



January 2019 Month End Report

This report covers the month of January.

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

These items remain a constant focus of the FPSO, and will be forwarded at every opportunity.




Provincial Advocacy in the areas of;

- Raising the Image of foster parents.
- Standardizing the foster care per diem rates for foster parents and reimbursable amounts for the children in care across the Province based on the Toronto CAST model.
- Advocating for a child welfare system that is centered on The Best Interest of the Child.
- The Rights of the child as designated by the United Nations.
- The rights of the caregivers
- The Benefits and Strength of one voice.
- Collaboration with other partners in the Child Welfare field.
- Recognition of the Skill level into Regular, Specialized and Treatment Levels of the foster parents ability to parent different children recognizing the different needs and challenges of the children coming into care.
- Protection to the foster parent specific to CPIN including:
 - Information written about foster parents and how it is stored.
 - Securing our financial and medical information on CPIN.
 - SAFE, financial, medical
 - Foster parent privacy
- Legislation;
- Supports for Children and youth with Special Needs.
- Gathering of adoption disruption and breakdown statics – to better inform adoption practises.


GRID Information.

 ATTACHED

Letters and proposals

 No new letters or proposals this month.






Meetings Attended:

 No meetings were scheduled in the month of January.



Meetings where FPSO was represented

 None scheduled this month.


Pending meetings

-  Executive Officers Meeting (Feb 9 2019)
-  Provincial Advocate
-  CFSRB
-  Adopt4life
-  Evergreen


Connections to our members

-  January 22, month end report
-  During the month of January the majority of communications with members have been on an individual basis. These have been by phone and by email

Conference

-  Conference 2019 is in the early stages of planning, if you have any workshop recommendations please contact Conference Chairperson Elaine Pratt elaine_pratt@me.com

Advocacy

-  During Conference 2018 it was confirmed; FPSO will be revamping the advocacy program, the revised program will levels of advocacy to include; Advocacy Foundations, Safeguarding, Coding and the Eligibility Spectrum, Police Perspectives, Appeals – what to do when you disagree with a decision or action of the CAS. We look forward to having this ready for conference 2019.

- ✚ FPSO is seeking experienced advocates who would be interested in participating in information sharing in preparations for the development of an advanced advocacy workshop. Please contact Vanessa Milley if you are interested Milley17@sympatico.ca

Charitable status

- ✚ We continue to wait for a response from the CRA pertaining to our most recent submission of January 28th.

Private membership

- ✚ FPSO continues to pursue members in the private sector.
- ✚ Discussions have been held with a child welfare colleague who is partnering with FPSO to support memberships in the private sector.
- ✚ A mail out is currently in process to the private sector for 2019.

Website

- ✚ The FPSO has contracted a new webmaster; work has begun to revamp the current website.
- ✚ The website is currently unavailable due to the revamping process.
- ✚ The web email address has been redirected and all of the inquiries that come in through the website are being responded to.
- ✚ In the month of January, even with the temporary unavailability of the website; FPSO has received over 20 inquiries, many regarding interest in the courses we have available, or inquiries about specifics of the website and its pending availability. Some of the emails are regarding child welfare and requests for support.

FPSO Business plan

- ✚ The FPSO business plan was passed at the 2018 AGM. The features of the plan will be integrated into FPSO function and operation.

FPSO Foundation Proposal

- ✚ The members voted to accept the foundation proposal during the 2018 AGM.
- ✚ The officers are looking for volunteers to participate in the preliminary work of developing the foundation.
- ✚ If interested please contact Vanessa Milley at Milley17@sympatico.ca.

Upcoming Meetings Events

- ✚ Spring session of zonal meetings, dates will be set in the month of April and will be confirmed by email.

Fundraisers

- 👤 Fundscrip fundraiser is in the planning stages, details will be distributed shortly.
- 👤 Samko Toy Warehouse fundraiser earned \$100.00. Thank you to all of those who participated.
- 👤 FPSO welcomes any fundraising suggestions. Please contact Dee Duvall our O & S Chairperson with any ideas ddddgirl5@hotmail.com
- 👤 Please keep an eye on your emails for future fundraising opportunities we will be counting on our members to support.

Contact @ Milley17@sympatico.ca, 905-892-1591,

Acronyms:

FPSO – Foster Parents Society of Ontario

AGM – Annual General Meeting

PACY – Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

PAD – Presidents' Advocates' & Directors

OARTY – Ontario Association of Residential Treatment for Youth

ORCA – Ontario Residential Care Association

CAST – Children's Aid Society of Toronto

CPIN – Child Protection Information Network

SAFE – Structured Analysis Family Evaluation