



Parent Support Services
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Kinship Care Updates

Hello smartname,

Have You Used Our Kinship Care Help Line?

If so, we want to hear from you. Your feedback is so important to us! If you've reached out to our [Kinship Care Help Line](#), please take a moment to share your experience. Your input helps us improve and better support kinship caregivers like you. [Fill out the short survey here!](#)

[Send Us Your Feedback!](#)

Introducing Sm Git 'Tlgoosgm Xsygiik (Danella Angus) of the Lax Kw'alaams Tsm'syen Nation.



We're excited to welcome Danella Angus to our team as our Indigenous Community Development Lead! Danella, who previously worked with us as a Program Coordinator, is from the Lax Kw'alaams Tsm'syen Nation and brings a deep commitment to supporting Indigenous families.

In her new role, she'll be developing culturally rooted programming for parents and caregivers and answering our Kinship Care Help Line.

If you need support, you can reach her at danella.angus@parentsupportbc.ca or call the Kinship Care Help Line at 1-855-474-9777.

We're thrilled to have her expertise and passion back with us—welcome, Danella!

Standing Up for Kinship Caregivers: Progress Made, But More Work to Do



British Columbia ombudsperson Jay Chalke's office released a report in 2022 that found the monthly federal child disability benefit, intended to help care for disabled children, was being kept in the province's coffers instead of being passed on to those with a kinship care agreement with the province.

A recent update to the 2022 report reveals that, as of the end of April 2024, the provincial Ministry of Children and Family Development has transferred nearly \$1.2 million to 251 eligible caregivers to cover the shortfall dating back to April 2019.

We're glad to see that nearly \$1.2 million in federal child disability benefits has finally been given to 251 kinship caregivers in B.C. These funds, owed since 2019, are essential for grandparents and other family members caring for children with disabilities. This correction is an important step forward.

However, serious issues remain. Federal rules still block kinship caregivers from accessing key benefits, like the disability tax credit, which other families can claim. As B.C. Ombudsperson Jay Chalke

said, "[Children should not be disadvantaged because of the way their care is arranged.](#)" (CTV News)

The province has promised to push the federal government for change, but no real progress has been made. We join the call for action to fix these unfair gaps. All children and their caregivers deserve equal support, and we'll keep advocating until they get it.



To celebrate Black History Month, we're hosting this online Black Hair Care Workshop for foster, adoptive and kinship families caring for Black children.

In partnership with [Natural Kids Movement](#).

Hair is more than just hair—it's culture, identity, and confidence. This workshop will provide practical hair care tips, styling guidance, and a deeper understanding of its significance.

Wed, Feb. 26th, 2025, from 4:00PM-5:00PM (PST)

Online – Limited Spots Available!

Register here: forms.office.com/r/jDXZjGCNbt

[Sign Up Today!](#)

[Contact the Help Line.](#)

The Kinship Care Help Line provides support, advocacy and resource information to grandparents and other relatives raising a family member's child.

Greater Vancouver: 604-558-4740

Toll-Free: 1-855-474-9777

Email: Kinshipcare@parentsupportbc.ca

Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday 10am - 2pm

Thursday, Friday 9am - 5pm

Meet the Advocates.



Cassandra Strain

Metis, Indigenous & Kinship Engagement Lead

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Sm Git 'Ilgosgm Xsygiik (Danella Angus) of Tsm'syen Nation

Indigenous Community Development Lead

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Christina Campbell
Child Welfare & Program Development Lead
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At PSS our mission is to support the well-being of all families and children by empowering those in a parenting role through community connections, research, education, and advocacy.

We provide free, confidential, and anonymous Parenting Support Groups, educational Parenting Workshops and a Kinship Care Help Line. Learn more at www.parentsupportbc.ca.



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