



October 2018 FPSO Month End Corporate Update

Hello foster friends;

This month end report covers the month of September 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 efforts to seek change through letters, meetings and attending events. The designated members of the FPSO board continually bring forward the specific areas of members concerns, challenges and recommendations at every opportunity.

FPSO has been working on gathering **Grid information** from all FPA's/FFA's. As information has come in, it has been inputted into a chart. This chart has now been formatted by the new FPSO Webmaster. The chart is now more user friendly, can be emailed and printed more easily. The information will be continually updated as more details come in.

If you have not already done so; please forward your local area boarding home payment details so your area can be included in the grid.

Send information to Milley17@sympatico.ca

Letters written

- ✿ The 2018 foster parent report will be distributed as soon as all of the input gathered at conference is integrated.

Meetings Attended:

- ✿ Meeting scheduled with Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth during the month of November and again in February.

Connections to our members

- ✿ October 27, September month end report
- ✿ October 31, Eastern Zone meeting reminder

Advocacy

- ✿ During Conference it was confirmed; FPSO will be revamping the advocacy program, the revised program will levels of advocacy to includ; 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.

Update on last months documented New Projects

- ✿ Charitable status – FPSO continues to wait for a response from the CRA
- ✿ Letter to the private operators to support the opportunity for FPSO membership – FPSO has received a membership application and payment from an operator. We hope this is only the beginning.
- ✿ Website update – work is in process regarding the website update, you may find there will be a week or so the website will not be available for viewing, please be patient as transition takes time.

New projects

- ✿ Upcoming meeting with th4 Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

Upcoming Meetings Events

- 🕯 November session of zonal meetings.

Announcements

- 🕯 Samko Toy Warehouse fundraiser is set for the month of November/December. All of the participation details have been emailed; we hope we can count on your participation.

Conference – 2019 – The 2019 conference is in the early stages of organization, if you have any recommendations or suggestions please contact the FPSO Conference Chairperson Elaine Pratt @ elaine_pratt@me.com.

November Zone dates

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

Thank you to all of FPSO's leadership who participated in this year's Annual General Meeting.

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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