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July 2023

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"We need to intertwine our strengths to become stronger."
yilmixwm Harvey Mcleod





Scw'exmx

Child & Family Services Society

Call to Action

We are at a critical moment in time.

A great deal of change is taking place within the current political climate in which we exist. Bold steps are required to actualize the changes necessary for the communities we represent. For the first time since colonization, our action will fundamentally alter the foundation upon which outside governments have imposed political interests of assimilation through the systemic removal of our children. For generations, our children have been the ones on the front line of federally and provincially legislated cultural genocidal regimes. Our families and communities were fractured but never broken. To achieve healing, justice and hope for each child ever removed from their parents, families and communities, it is up to us to provide a new reality for generations to come. Through the wisdom of our Ancestors, we have been taught the ways to care for one another. We must work towards a future markedly different from the current state wherein there are more Indigenous children in care now than at the height of the residential school era. While the current system is derived of legislation and policy not of the Indigenous origin at a community level or otherwise, we undertake the process of decolonization and bring traditional knowledge, guidance and practices of the nłeʔkepmx and syilx forward in collaboration and guidance of our communities. It is our responsibility to create the necessary change to ensure children currently in care have the advocates they deserve and seven (7) generations from now, the need for a child welfare system will no longer exist as our families will be whole and healthy. nłeʔkepmx and syilx ancestors have anticipated this change and passed their wisdom and knowledge on as we respond to this call to action. This very legacy is now ours to nurture and protect as we build a new platform where today's children and families will remain together and rekindle their cultural ways of being.



June Staffing Updates



As the Caregiver Coordinator, Lorna will connect with current and potential caregivers to build a community caregiver support network and grow culturally safe care for children and young people. Lorna will provide guidance in collaboration with our communities for potential caregiver homes, with education, mentorship, and resources to caregiver families and ensures children currently in care have the advocates they deserve. She will work collectively with caregivers, other SCFSS teams, and external resources to enhance family relationships and wellness in the Nicola Valley. Lorna will incorporate syilx and nte?kepmx language in addition to traditional and cultural values to support caregivers and families to keep children and young people connected to culture, family, and community. Lorna will be based out of the main office and will report to Chris Pearson as the Acting Community Caregiver Team Leader.



**LORNA STERLING
COMMUNITY
CAREGIVER NAVIGATOR**



**RODRICK ANDERSON
REUNIFICATION
COORDINATOR**

As the Reunification Coordinator, Rod will be responsible for planning, delivering, and assessing Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society (SCFSS)'s Reunification Program. Rod will be SCFSS's response to the Guardianship Social Worker position. He will work collectively with parents, families, relations, communities, and community resources to build supports around the family to prepare and support them in reunification. Rod will provide guidance, advocacy, education, and mentorship to families as children are reunified with their kin and relations. Rod will work collectively with families, relations, communities, caregivers, other SCFSS teams, and external resources to enhance family relationships and wellness in the Nicola Valley. He will incorporate syilx and nte?kepmx language in addition to traditional and cultural values to support families and communities to keep children and young people connected to culture, family, and community. Rod will be based at the downtown office and will report to the Delegated Advisor.

As the Human Resources Generalist, Madison will provide support in retention and recognition strategies, succession planning and cultural onboarding, from professional development to performance evaluations. She will be responsible for human resource personnel file maintenance, generating a variety of reports, policy and procedure development, and management of extended employee leave requests. Madison will provide quality human resource service by following organizational, cultural and employment standards and maintaining a high level of confidentiality. Madison will be based at the main office and will report to the Senior HR Generalist.



**MADISON HOLMES
HUMAN RESOURCES
GENERALIST**



**DOROTHY CLARKE
RESIDENT ELDER**

As a Resident Elder, Dorothy will be responsible for providing direct and indirect support to the urban population of the Nicola Valley to develop and enhance the Society's Youth and Administrative service supports. In consultation with community Elders and the Leadership team, Dorothy will develop and deliver culturally acceptable practices to preserve and promote tradition and enhance a strong cultural identity within the aboriginal community. Dorothy will be stationed at the Language Nest and will report to Lepika Saddleman, Culture and Language Team Leader.



