



## BC Adoption and Permanency Trust Fund Grants – Summer 2009

Organization	Purpose	Amount
<b>Adoptive Families Association of BC (AFABC)</b>	<b>Growing Together: A Retreat for Adoptive Parents of People with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)</b> To hold a retreat in the spring of 2010 for 17 to 20 British Columbia adoptive parents of people with FASD. The retreat will strengthen the relationships within these special adoptive families by allowing each parent to reflect on his/her role and its difficulties and opportunities as a caregiver, and to learn new coping and self-care strategies.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>AFABC</b>	<b>Adoptee Playshop – Burnaby</b> To craft and pilot a Playshop for 6/7/8 year olds in Burnaby. The playshop will provide a place for kids to come and spend time with other adoptees the same age and to express their ideas about their family and their experiences, play together and build relationships.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>AFABC</b>	<b>Adoptee Playshop – Okanagan</b> To craft and pilot a Playshop for 5/6 year olds in the Okanagan. The playshop will provide a place for kids to come and spend time with other adoptees the same age and to express their ideas about their family and their experiences, play together and build relationships.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>AFABC</b>	<b>Transracial Parenting Workshop - Vancouver Island</b> This workshop provides education, training, support and resources to parents who have or plan to adopt a child from a different race. Parents and experts will share their experiences with raising an adopted child of a different race.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>AFABC</b>	<b>True Colours Mentoring Program - Kamloops &amp; Nelson</b> Ten group sessions to be held in each of Kamloops and Nelson. This program provides opportunities for kids to connect with each other and positive adults of colour, while offering foster and adoptive parents networking opportunities.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>AFABC</b>	<b>"Try Being Me for a Day" Workshop</b> Hosted in partnership with the Shuswap Family Resource Centre in Salmon Arm, this interactive workshop provides adoptive parents, professionals and caregivers with the opportunity to experience how it feels to be a child who struggles with learning and behaviour challenges.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Afro-Canadian Adoption Network Support Group</b>	<b>Akoma Ntoaso Mentorship Program</b> To provide a social networking opportunity for adopted children and parents to meet, interact with and form relationships with mentors from the Black community. The program encourages families to create relationships with each other and expose children to aspects of black culture through art and music.	<b>\$1,500</b>

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<b>Harambee Summer Festival</b>	<p><b>2009 Harambee Summer Festival</b> A week-long camp for inter-racial families, formed either through birth or adoption, to offer support and a connection to others who reside in smaller, more remote communities. Cultural support and awareness of African heritage are a major aspect of this festival.</p>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Ola Zuri</b>	<p><b>Support Through Play Group</b> To start a Support Through Play Group for children of colour, ages five and six, most of whom are adopted or fostered into white families. Held in partnership with the Adoptive Families Association of BC and the Boys and Girls Club in Kelowna, BC, the play group will allow the children to come together and to share their experiences through play and discussion.</p>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Surrounded by Cedar Child &amp; Family Services</b>	<p><b>Leadership Development Project</b> In partnership with the Boys &amp; Girls Club of Greater Victoria (BGC), this project works with aboriginal youth and participants from the BGC youth leadership program. The project develops personal skills and provides certificates (e.g. First Aid, Food Safe, Cashier Training, and Flat Water Canoeing) to help participants land their first job.</p>	<b>\$1,500</b>



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