



# BC Child & Youth in Care Week

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## Privacy for Children and Youth in or from Care

When you're planning a virtual event or social media campaign to celebrate children and youth in or from care, please follow the privacy policy below. This policy is based on the Child, Family and Community Service Act and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and is meant to protect the safety and privacy of children and youth in or from care.

Children and youth 18 and under

### Events

- Participation by children/youth in care in virtual events must be voluntary
- Participants who are children/youth should actively call in or sign on to events
- Do not record events
- No full names can be shown to the group, only first names or nick names
- To keep your event secure, do not include Zoom links or other means to join the event in your public promotion. Instead, add a contact for people to RVSP or get the information they need to join.

### Social Media or other publications

- Images or videos of children and youth currently in care or previously in care cannot be published or shared without written permission from the young person AND their guardian (often their social worker if they are currently in care).
- If permission is given, children and youth cannot be publicly identified as being or having been in care. First names can be used only. This includes any other means of identifying someone including tagging, hashtags, comments, etc.
- Please review [BC's Social Media Policy for Foster Parents](#). It has some great guidelines for everyone

### Youth and adults 19 and over

- Be respectful. Do not share images or videos of anyone without their permission.
- Be mindful that identifying foster parents in public campaigns can reveal the in-care status of children and youth in care to others who know the foster family