June Staffing Updates



**BERNICE GARCIA
RESIDENT ELDER**

Bernice will be moving from a Language Elder Advisor to a Resident Elder in June 2023. As a Resident Elder, Bernice will be responsible for providing direct and indirect cultural support to all program areas of SCFSS to develop and enhance the Society's cultural service practice. In consultation with community Elders and cultural practitioners, Bernice will develop and deliver culturally acceptable practices to preserve and promote tradition and enhance a strong cultural identity within the aboriginal community. Bernice will be stationed at the Language Nest and will report to Lepika Saddleman, Culture and Language Team Leader.

As the Caregiver Coordinator, Natasha will connect with current and potential caregivers to build a community caregiver support network and grow culturally safe care for children and young people. Natasha will provide guidance in collaboration with our communities for potential caregiver homes, with education, mentorship, and resources to caregiver families and ensures children currently in care have the advocates they deserve. She will work collectively with caregivers, other SCFSS teams, and external resources to enhance family relationships and wellness in the Nicola Valley. Natasha will incorporate syilx and nte?kepmx language in addition to traditional and cultural values to support caregivers and families to keep children and young people connected to culture, family, and community. Natasha will be based out of the main office and will report to Chris Pearson as the Acting Community Caregiver Team Leader.



**NATASHA NEUFELD
COMMUNITY CAREGIVER
NAVIGATOR**



**LIZZIE SHUTER
CHILD WELLNESS
NAVIGATOR**

As the Child Wellness Navigator, Lizzie will be responsible for providing individual support services to children and their families, including parents/relations/kin/caregivers. Lizzie will work collectively with the family to set goals in all domains of their and their child(ren)'s lives, identify a support network to help meet goals, and implement healthy strategies to achieve their goals. Lizzie will support families in accessing educational, developmental, social, mental health, recreational, and cultural opportunities for their children. She will recognize the impacts of systemic racism and intergenerational trauma on children and families, and how it impacts child development, behaviour, wellness, and relationships. Lizzie will incorporate syilx and nte?kepmx language and culture into culturally appropriate services to enhance children and families' relationships and wellness in the nte?kepmx and syilx communities. Lizzie will be based out of the downtown office and will report to Kristen Stewart as the Youth / CYMH Team Leader.



Job Opportunities



We Are Hiring

Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society (SCFSS) is family-centered and guided by nle?kepmx and syilx traditional knowledge and principles. SCFSS utilizes prevention and protection strategies with the collective goal to keep children with their families and communities. SCFSS recognizes historical challenges and is guided by traditional strength and wisdom to build family and community capacity in a monumental shift from protection to prevention.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

Full-Time | 35 hours per week | Permanent | Wage Range: \$33.77 - \$40.68

Posting Closes: 4:30 pm, July 14, 2023 | Candidate Review: July 17, 2023

COMMUNITY PREVENTION WORKER

Full-Time | 35 hours per week | Permanent | Wage Range: \$30.21 - \$38.36

Posting Closes: 4:30 pm, July 14, 2023 | Candidate Review: July 17, 2023

APPLY NOW

See our full postings and apply on our website at www.scwexmx.com

Submit your cover letter and resume on our website

Pursuant to Section 41 of the Human Rights Code, preference may be given to qualified applicant of Indigenous ancestry

On The Land!



