

Foster Parent Newsletter Tłıchǫ Region

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New Staff Member

Dlootia Wedzin joined our staff team in October 2017.

She is a Tłıchǫ citizen who completed her training at Aurora College then returned to Behchokǫ to begin her career. She completed her Diploma in Social Work in April.

She brings experiences from a variety of positions, including case aid in Child Protection, internships at Hopes Haven with homeless youth, and street outreach

with our vulnerable populations.

Welcome Dlootia!

Newest member of the FFC Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce we now have full representation on the Foster Parent Board of directors team. Thank you to Miranda Lafferty who allowed her name to stand for the Tłıchǫ region.

Comfort Kits

Comfort Kits are backpacks filled with comfort items that are given to children and youth entering foster care. These items may include a teddy, a blanket, toiletries, books, and seasonal items such as mittens. Comfort kits are made available through a donation from Ted & Loretta Rogers.



Foster Parent Sharing Group

February 25th was the first Foster Parent Sharing Group. We shared treats and coffee, and discussed parenting and behavioral issues. CSSWIII Denise Bailey was on hand to answer any questions foster parents had about case plans, financial questions, travel questions, court timelines, and foster children's status agreements.

Upcoming Foster Parent Training, taking place in June in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan will occur.

Please forward your name to your social worker if you are interested in possibly attending this training. The next Sharing Group will take place March 19th at noon in the large boardroom.

Finalizing Annual Reviews

Annual reviews are wrapping up. Please ensure you have submitted the requested documents to your social worker, including updated medicals, criminal record checks, and forms.

Youth Handgame Tournament

Numerous of our foster youth participated in the March 5th handgame tournament. Congratulations to all the players on your efforts.

Training

Mental Health First Aid was attended by 3 of our foster parents. The next training will be ASSIST training for suicide intervention, taking place March 12 and 13th.