



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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New and favourite education sessions

We're excited to announce a new online webinar that will air in November: Becoming the Sensory Detective at Home. Learn to identify factors in the home environment that may trigger kids with FASD and explore strategies to reduce the impact of a sensory reaction on the child or youth. [Learn more and register.](#)

Popular education offerings also return this autumn including the AEP-Online, the School Issues & Adoption webinar, the Identity Matters webinar series, and more! [See full education calendar and register for sessions!](#)

Support



Prince George intensive support services: We're launching new adoption support services in the Prince George area: Pre-placement and transition services, specialized family support, challenge-specific support, workshops, and more!



Ladysmith Family Picnic: Join us for a fun afternoon picnic! Connect with other families while the kids splash around the waterpark. Ladysmith: Saturday, August 12 at noon.

Get involved



Join our team: We are looking for a Director of Development to join our senior management team in Burnaby.



Members-only contest: You could win four tickets to see the Vancouver Whitecaps FC play FC Dallas on August 13!



Connecting for life: For the past 11 years, the Victoria Foundation has been by our side, celebrating and strengthening the adoption community. Our donors make a meaningful difference in the lives of waiting children.

Meet the kids



Meet Erica and Jessica: These sweet little girls never miss an opportunity to play outside. They're looking for a forever family, could that be you?

Youth



Volunteer with Speak-Out Youth: We're looking for guest presenters to share their knowledge of public speaking, media interviews, and panel speaking with our youth group.



AFABC Bursary Program: We are now accepting applications for our two bursaries! These bursaries offer improved access to post secondary education for BC youth in and from care and youth who were adopted.

Resources



Celebrate your family: Submit your new arrivals and adoption milestones to be featured in Focus on Adoption magazine. Let us celebrate with you!

Community



FCC BC Summer picnics: Join FCC BC for two family summer picnics! Connect with other families in the area and enjoy the outdoors. Parksville: Saturday, August 22 at noon. Lake Country: Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30pm.



BCCF Calming the Chaos workshop: This BC Council for Families presents this session that looks at trauma and attachment. Learn key strategies to help a child's brain learn how to love. Prince George: Saturday, September 26 at 3pm.



FMNFS 2015 Fall Workshop with Ann Fessler: FMNFS is hosting author and filmmaker Anne Fessler at their 10th annual fall workshop. View the film "A Girl Like Her" and take part in thought provoking workshops. Richmond: October 24 and 25.

In the News

- **[Adoption in British Columbia](#)**
The Vancouver Sun takes a look at adoption in British Columbia, from the paths to adoption, teen adoption, adopting siblings, openness, and more!
- **[BC studies using online photos of kids to seek adoptive parents](#)**
Children's representative says photos are needed, but balance important to maintain privacy.
- **[It's not about gratitude](#)**
"A full understanding and education about adoption cannot be had without listening to adoptees' first-hand perspectives of what it means to be adopted."
- **[200 kids find forever families](#)**
The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption celebrates the 200th adoption made through their Wendy's Wonderful Kids child specific program.

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