



YOUR BEHCHOKQ, WHATI AND GAMETI COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES WORKERS

Foster Parent Newsletter

Tłıchq region

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Current News for February 2018

Legal Defense Fund:

All foster parents are encouraged to sign up for the Legal Defense Fund offered at no cost to our foster parents. This fund allows you to have legal representation if you have an allegation against you or any of your immediate family members. The coverage lasts as long as the FFC-

NWT holds the policy, even if you are no longer fostering. Waivers are included with your foster cheque this month. Please sign the form which provides consent to share your

contact information for registration. Your policy number and card will be mailed directly to you.

Annual Foster Parent Review

A reminder that foster home reviews are taking place in the month of February and March.

Seeking Board Member:

The Foster Family Coalition of the NWT is looking for one more board member for the Tłıchq region. Members will be offered training in March and must commit to one conference call a month, be a model of fostering in the community and region, assist in recruitment, and participate in Foster Family Appreciation Week. Contact Denise Bailey (CSSWIII) for a nomination form. Mary Richardson is on the board for this region. A big thank you to Mary for sitting on the board!

PRIDE Training

Online foster parent training is available to all foster parents in the Tłıchq region. Please contact ffc@ffcnwt.com to sign up. Foster parent sharing circles will be organized in the near future. Stay tuned.

Contact / Behchokq Child & Family Services (BCFS)

- **Phone: (867)392-3005**
- **Fax: (867)392-3006**



Top photo CSSWIII: Kathleen Sydney, Dlootia Wedzin, Stephanie Rabesca, Faith Woodruff, Sarah Hyden, Denise Bailey, Nora Doig. Above photo CSSWIII Dlootia Wedzin, Charlotte Mackenzie, Case Aid Worker: Amanda Rabesca, Office Support: Meranda Lafferty, CSSWIII Kathleen Sydney, and Michelle Hagen. Absent: Rosa Lafferty and Myza Gouthro



How do I get permission for a babysitter to care for my foster children?

Tell your social worker who you want approved as a babysitter. Ask the babysitter to drop off a criminal records check (with vulnerable sector). Once the babysitter has been approved by BCFS, your social worker will contact you and let you know the babysitter is ready to go! Prior approval is required each time a foster parent is requesting babysitting. Following the above steps ensures the babysitter will be paid.

Are my foster children allowed to go to their friends' home for sleepovers? This is a bit tricky, as children under Permanent or Temporary Custody Orders are "in the care of the director". This means the social worker must protect the children from possible harm. Social workers do this by requiring adults to submit criminal record checks before approving sleepovers. Please give lots of notice to your social worker to ensure they can do the proper safety checks prior to sleepovers occurring.

I want to travel during March Break and want to take my foster child with me out of the territory. What steps do I need to take?

Wow! What a wonderful opportunity you are providing! Let the Social Worker know the travel dates so they can write you a Travel Authorization Letter to take with you. You may also be entitled for foster child travel money to assist with their traveling expenses. Please contact your worker to see if you are eligible.



We are preparing for rebuilding the cookhouse at Camp Connections and will be ready for the first session to start on July 3, 2018!

Make sure that you start talking to your foster children about attending Camp Connections so they are prepared and excited to go!

We will be hiring new staff soon and will also be looking for Leaders in Training again. If you have a youth between the ages of 16 – 18 that is interested, please contact the FFC at 1-866-233-0136

