



September 2018 FPSO Month End Corporate Update

Hello everyone;

The month of September report will focus on the 2018 Annual Educational Conference held September 27th-30th; and some of the work outcomes of the conference session of meetings

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

During the month of September the information received was shared by all members present at conference. Following conference more information has continued to arrive.

Letters written

- ✿ The 2017 Foster Parent report was featured during the FPSO PAD Meeting scheduled during the conference session of meetings. This report was reviewed by all of those present and updated. The update looked at language to ensure all shared documentation is in line with the CRA re-application. The update also looked at tone and phrasing to ensure the message carried in the information is not only relevant and pertinent but also written in user friendly format.
- ✿ The report will be distributed as soon as all of the input gathered at conference is integrated.
- ✿ Preceding conference a letter was written to all CAS Executive Directors and Foster Care Supervisors; the focus of the letter was to promote conference attendance. The letter was effective as following the letter the FPSO did receive a number of registrations directly from the CAS's.
- ✿ A letter was written and mailed out to all private sector operators. The focus of the letter was to promote and support conference attendance; as well as sharing the FPSO membership opportunity. FPSO has already begun to receive feedback from the private sector sharing their interest in membership and conference.

Meetings Attended:

- ✿ The conference session of meetings was attended by the Board of Directors, the Executive Officers and Committee chairpersons.

Connections to our members

- 🔥 FPSO Annual Educational Conference – Session of Meetings
- 🔥 September 10, Conference details & schedule - email
- 🔥 September 12, Spring Zone Meeting NOTES Compilation - email
- 🔥 September 14, August Month End Report – email

Update on last months documented New Projects

- 🔥 Conference 2018 was completed.
- 🔥 Charitable status – The final documentation package has been prepared and submitted to the CRA, they have confirmed that they now have everything. FPSO will not wait to hear back from the CRA. We are expecting a positive outcome.
- 🔥 The new native council FPSO had hoped to have a delegate attend has connected back to FPSO. The candidates of the council must fall within specific criteria. FPSO is hoping to satisfy the criteria and have a delegate welcomed to join the council.

New projects for 2018

- 🔥 The FPSO has contracted a new webmaster; work has begun to revamp the current website. The webmaster has also supported the board with the upgrading of the format the “GRID” information is documented within; upgrading the spread sheets used to document membership dues, attrition rates, and provincial trends. During conference information was gathered from those in attendance regarding input for the renewed website.

Upcoming Meetings Events

- 🔥 November session of zonal meetings.

Announcements

- 🔥 FPSO’s new Operations and Services Chairperson is already working on putting together a few new fundraising opportunities, to be launched at the November zonal meetings. FPSO is hoping we can count on the support of our members for these fundraisers.
- 🔥 FPSO Directors and FPA/FFA Member presidents will all receive copies of the FPSO Bylaws, ratified at the September AGM. The Bylaw copies will arrive prior to the November Zonal meetings.
- 🔥 During Conference it was confirmed; FPSO will be revamping the advocacy program, the revised program will include five levels of advocacy including; 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.

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