



Parent Support Services  
Society of BC

# Bill McFarland Award

For the Advancement of Excellence in Child Welfare

**2024**

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### About the award

The Bill McFarland Award was established by BC Parents in Crisis Society (now Parent Support Services Society of BC) in 1997. Over his 50 year career, Bill McFarland was instrumental in the development of progressive programs, policies and services for children and their families.

Bill McFarland was an advocate for children throughout his life and social work career. His achievements include: founder of the Alberta Foster Parents Association, the National Federation of Youth in Care Networks, and Parent Support Services Society of BC. In addition, he was a member of the Berger Commission, a consultant to the Gove Inquiry, and a recognized expert on the Young Offenders Act.

Bill was appreciated by all who worked with him for his integrity, compassion and tireless efforts toward the care and welfare of all children. This award honours his memory and his tireless efforts for the care and welfare of all children.

For more information, visit our website at: [www.parentsupportbc.ca/bill-mcfarland-award](http://www.parentsupportbc.ca/bill-mcfarland-award)

### Nomination Procedure

**The award is presented to a group or individual for:**

- Outstanding devotion to the prevention of child abuse over a long period of time, and/or;
- Efforts related to a project which is making a lasting mark on the welfare of children in BC.

The recipient will be chosen by a committee of our Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the right to award or rescind the Bill McFarland Award in accordance with PSS policies.

Please submit by email to [office@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:office@parentsupportbc.ca) with the Subject line: **McFarland Award** the following information:

1. Your reasons for the nomination, including:

- *the significant contribution this person and/or group has made;*
- *a short description of how others have been inspired or motivated by their efforts;*
- *the specific impact they have had on the welfare of children in BC.*

2. Include your full name, address, telephone number and email address.

3. Include the nominees full name, telephone number and email address, and/or the full name of the organization.

4. Provide the names, telephone numbers and email addresses of two additional supporting nominators.

Nominations are due by **Friday, March 1, 2024**  
Please send your nomination packet to:  
[office@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:office@parentsupportbc.ca)

For inquiries or clarification please contact:  
Jane Bouey, Executive Director  
**604-669-1616 ext 102** or  
[jane.bouey@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:jane.bouey@parentsupportbc.ca)

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## Nominator Information:

Full Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Supporting Nominator #1:

Full Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Supporting Nominator #2:

Full Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominee Information:

Full Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Project or Department: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please describe your reasons for the nomination, including:**

1. What significant contribution has this person and/or group made?

2. Write a short description of how others have been inspired or motivated by their efforts.

3. Describe the specific impact this person has had on the welfare of children in BC.