



FEDERATION
OF BC YOUTH
IN CARE
NETWORKS

BY COMING TOGETHER, WE'RE NOT ALONE!

GATHERING OUR VOICES

Adult Support Application Package

The Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN, or the Fed) is a youth-driven, provincial, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of young people in and from care in BC between the ages of 14 and 24.

USE THE HANDY CHECKLIST TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SUBMITTING A COMPLETE APPLICATION!

- Read and signed the What to Expect page
- Filled out and signed the Event Registration Form
- Filled out and signed the Media Consent Form
- Reviewed the **Gathering our Voices Code of Conduct** and the **Fed Values Code**
- Filled out and signed the Supportive Adult Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities Form
- Attached valid Criminal Record Check
- Read and signed Member and Adult Support Relationship Policy

Send your completed application package by January 21, 2019 to:

Email info@fbcyicn.ca

Fax 604-527-7764

Mail 500-625 Agnes St., New Westminster, BC V3M 5Y4

If you have any questions about the application package or how to submit it, please email stephanie.thompson@fbcyicn.ca or call her at 604-527-7762 ext. 113.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks is seeking adult supports to attend the 17th annual Gathering Our Voices National Aboriginal Youth Conference (GOV). This year's GOV conference is hosted in partnership by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres & the Port Alberni Friendship Centre on the traditional territories of the Hupačasath and Tseshaht First Nations.

GOV will focus on many important topics including health, language, culture, the environment, employment, education, sports and recreation. Your attendance will help provide a safe and supportive environment for the group of youth delegates.

Please note: This opportunity is open to people who identify as Indigenous.

Some things we ask you to consider as an adult support are:

- When participating in events it is expected that all participants will behave in ways that put safety first
- Role-modelling what we'd like to see from young people; so being present and actively listening to what young people have to say
- Having fun and participating (in more of a limited way) so we're leading by example but also providing space for young people
- Helping out (see Roles and Responsibilities)
- Sharing information about cool youth opportunities you might be aware of
- Check-in with young people, especially those that might see be by themselves or might seem out of sorts
- Helping to uphold our Values Code, which our guidelines young people created that we all have to follow in order to keep the space safe, welcoming, and inclusive

As an adult support, some things we should keep in mind to avoid doing:

- Dominating discussions and placing judgement on what young people say or do
- While it's important to be youthful, approachable, and friendly, we should establish good, ethical boundaries and not try to be their peer or 'friend'
- Also important to not only connect with the young people that you brought or to only hang out with adults

Time Commitment

- Entire event with hours varying depending on needs of youth
- Up to 12 hours a day depending on your assigned role
- Necessary Skills
- Strong youth engagement skills
- Conflict resolution skills
- Ability to work with little direction
- Understanding of trauma-informed care

Training Orientation

- Must participate in teleconference orientation to go over roles and expectations

Adult Support Event Subsidy

We are happy to provide a full subsidy covering all costs related to travel, accomodation, meals, and registration fees planned and organized by the Federation. If you want to discuss a subsidy, please email info@fbcyicn.ca.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) _____



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Event Registration Form

Adult Support

Event Information

EVENT NAME _____ EVENT DATE(S) _____

START TIME _____ END TIME _____ LOCATION _____

PRIVACY: The personal information collected with this form is used by the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (the Fed) to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at the Fed event. The contact information you provide is also used to send updates and information to you throughout the planning process. This information will not be shared with individuals or other organizations. For more information, check the website or contact the office at info@fbcyicn.ca, 604.527.7762 or 1.800.55.8055 (toll-free).

Contact Information

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ AGE _____ MY GENDER IS _____

MY PRONOUNS ARE (EX. SHE/HER/HERS) _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____ PHONE (2) _____ EMAIL _____

What's the best way for us to contact you?

PHONE EMAIL FACEBOOK OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

Do you consider yourself to be of Indigenous ancestry (status, non-status, Metis, Inuit)?

YES NO

Emergency Contact Information

The person named below must be available 24 hours a day for the entire event in case of emergency, and must be over 19.

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

RELATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____ PHONE (2) _____ EMAIL _____

Travel Details

- You will arrive at the event independently.
- You will need transportation to get to and from the event location.

Please note: You may be required to get to the Fed's office to meet up with your required transportation.

Criminal Record Check

Please attach a valid Criminal Record Check.

Health Information

This information is collected to ensure the safety, health and well-being of all participants at the Fed event. It is important that all the questions are answered honestly and completely.

Do you have any dietary restrictions (personal preferences do not count)?

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NONE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VEGAN
No animal products | <input type="checkbox"/> NO PORK | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):
_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VEGETARIAN
No meat | <input type="checkbox"/> NO POULTRY | <i>Note: If there is nothing marked down on the registration form, you will not be provided a special dietary meal at the event.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LACTO-OVO VEGETARIAN
Will eat dairy and eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> NO SEAFOOD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO RED MEAT | <input type="checkbox"/> NO DAIRY | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO NUTS | | |

Do you have any allergies, injuries or health conditions that may affect your participation?

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)** _____



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GOV Adult Support Volunteer Roles & Responsibilities

In your capacity as adult support you may be required to:

- Be an adult support person for the young people in the Fed delegation
- Do hotel room wake-ups
- Do head counts throughout the day
- Attend all evening activities (opening ceremonies, talent show, dance) as there is a no re-entry policy once performances begin*
- Be responsible for the safety, welfare and conduct of youth at all times*
- Help to keep participants organized and on time (i.e. directing participants to workshops, rounding up folks from breaks/mealtimes, etc.)*
- Ensure youth remain in their chosen workshops*
- Be an assistant first aider (must provide valid first aid certification)
- Drive youth to airport/ferry if they choose/need to leave early
- Drive youth with non-emergency health concerns to hospital/doctor

**GOV's expectations of chaperones responsible for youth aged 14-17*

Please identify additional skills, interests, strengths and experiences you can offer as a supportive adult at the event (i.e. driver's license, non-violent crisis intervention training, naloxone training, etc.).

