metrotown Mall)

**Limited spaces available. Pre-registration is required!*

[Register Now](#)

Send your MP a Letter regarding Canada Pension Plan disability benefits



Kinship caregivers who are collecting Canada Pension Plan disability benefits face financial hardship when turning 65. To find out why, download our sample letter which outlines the challenges faced by those families.

This sample letter could also be sent to your Member of Parliament. Find out who your MP is by entering your postal code in the search field using the button below.

[Find Your MP](#)

[Download Sample Letter](#)

Indigenous Kinship Caregiver Gathering in Kamloops, BC on Dec 4, 2023

Kamloops



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2023

Hosted by Secwépemc Child and Family Services Agency & Parent Support Services Society of BC



Parent Support Services
Society of BC

Indigenous

Kinship Caregiver Gathering

10AM - 2PM

Coast Kamloops Hotel &
Conference Centre

1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops, BC

Family lunch and cultural
activity provided!

Register by Nov. 24, 2023

Parent Support Services Society of BC & [Secwépemc Child and Family Services Agency](#) are hosting an Indigenous Kinship Caregiver Gathering in Kamloops, BC.

Kinship caregivers and their children/youth are invited to join us to connect and celebrate the uniqueness of kinship care. There will be a cultural activity for the children/youth, and lunch will be provided.

Date & Time: Monday, December, 4th, 2023 | 10AM - 2PM

Location: Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre, 1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops

Registration required by November 24, 2023.

Got questions? Contact Cassandra Strain at cassandra.strain@parentsupportbc.ca or 1-855-474-9777

Register Now

Grand Gathering Workshops | Open to Kinship caregivers in BC!

Grand Gathering Workshops

For Kinship Caregivers in BC



Online
Workshops

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

Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024 | 10 am - 11:30 am

Coaching our kids through life's obstacles

In today's world, children face life's challenges, and our role is to support and coach them as we co-regulate. As your child's primary defender, your self-care is crucial. This workshop will address how to reflect your child's emotions and help them regulate.

Tuesday, Jan 30, 2024 | 10 am - 11:30 am

Creating and deepening attachment with our children

Healthy attachments are essential for children to feel safe and secure. This workshop will explore various attachments and strategies to meet children's attachment needs, fostering deeper connections.

***Registration required to participate in these workshops!*

[Register Here](#)

Families accessing CIHR Program eligible for up to \$8,797.00 annually for each child

CIHR ANNUAL AFFORDABILITY PAYMENT

Families accessing the Child in Home of Relative (CIHR) program are eligible for up to an additional \$8,797 per year through the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Learn more about the new affordability payment at a virtual townhall:

**Wednesday, November 29
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

email fairness4crr@gmail.com to attend the townhall and/or find more information

Families currently enrolled in the Child in Home of Relative (CIHR) program are eligible for up to an additional \$8,797 per year through the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Learn more about the new affordability payment at a virtual townhall hosted by Fairness For Children Raised By Relatives BC

Date: Wednesday, November 29th, 10AM - 11:30AM

To register: Email fairness4crr@gmail.com

[Learn more](#)

Book an appointment with our advocates today!

You can now schedule a meeting with our advocates on Zoom, in addition to the phone. Call the Kinship Care Help Line for assistance to:

- Helping caregivers find answers, assistance, and resources
- Identifying benefits and services that will support the entire family
- Navigating complex legal & government systems

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 Christina](#)

[Book Cassandra](#)

SCAN ME



New: Scan QR code to visit our website!

CONTACT US

If you need more information – please contact The Kinship Care Help line at:

Greater Vancouver: 604-558-4740

Toll-Free: 1-855-474-9777

Email: kinshipcare@parentsupportbc.ca

Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday 10AM – 2PM

Thursday, Friday 9AM – 5PM

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), Tselílwitʷilh (Tseil-] wautuh), 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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