



Alberta Foster and Kinship
Association

Supports & Services

Mission

- To act as a collective voice and central resource for all licensed and approved foster and kinship homes.
- To promote the concept and quality of foster, adoptive, and kinship care.
- To act as an advocate for foster and kinship families through: education, support, and awareness of programs and services.
- To act in the development, administration and maintenance of programs for children in care of the Director of Alberta Children's Services.

Vision

The Alberta Foster and Kinship Association, a non-profit charitable organization, provides support to foster and kinship families, advocates for the rights of children, educates the community about foster and kinship care, provides and arranges for training and social gatherings, and serves as a liaison between foster and kinship families and Alberta Children's Services.

Membership

With the support of the Alberta Government, Ministry of Children's Services, ALL licensed/approved Alberta foster and kinship caregivers are eligible for a complimentary AFKA membership providing access to all AFKA programs and services.

Not only do AFKA Members have full access to AFKA programs and services, they also get some great perks!

Lifetime memberships are complimentary. Associate and Corporate/Agency Memberships are available for a fee.



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

For more information on membership classification and to apply online for your membership, please visit our website at:

<https://www.afkaonline.ca/membership-application/>

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Dispute Resolution & One on One Support

The AFKA helps foster and kinship families when they find themselves faced with a conflict and are looking for information, guidance or support. AFKA staff will offer direction to resources (handbooks, policy, etc.) and review dispute resolution protocol to work towards resolving matters cooperatively, respectfully, fairly and efficiently.

CAST

The Caregiver Allegation Support Team (CAST) Program offers support, assistance, advocacy and information to foster and kinship caregivers under an assessment of care concern during the assessment process. CAST Representatives are foster and kinship caregivers who have special training and knowledge about the process involved when an allegation is made.

Provincial Mentorship Program

The Provincial Mentorship Program offers mentor matching to foster and kinship caregivers in need of long-term or short-term support from experienced Alberta foster and kinship caregivers. In a safe environment, foster and kinship caregivers will be supported to develop confidence, motivation and additional skills as caregivers. It is through this positive self-growth that we, as individuals, can have a positive impact on the lives of others.

Extended Property Insurance

The AFKA Extended Property Insurance Program is an insurance rider designed to assist foster and kinship caregivers with damage over \$10,000.00 (per occurrence) that was caused with intent by a foster/kinship child in their care.

Legal Assistance Program

The AFKA Legal Assistance Program is available to provide financial assistance for foster and kinship caregivers and their adult children when charged with a criminal offence (abuse) under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act against a foster/kinship child they have cared for or are caring for.

Annual Training Conference & Awards Banquet

The AFKA Annual Training Conference & Awards Banquet provides foster and kinship caregivers an opportunity to further develop their skills, as well as network with other foster and kinship caregivers and child intervention workers from across the province. Regionally selected foster and kinship caregivers and workers are acknowledged for their outstanding service to children in care.

**Conditions/limitations may apply to AFKA programs and services; please see the AFKA website for details. To learn more about AFKA programs and how to access them, please visit the AFKA website or contact our office. (<https://www.afkaonline.ca>)*



AFKA Website

The AFKA website lists all programs/services offered to foster and kinship families by the AFKA, links to helpful service providers, updates from the Ministry of Children's Services, applicable resources and important information for caregivers. Kept up to date, this website also provides foster and kinship families with awareness of regional events, as well as upcoming training in a variety of topics, through a variety of service providers.

Citation Awards Program

We provide financial assistance, pins, and plaques to the various regions recognizing long-term service of caregivers across Alberta.

Bursary Fund

A minimum of two bursaries awarded annually. These funds are available to current and former children in care, as well as biological children of foster and kinship families who are members in good standing with the AFKA.

AFKA Brownell Children's Retreat

A campground owned and maintained by the AFKA, provides opportunities for children's camps, indigenous cultural teachings, training retreats, meeting retreats, family reunions, camping, and various other types of activities. The retreat is also available for group rentals.

Donate

Help support the AFKA by donating to the AFKA's Brownell Children's Retreat or Bursary Fund by visiting: <https://www.afkaonline.ca/donate/>

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