Photos taken by Shelanne Justice



JULY 2023

- Community Calendar -

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30 STAT - SCFSS Office closed	1
2	3 Canoe Protocols & Practices 2 PM @ Nicola Lake Boat Launch Full Moon Drumming 5-8 PM Nicola Lake Boat launch	4 CW Grocery shop support Meet at CW Band office 10am	5 On The Land - Soapberry Meet @ Culture & Language Building	6 LNIB Family Fun Day - @LNIB Community Services Centre	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 LNIB Youth BBQ -15 Monck Park 10 - 2
<p>Pasulko Lake - Culture Camp (Bottany Valley - Lytton BC) July 9-13 ← CW Youth Day Camp 10 am - 3:30 →</p>						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>← CW Youth Day Camp 10 am - 3:30 → ← Upper Nicola Band Youth Camp Jul 17-21 @ Glimpse Lake →</p>						
23	24	25 CW Grocery shop support Meet at CW Band office 10am	26	27	28	29
<p>← Canoe Pull July 25-27 @ Nicola Lake → ← CW Youth Day Camp 10 am - 3:30 → ← Upper Nicola Band Youth Camp Jul 24-28 @ Glimpse Lake →</p>						
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

NOTES	TO DO
UNB is hosting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicine Monday's • Workout Wednesday's • Fish Friday's LNIB Hand Drumming every Tuesday 5-7:30 @ Rocky Pines Community Centre LNIB Language Group every Thursday 5 PM @ Cultural Centre	

FULL MOON DRUMMING

July 3, 2023
5-8 PM

Nicola Lake Boat Launch

Hot dogs, Snacks & Drinks Provided!

Questions? Contact:
Barb (250) 315-9178



**ON
THE
LAND**

JULY 5TH

**On the Land Cultural Day
Soapberry Picking**

**Details: Leave at 9:00 am from
SCFSS Language Nest**

**Bring: Harvesting bag,
scissors/clippers, sunscreen,
bug spray, snacks, water
bottle, chair. Please dress for
the weather.**

Lunch will be provided!

**Questions and/or to coordinate
rides please contact:**

Corrina: (250) 315-7386

Barb: (250) 315-9178

Jason: (250) 315-7472





Harvesting



This season we harvest the items below, connect with your knowledge keepers to learn about sustainable harvesting, pronouncing these phrases and the safe uses of these gifts from nature.

Seek out an Elder to share stories of gathering and join us on our next "On The Land" to reconnect with nature and self.



Strawberry / t̥qim̥t̥qm̥ / s̥q̥wo̥q̥w̥y̥ep



Saskatoon / scaq̥w̥m / siyaʔ



Sockeye Salmon / s̥x̥w̥áʔes / s̥c̥win



Soapberry / s̥x̥w̥úsm / s̥x̥w̥usəm

"MOTHER EARTH IS NOT a resource, SHE IS an HEIRLOOM"

-DAVID IPINA, YUROK TRIBE



LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND



JULY 6, 2023
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
LNIB COMMUNITY SERVICES



EVERYONE WELCOME

**BOUNCY CASTLE, DUNK TANK, HAIR TINSEL, REIKI, SNOW MACHINE
& MUCH MORE OF FUN**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT (250) 378-5157

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Culture Camp Pasulko Lake

Botany Valley - Lytton, BC

JULY 9-13, 2023

Join us for 5 days of Culture, Activities, Games, Adventures and
lots of family fun

<https://forms.office.com/r/rsdP11MccF>



NCFSS (250) 455-2118

Culture Camp 2023 Registration is now open! There will be hard copies available at the NCFSS office.

July 9-13, 2023

Please call 250-455-2118 or 778-254-3728

reception@n7xservices.com or eventcoordinator@n7xservices.com with any questions about this event.

<https://forms.office.com/r/rsdP11MccF>

NICOLA CANOE PULL 2023

The Merritt First Nations Policing Section (RCMP) is planning its Annual Canoe Journey for the Nicola Valley. Our goal is to help build positive community relationships with the RCMP and surrounding aboriginal communities, the various organizations and the youth. The event will be held July 25-27, 2023. Tuesday will have an arrival time of 2pm, with dinner being served. Youth will camp Tuesday and Wednesday night at the Douglas Lake Camp site (located at the Old Kamloops Sailing club—Quilchena, BC).

Our vision is to support the future leaders of the Nicola Valley in a healthy active environment by supporting youth, being respectful, demonstrating cultural awareness, working together and having fun. This is being planned in partnership with TECK (Highland Valley Copper). With the planning assistance of Scw'exmx Community Health, Upper Nicola Indian Band, Lower Nicola Indian Band, Scw'exmx Child and Family and School District #58.

