

Support**Learning****Networking****Northeast
Foster Families**

SUMMER IS HERE

Another school year is over. For some, this is a time to relax and spend more time outdoors. For others, this is a time when scheduling becomes more challenging with all the regular responsibilities *plus* having kids out of school for two long months.

Know that you are not alone! Other foster parents are available to help you out. The Foster Parent Support Coordinator is just a call away. *Thank you for all you do.*

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Fostering has its joys and its unique challenges. If you need support, want to celebrate your wins with someone, or just need someone to vent to, the foster parent support coordinator is here to talk.

Call Tim at **250-793-2267**
or e-mail **foster@communitybridge.ca**

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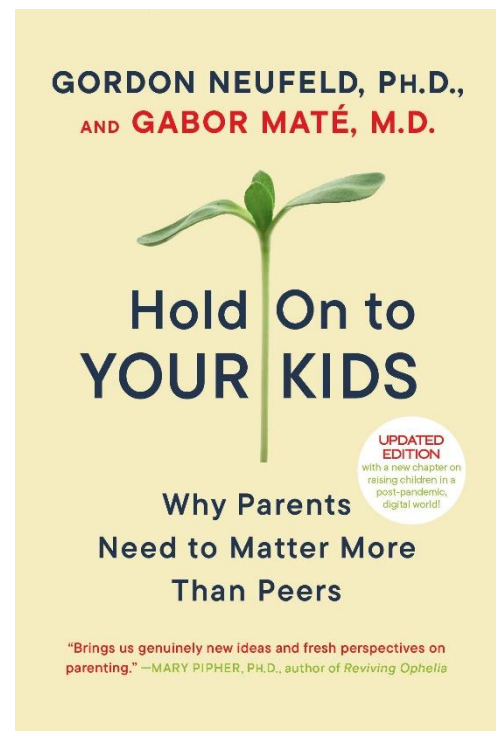


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and DVDs about
parenting,
foster kids,
mental health,
and child development!

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BOOK HIGHLIGHT

Hold On to Your Kids (Neufeld & Maté, 2024) is a must-read in the present age of technology and peer influence. This updated version is relevant and insightful for anyone caring for children and teens. Read this book to glean wisdom from the decades of experience and research of two of the leading Canadian experts in child development, psychology, and attachment theory. The authors expand on the book's subtitle, "Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers."



SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY GUIDELINES

Maintaining the privacy of the children and youth in your care is important. Please take a look at the BC Government's Social Media Policy for Foster Parents at

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/foster-parenting/foster_parents_social_media_policy.pdf

An excerpt from this policy is as follows:

A foster parent may post photos and material on Social Media but a foster parent must:

- Respect the wishes of the Child if they indicate they do not want certain photos or videos of themselves to be shared on Social Media.
- Not post any material that would reveal the Child's status (current or past) as a Child-in-care.
- Only use a Child's first name.
- Not tag a Child in photos or materials including those posted by others.
- Not post pictures or other material that would reveal a location where a Child is regularly present (e.g. school name/location, foster home address etc.)
- Not use Social Media to communicate with a Child's parents or birth family.



PROVINCIAL SUPPORT AGENCY CAREGIVER LEARNING NETWORK

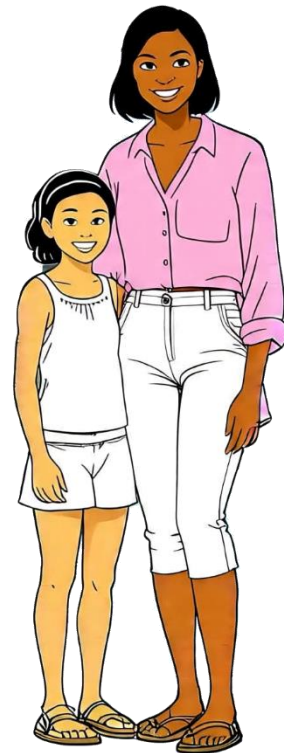
The CLN consists of representatives from caregiver support agencies throughout BC, providing online seminars and courses for Foster Caregivers, Kinship Care Providers, and Contracted Agency Caregivers.

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

When you register online, you will have access to all that the CLN offers. Connect with other caregivers and earn certificates!



SESSION HIGHLIGHT

Understanding ADHD

Watch the recording anytime!

Did you know that many of the CLN's courses are recorded and posted for you to view at your own convenience? Understanding ADHD is one of these accessible courses! Tune in to watch this 2-hour presentation that shines a light on ADHD to renew your understanding and help you as you help the kids in your care navigate the school system and life with ADHD.

Learn More and Register at: learn.fpsss.com/courses/understanding-adhd/

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AND SUPPORT**

Community Bridge seeks to engage with caregivers, address their inquiries, and connect them with community resources and support systems. We are committed to supporting Foster Parents, Kinship Care Providers, and Out-of-Care Providers in:

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