

## August 2018 FPSO Month End Corporate Update

Hello everyone;

During the month of August work focus continues to be towards our annual educational conference, and the work on the FPSO Charitable status. Additionally work has begun regarding building bridges with the new native CAS; with a goal of unifying all foster parents in the province. Work has also moved forward regarding FPSO's invitation to membership for the foster parents in the private sector.

The Officers of FPSO have also actively pursued the per diem amounts, reimbursable amounts and mileage rates from each FPA/FFA member to fill out the "GRID" information. We believe this information will be instrumental to all of the local area foster parent associations who will be approaching their CAS for rate increases.

This month end report covers the month of August 2018.

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects (\*Items noted with an asterisk are features of other items within the update\*)

- 👤 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.\*

FPSO advocates for the designated lobbying efforts through letters, meetings and attending events. The designated members of the FPSO board continually bring forward the specific areas of lobbying at every opportunity.

FPSO is working on gathering **Grid information** from all FPA's/FFA's in order to prepare a document that contains the provincial per diems, clothing allowances, mileages, entitlements and reimbursables. In the past this "grid" has been helpful for many of our members in advocating for increases for their members. **Please forward your local area boarding home payment details so your area can be included in the grid.** Send information to [Milley17@sympatico.ca](mailto:Milley17@sympatico.ca)

\*\*\* During the month of August information regarding this item was pursued by the officers of FPSO; our goal will be to have full GRID information compiled for sharing at conference. \*\*\*

#### Letters written

- 👤 The 2017 Foster Parent report will be reviewed at conference at the PAD meeting, to ensure it remains up to date, as it will be distributed in the fall of 2018.

#### Meetings Attended:

- 👤 CCYC – Cecile Brookes participates in the CCYC meetings

#### Connections to our members

- 👤 August 13, email "educational success factors article"
- 👤 August 14, central zone meeting reminder
- 👤 August 17, eastern zone meeting reminder
- 👤 August 21, July month end report
- 👤 August 23, Winter zone meeting note compilation distribution

#### Update on last months documented New Projects

- 👤 Conference registrations are open; and are coming in.
- 👤 Charitable status – The CRA had in July sent a request for further information from FPSO, the bulk of this has been submitted to the CRA. The CRA has followed this with a

phone call for a few more details. These should be submitted shortly. We look forward to the completion of this project and are hopeful of a positive outcome.

### New projects for 2018

- ✦ During the month of August a meeting has been requested regarding the new native agencies and a council they are slating.
- ✦ During the month a full mail out of conference packages was distributed to all CAS designates.
- ✦ During the month a full mail out was distributed to all available foster home operators within the ORCA and OARTY systems; the package contained an invitation to membership with all applicable membership dues contracts, as well as conference brochures and an invitation for them to register their foster parents to attend.

### Upcoming Meetings Events

- ✦ We are expecting in the month of September to see new provincial opportunities and events for FPSO to attend.

### Announcements

Look for your conference registration confirmations during the month of September. In your email confirmations will be a fundraising promotion we are hoping many of you will choose to participate in.

**Conference** – September 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> – **Registration Open**

### Conference schedule

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Wednesday September 26 – 6:00-9:30 FPSO Directors Meeting  
Thursday September 27 – 9:30- 12:00 Directors meeting  
Thursday September 27 – 1:00-5:00 Presidents, Advocates, and Directors Meeting (PAD)  
Friday September 28 – advocacy training and workshops  
Saturday September 29 - Workshops  
Sunday September 30 – 9:00-12:00 – AGM

### November Zone dates

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- South West Zone Meeting Nov 10
- Eastern Zone Meeting Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Central Zone November 17<sup>th</sup>.

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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