It will be held July 25-27, 2023. This event is for youth between the ages of 10 and 18 years. If you have any questions or wish to help, please contact Cst. Rose GRANT, Cst. Tracy DUNSMORE, Cst. Tammy DENNING or Cpl. Rick AIRD at the Merritt Detachment at 250-378-4262.



Highland Valley
Copper

Teck

When registering youth, Please put Paula, Nolan and/or Cory's name down as the chaperone. Completed registration forms can be submitted to Juanita.





REGISTRATION FORM:

July 25 and July 27, 2023

Nicola Canoe Pull 2023

DUE: July 13th



We are happy to invite you to our Annual Nicola Valley Canoe Journey.

This exciting 3-day journey will start at the Douglas Lake Ranch recreation site (old Kamloops Sailing Club) on Nicola Lake, BC on Highway 5A and will end at the same location following day on Nicola Lake, BC. **Aboriginal youth between the ages of 10 and 18 are invited to paddle the waters (Youth must be 10 at the time of registration).** For this two-day event, the youth is expected to participate for the full two days of paddling.

Registrant Type: Youth Chaperone Ground Crew Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

BC Care Card: _____

ARE YOU PART OF A GROUP? Yes () No ()

NAME OF YOUR GROUP: _____

CHAPERONE NAME: _____

Age of participant: _____

Youth must be 10 at the time of registration

Paddling Experience: Beginner: () Some: () Experienced: ()
N/A ()

Questions:

1. Have you participated in a British Columbia Recreational Canoe Association course? If so, please specify training:
2. Have you participated in previous canoe Journeys- if so, on lake, river, or ocean? If so, how many Journeys, and in what capacity? (Skipper, puller, bow person)
3. If you have canoe experience, what type of canoe or similar vessel have you been in (Solo, Tandem, Dugout, Big Canoe, Outrigger Canoe, Dragon boat, etc.)

Contacts in case of emergency:

1- Contact Name: _____.

Home Phone: _____.

Work Phone: _____.

Cell Phone: _____.

2- Contact Name: _____.

Home Phone: _____.

Work Phone: _____.

Cell Phone: _____.

Do you have any medical condition or Allergies the organizers should be aware of?
Yes or No

If yes please describe: _____

Youth please return completed forms to your chaperone.

Chaperones please return completed forms to:

RCMP First Nations Policing Services:

Cst. Rose GRANT or Cst. Tracy DUNSMORE

Merritt RCMP Detachment

2999 Voght Street, Merritt, BC

Phone: 250-378-4262 Fax: 250-315-4611





WAIVER & RELEASE FORM

NICOLA CANOE PULL 2023



**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU ARE WAIVING IMPORTANT
LEGAL RIGHTS AND MAKING LEGAL COMMITMENTS.**

1. This Waiver and Release applies to my participation or the participation of any child less than 18 years of age, of which I am the legal guardian (hereafter "my child"), in the following activities.
 - a) The 2023 Nicola Valley Canoe Journey, canoeing related events, any feast, ceremony, practice sessions prior to or following the activities associated with the 2023 Nicola Canoe Pull.
 - b) Activities: (a) above hereafter referred to as the "Activities"
 - c) Sponsors and/or Organizers means: Teck – Highland Valley, Scw'exmx Community Health Services Society, NLK – Nalka'pamux Community Health, Scw'exmx Child & Family Service Society, School District #58 First Nations Support Workers, LNIB Health & Community Services, UNIB Health & Community Services and CNA – Citxw Nlka'pamux Assembly.
2. I voluntarily choose to participate in the 2023 Nicola Valley Canoe Journey. The Canoe Journey is organized and sponsored by the RCMP as well as local First Nations Sponsors and Organizers. Participating in any of the Activities may involve risks, dangers and hazards that may result in injury. For example; canoe could collide or capsize due to poor steering control or bad weather leading to personal injury or death. I am aware that by participating or allowing my child to participate in the Activities, I and my child are risking personal injury, death, or damage to our property.