Are there any roles that you feel you would not be comfortable doing as an adult support?

SIGNATURE _____ DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) _____



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Media Consent Form

During events and activities hosted by the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks, such as Steering Committee Meetings, Holiday Parties, Awards Ceremonies, Special Events, etc., we take photos/videos/audio recordings that include young people, alumni, and adults. We use these photos/videos/audio recordings in our Power Pages magazine, on our website, in reports, and sometimes in information sheets and brochures. It is Fed policy that names, ages or addresses are not used to identify youth under the age of 19 in these photos/videos/audio recordings. Social workers, please note that this is in line with MCFD policy for children and youth in care.

Consent: I hereby give the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks, its employees and those acting with its authorization the right and permission to use and/or publish photos/videos/audio recordings of me as outlined below. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished or publicized media. Signing this form will be deemed as consent with the above. A parent or guardian must sign this release form if the individual photographed/video is under the age of 19 years. If the youth/participant are under the age of 19 both signatures of participant and guardian must be signed.

I hereby authorize the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks to allow photos/videos/audio recordings to be taken or used for the following (select yes or no):

- YES NO Power Pages & magazines (including covers)
- YES NO Reports & info sheets (including covers)
- YES NO Promotional materials or videos (brochures, posters, presentations, ads, etc.)
- YES NO FBCYICN website
- YES NO FBCYICN social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube)

Note: We will do our best to ensure youth's privacy is respected but we cannot control other youth posting photos/videos/audio recordings to social media.

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BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ AGE _____ MY GENDER IS _____

MY PRONOUNS ARE (EX. SHE/HER/HERS) _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____ PHONE (2) _____ EMAIL _____

YOUTH SIGNATURE _____ DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

If consent is not given, please indicate why:

- Court-ordered restriction
- Immediate safety concern
- Other (please specify): _____

Please note that if you have given consent and want it changed, you must notify us immediately.

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VALUESCODE

The Fed Values Code is an evolving document that is a collection of values that all youth members, participants, staff and adult supports are accountable to when attending or participating in Fed-run programs, events, outings, and social media. Disregard for the Values Code will have consequences that may include removal from an event or activity and future events or activities. The Fed staff are committed to ensuring that Fed events are safe and comfortable for all youth to participate in.



THE FED VALUES

Acceptance & Tolerance

Accept people for who and what they are and their experiences. Recognize that even if we disagree, we can still have positive and meaningful connections.



THE FED VALUES

Honesty

Lying and stealing create an adverse and unsafe environment. Please help maintain the positivity of Fed events by employing honesty. Always feel free to express your honest opinions or concerns.



THE FED VALUES

Respect for the Shared Space & Land We Use

The Fed acknowledges that many of our events take place on unceded territories in BC. We will honor the land we use by leaving it as we found it, and respecting others that use the space.

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THE FED VALUES

Kindness & Consideration

Respect inclusive and preferred pronouns and avoid the use of derogatory language. Express yourself with respectful words. Hate speech, offensive language and discrimination of any kind (gender, race, sexuality, age, religion, ability, size, etc.) is not tolerated and will result in one warning, followed by removal from the Fed event or space if the behaviour continues.

Examples of derogatory language include, "That's so gay" (offensive to the LGBTQ2S community), "You guys" (offensive to gender non-binary and gender non-conforming youth), "That's crazy" (offensive to those with mental health struggles), etc.



THE FED VALUES

Gratitude

If you appreciate someone for their words or actions, let them know!



THE FED VALUES

Safety & Privacy

Fed events are safe spaces for all. Weapons and violent or aggressive words, actions or threats will not be tolerated. We respect everyone's right to privacy. Youth cannot enter rooms or cabins to which they are not assigned.



THE FED VALUES

Participation & Cooperation

While participating in a Fed event, engage in the ways you are able to, stay on site for the duration of the event, listen to staff and adult support instructions and ask for a break or space if you need it.



THE FED VALUES

Discretion

Respect the boundaries, privacy and personal space of others. Sexual contact is not appropriate while at Fed events. Physical contact and taking photos of someone can make them uncomfortable; let's minimize this by asking before touching each other and asking before taking photos.



THE FED VALUES

Spaces Free of Prohibited Substances

Leave alcohol and illicit drugs at home and sign in all medication to staff. Be mindful that there are folks in recovery, and they should not have to be worried about exposure and relapsing in this environment. Be mindful that there are underage youth at Fed events. The use of prohibited drugs or misuse of prescription drugs will result in immediate removal from the Fed event with a follow up meeting to decide participation in future Fed events. Please note that while attending Fed events, no members, alumni, staff, adult supports or board members can enter age exclusionary establishments like bars and clubs.

Examples of prohibited use or misuse are being in possession of marijuana/alcohol, dosage abuse, selling or sharing prescription medication, selling cigarettes, consuming energy drinks, etc.

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Confidentiality

The Fed respects folks' confidentiality and consent. Be mindful when taking photos and sharing stories at Fed events. Not everyone consents to having their photos and/or stories shared publicly (i.e. social media). Our goal is to create an environment where youth feel empowered to share their stories without fear of it being shared without their consent.



THE FED VALUES

Unity

We come together to make connections and great memories. Make an effort to include everyone and empower one another to do our personal best. Be willing to meet people where they are at. Work to understand that our individual experiences and trauma impact us all differently.