



**THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 15TH,  
11:00AM TO  
12:00NOON**

# EXPLORING HARM REDUCTION STRATEGIES FOR FOSTER PARENTS CARING FOR YOUTH WHO USE SUBSTANCES

Facilitated by:

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*Open to Foster caregivers, kinship caregivers, contracted agencies, resource social workers.*

Currently in British Columbia (B.C.), drug toxicity is the number one cause of death amongst children and youth aged 10-18 years old, and about 24 young lives are lost every year to substance use. 70% of those deaths occurred within private residences. 73% of the youth were receiving current or previous MCFD services.

*“If you’re in foster care, [foster parents] should know about substances. There’s zero tolerance in lots of [homes] but it should be like your family. You should be able to talk without anger or getting kicked out.” Youth Voices (RCY, 2018)*

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