



January 2022 Month End Report

This report covers the month of January

“Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them.” –Lady Bird Johnson

Is winter done yet?? Guess not. Seems the weather predictions for this winter may have had merit. They said we would get plenty of snow, and it seems they were right. Even here in Niagara where many years we have almost as much frozen green grass as we ever have snow. So far this winter has been very white. The shovels and snow blower might be glad they finally have something to do.

Perhaps the snow gave some outdoor fun for our children while we were all home on lockdown. Seems we have all been set free again to move about the province. I hope as we continue forward out of yet another lock down we will go with safety, and good health.

As for the work of FPSO this winter we have kicked things off with a quick start. We have already confirmed the 2022 training calendar, plus arranged the majority of the conference training. We have launched the beginning of the rebuilding of our bursary program; began the work on updating and revamping both the life books training and the safeguarding training; and are going full force to get the pieces in place for our first ever FPSO Car Show.

Stay safe, enjoy the beauty of the snow, and look forward to spring.

Vanessa

Letters and proposals

- ✿ This month the Dues packages went out to all CAS and member leadership, as well as to the complete private sector both those who are already members and those who are not yet members. We included in our dues packages the full 2022 training calendar and a flier for the FPSO Car Show.
- ✿ We have not yet had a final confirmation on the lottery licence, but have been informed we should hear soon.

Meetings Attended:

- ✿ Residential Services table was scheduled for January 13, but has been rescheduled for later in February – Vanessa Milley
- ✿ January 7 – MCCSS discussion on adoption (FWV families) – Vanessa Milley
- ✿ January 13 – OACAS Vaccine Planning – Elaine Pratt
- ✿ January 14 - COVID 19 Taskforce – Elaine Pratt

Connections to our members

All via email – however there have also been many phone calls during this time period from both FPA leadership and individual foster parents.

- ✦ January 14 – Peer Support Network – information sharing
- ✦ January 14 – OACAS Information regarding the wearing of masks
- ✦ January 17 – VAX facts
- ✦ January 17 – ASD Study – looking for participants
- ✦ January 18- FPSO full 2022 training and meeting calendar
- ✦ January 31 – RLO meeting invitation with connection details

Conference

- ✦ Planning for conference 2022 is well underway – this conference will be fully virtual
- ✦ At the time of this report there are a few remaining spots open for presenters – if anyone has suggestions or recommendations please contact Elaine Pratt
- ✦ Plans are in process for a Spring mini-conference/Leadership weekend – It is not yet determined if this event will be live, live with virtual, or fully virtual. We continue to wait and see how the COVID phases change over time.

Annual General Meeting

- ✦ The AGM is set for May 1, in conjunction with the Mini-Conference/Leadership weekend

Training

- ✦ The full training calendar has been emailed out and will be posted on the website;
- ✦ January's training was focused on Eating Disorders.
- ✦ February's training is: Countering Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
By Nurturing a Child's Spirit With Fun, Love, and Belonging, with Landy Anderson

Membership .

- ✦ Members section on the website has been updated, please check your agencies information and link.

Health Care Coverage

- ✦ The work on this with Sun Life seems to have come to a dead-end, we will now look for another company to begin a new conversation.

Fundraisers

- ✦ The FPSO Car Show "*Yesterday and Today*" is well underway. We already have over 30 cars registered, a number of donations for the raffle and funding to run the show. The

flier has been distributed; we welcome any help with distribution and would love to see care from all across the Province registered.

- ✦ Additionally we have shared the documentation for the gathering of donations and would appreciate any help you our members can provide.
- ✦ Much appreciation to Mizfitz Cruizerz of Windsor for hosting this car show and lending their energy and experience to the effort.
- ✦ If anyone has recommendations of fundraisers please contact Operations & Services Chairperson Norm Lalonde @ careyprice6131@gmail.com

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.
 - Advocating for a child welfare system that is centred 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.
 - 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.

Acronyms:

FPSO – Foster Parents Society of Ontario

AGM – Annual General Meeting

CPIN – Child Protection Information Network

SAFE – Structured Analysis Family Evaluation

OACAS – Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies

CAS – Children’s Aid Society

MCCSS – Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

RLO – Regional Liaison Officer

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder

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