
Subject: Letter from the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development

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His Worship Mayor Lyn Hall and Council
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Dear Mayor Hall and Council:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am honoured and delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia. It is the month that we acknowledge and celebrate foster caregivers for their invaluable support and commitment to children and youth placed in their care.

Foster Family Month is a marvelous opportunity to show our appreciation and thank caregivers for their incredible kindness and generosity in sharing their homes and their lives with vulnerable children and youth in care.

Since commencing my role as Minister, I have had the opportunity to travel around the province and meet with many amazing foster caregivers, as well as former and current children and youth in care. I have been continually struck by the strength of character and depth of commitment in these caregivers. They undertake heroic work which often goes unrecognized, and I invite you to help ensure these families know their work is appreciated.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies provide supports and services for approximately 6,500 children and youth in care across British Columbia. Government relies on foster caregivers to provide day-to-day stability, care and support to these young people.

I encourage you to get involved – take time to host, celebrate, and participate in Foster Family Month appreciation events in your community. Please join me in recognizing the important role of foster caregivers. Extend a heartfelt thank you, express your gratitude, and acknowledge and recognize the commitment and hard work of these remarkable individuals, and their families.

A new provincial recruitment campaign was launched on October 1, 2018, and will conclude March 31, 2019. In combination with regional recruitment events, the provincial foster caregivers' recruitment campaign ensures that the ministry continues to support a vibrant and growing community of foster caregivers to meet the needs of British Columbia's children and youth in care into the future.

The campaign consists of social and digital media, radio public service announcements, and a new, streamlined Web site, FosterNow.ca, with a direct recruitment focus. The messaging emphasizes success stories of real foster families and former youth in care and how foster caregivers have supported young people to achieve their full potential.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, thank you for your continued recognition and support of foster caregivers in your community who care for this province's children and youth in care.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Katrine Conroy
Minister of Children and Family Development