

July 2018 FPSO Month End Corporate Update

Hello everyone;

During the month of July focus continues to be towards our annual educational conference, and the work on the FPSO Charitable status.

This month end report covers the month of July 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

*** During the month of July no information regarding this item was received.***

In the month of August all Presidents will be directly contacted requesting the information needed to fill in the "Grids" this information is very important to FPA/FFA's as they meet with their CAS regarding how their foster parent members are recompensed.

Letters written

- 👤 The 2017 Foster Parent report remains pending. The officers believe with the time the document has waited there is value to updating the information before it is distributed. This will be on the agenda for the August Zone meetings for discussion purposes and recommendations from the field regarding the update.

Meetings Attended:

- 👤 No meetings during the month of July

Events FPSO was represented at

- 👤 CCYC – Cecile Brookes participates in the CCYC meetings by tele-conference, and in person, presently these meetings are approximately every three weeks.

Connections to our members

- 👤 There were no full member contacts during the month of July.
- 👤 All connections with members this month have been individual, through phone and email.

Update on last months documented New Projects

- 👤 Conference registrations are open; and are coming in.

- ✿ Charitable status – Last month’s report noted a second package of information required by the CRA. This package was completed and submitted back to the CRA. They have received this package and have returned more documentation to have further information included or adjusted. This work continues to be expansive.

New projects for 2018

- ✿ No new projects begun during the month of July

Upcoming Meetings Events

- ✿ No new meetings scheduled at this time; generally there are fewer meetings over the summer.

Announcements

Please save the date for these upcoming meeting

South West Zone Meeting – August 11 – Kitchener

Central Zone Meeting – August 18 - Newmarket

Eastern Zone Meeting – August 25 – Kingston

Conference – September 27th -30th – **Registration Open**

Conference schedule

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

- South West Zone Meeting Nov 10
- Eastern Zone Meeting Nov 3rd
- Central Zone November 17th.

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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