



# **BC Child and Youth in Care Week 2025**

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Partner Information Package

We invite you to join us in the important work of celebrating children and youth in care!



## History

Youth in and from care advocated for this week so their siblings in care could grow up feeling celebrated for their diverse talents and accomplishments, surrounded by a community who supports them. They also wanted to raise awareness about the barriers they face and fight the stigma that comes with being a "foster kid." Proclaimed by the province of British Columbia in 2011, BC Child and Youth in Care Week (BCCYICW) is a time for everyone in communities across the province to support and celebrate our province's incredible, diverse young people in government care. Youth envisioned a week that acknowledges and celebrates the unique strength of young people in care, and that's how BC Child and Youth in Care Week was created.

## Goal

Our goal is to raise social awareness and shift negative perceptions; to recognize children and youth in care, like all young people, as individuals with talents, contributions, and dreams. We are a collective partnership of youth, service providers and allies working to challenge the stigma faced by children and youth in care by celebrating and honouring their awesomeness. We hope all British Columbians will join the celebration and gain the knowledge and tools to acknowledge and support our incredible young people in care every other week of the year, too.

# Get involved with BCCYICW!

## Advisory Committee\*

As a partner for BCCYICW you agree to sit on the Advisory Committee (AC). This committee is responsible for the goals and intentions for the week. The AC would also guide and support the work of the action groups. Another key responsibility is to act as an ambassador to help promote the week and raise awareness. The AC meets virtually approximately every 6 weeks from November to June.

## Action Groups\*

As a member of an Action Group(s) you organize and plan specific areas. You will be required to participate in virtual meetings on a monthly basis and as needed from November to June.

The Action Groups are:

- Promotion & Awareness
- Community Celebrations
- Recognition Awards

\*\$500 Honorariums can be provided to community partners to thank them for their contributions in these roles. Contact us for more info!



## BCCYICW Ambassador

Interested in BCCYICW but don't have the capacity to sit in the meetings? Become a BCCYICW Ambassador and spread the word by re-sharing BCCYICW content on your social media feeds, newsletters, in person events, etc.

## Join our Mailing List

[Join our mailing list](#) and receive BCCYICW 2025 communications about Recognition Awards, Community Grants, events and more!

Together we commit to celebrating, honoring, and raising awareness about the awesome and diverse talents, contributions, and achievements of youth in and from care.

## Get in Touch!

If you're interested in getting involved in BCCYICW, contact Taylor Burnett at:

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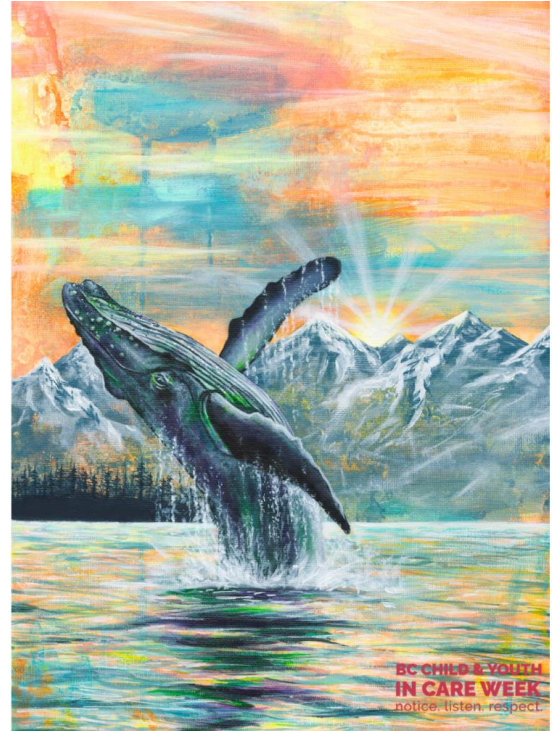
<https://www.bcchildandyouthincareweek.com/>

#NoticeListenRespect

#celebratechildrenandyouthincare

*Each year we hire a youth Artist to create the **Recognition Award Card**! This piece honoured the resiliency and journey of youth in care.*

*-'Rise' by Ariana Z*



*The **#Youth In Care Are Awesome** campaign encourages youth to share what makes them awesome!*

*Moe shared that Youth in Care 'resemble the Rocky Mountains, brave, and stand tall despite heavy snow'.*

### **Huge thank you to the BCCYICW 2024 partners!**

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Ministry of Children and Family Development  
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BC Foster Parents Association  
Representative for Children and Youth  
TRRUST Collective Impact  
Ministry of Education  
Aunt Leah's Place  
**and Youth and Alumni of Care**