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Kinship Care Updates

Hello smartname,

Welcome to the this edition of the Kinship Care Help Line Update! We're glad you're here—this issue brings you the latest news, resources, and supports for kinship caregivers across B.C.

Have You Called Our Kinship Care Help Line?



If you've called our Kinship Care Help Line, we want to hear from you! Your feedback means so much to us. It helps us improve and ensure we're providing the best support possible to kinship caregivers like you.

Here's what others have shared:

★ "This was the best experience. Christina was amazing. It's a bit ago since I spoke with her, but I'm still referring back to her expert information. Wish I'd called earlier on this journey."

★ "...When we received our daughter's baby into our care and didn't know how to handle custody concerns we made a call and everything went so smoothly with the advice we

received. Thank you!! Almost 9 years later and we have custody and a great relationship with her Mom who had done a lot of work to do and be better but knows her daughter belongs right where she is.”

★ “When I received my two grandkids 8 years ago I was not sure what to do. I was so happy to have the contact when I needed. The information I got was helpful navigating the Ministry and eventually the courts. My situation did not require a lot of contact but the fact that they were there was so helpful.”

If you've reached out to our [Kinship Care Help Line](#), please take a moment to share your experience. [Fill out the short survey here!](#)

BC Gov News - Enhanced Rental Assistance Programs Support Families, Seniors



Starting April 1, 2025, the Province is expanding the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) to help more low-income families and seniors afford their rent. As part of Budget 2025, eligibility criteria have been broadened, average monthly benefits increased, and new flexibility added—helping over 30,000 households across B.C. stay in the communities they call home.

RAP improvements include higher income limits, larger average supplements, and the removal of employment income requirements. SAFER changes will extend support to more seniors and boost average subsidies by nearly 30%. With \$375 million invested over the next three years, these enhancements aim to ease the pressure of rising living costs and strengthen long-term housing stability for families and seniors in need.

[Read more here...](#)

Moose Hide Campaign Day | Ending Gender Based Violence



On **May 15, 2025** join Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from across Canada to support reconciliation and help end violence against all women and children.

Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day for connecting, learning, and sharing, where you can hear from inspiring speakers, share experiences, and join workshops. It's a day of ceremony where we invite you to fast with us from sunrise to sunset in our **#FastToEndViolence**. Tune into the livestream or join us for our in-person Workshops and **#WalkToEndViolence** in Victoria, BC.

Supporters are encouraged to wear and share the moose hide pins on the day (and every day!) and organize events with their organizations, schools, or communities. Fasters will be supported on their fasting journey throughout the day. Events are free for anyone to attend.

[Read more here...](#)

No home. No options: Ontario Indigenous kids 'damaged' by system sending them south



Indigenous youth are vastly overrepresented in the child-welfare system -- but what's less well-known are the forces that lead to that reality. To understand, Global News travelled to Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation, also known as Grassy Narrows. Carolyn Jarvis reports how the community is fighting to keep them at home.

[Watch Now...](#)

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 'Tlgoosgm 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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About us.

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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