Assumption of the Risk of Travel:

- I understand that participating in the Canoe Journey involves inherent risks; the Organizers and Sponsors cannot eliminate inherent risks or guarantee my safety. Inherent risks of the Journey include, but are not limited to traveling to, from, and within locations on or around the Nicola Lake via car, van bus or canoe, etc., as well as unpredictable local weather which may increase the concern of water activities or road conditions.
- I acknowledge that it is my personal responsibility to take reasonable precautions to safeguard my health and safety and to protect my personal belongings from damage or theft. Such reasonable precautions include, but are not limited to, being alert and aware of my surroundings, and always letting a Chaperone know where I am going and where I can be located at all times. I know that if I have any questions or concerns at all, I can always ask a Chaperone or Police officer at any time.

Medical Care – Health and Safety Concerns:

- I authorize the Chaperones or designated First Aid Attendants to obtain appropriate health care for me in the event that I need it. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Sponsors and Organizers, subsidiary and affiliated entities, as well as each of their officers, directors, representatives, employees, and agents, from any and all actions taken by the Chaperones or First

Aid Attendants to provide necessary emergency medical care to me during the Journey. I also understand and agree that if I experience serious health problems, suffer injury, or I am otherwise in a situation that raises significant health or safety concerns, then the Chaperones or First Aid Attendant may contact emergency health care providers, my parents, guardians, or any other person whose name I have provided as my emergency contact.

Standards and Conduct:

- I recognize that I assume an important personal obligation to conduct myself in a manner compatible with local laws and regulations, with the policies of my Sponsors and Organizers and with any instructions given by the Journey Leaders or Chaperones. I promise to act responsibly and respectfully, and will abide by all such laws, regulations, policies, and standards. I agree that the Organizers and Chaperones have the right to enforce all standards of conduct described above.

I accept and assume those risks.

3. I acknowledge that the releases listed in paragraph 4 below will not allow me, or my child, to participate in any of the Activities unless I sign this Waiver and Release; therefore, I am receiving a benefit in exchange for signing this Waiver and Release and it is binding on me.
4. I release the following:
 - a) The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, any other law enforcement or peace officer organization, Public Service Agency, or affiliate participating in the 2023 Nicola Valley Canoe Journey.
 - b) Any Search and Rescue group, owners, operators and crew of any escort or support vessels assisting the 2023 Nicola Valley Canoe Journey.
 - c) Any First Nation, or associated group, participating in the 2023 Nicola Valley Canoe Journey.
 - d) Any directors, officers, employees, agents, independent contractors and volunteers of (a) & (b)
 - e) (a) to (b) above hereafter referred to as the "Releases" from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I may suffer as result of my participation in the Activities, no matter how caused, including, if caused by the negligence or gross negligence of any of the Release.
5. If someone sues me or my child for negligence or alleged negligence, I agree not to claim contribution or indemnity from any of the Release. I release the Releases from all liability that could arise from such a contribution or indemnity claim.
6. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Releases in respect of any claim, liability or legal expenses that they incur directly or indirectly by reason of a claim brought by me or my child against any person or entity for loss, damage, injury or expenses suffered by me.

7. In consideration of the Releases allowing my below named child to participate in the Activities, I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Releases against all claims, demands, actions, legal expenses or liabilities, for loss, damage, injury or expenses which may be brought against the Releases by or on behalf of my child, as a result of my child's participation in the Activities.

8. I agree that this Waiver is also binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives.

Name: (Print) _____.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____.

If child is 18 years of age or younger:

Name of Parent or Guardian: (Print) _____.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____.

First Nation Band Chaperone/Parent

Name of Parent/Guardian/Chaperone:
(Print) _____.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____.

UNB YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY CAMP

Ages: 8 & up (School Grades 3-12)

DATE: July 10-14 (1st Week) July 17-21(2nd Week)

LOCATION: GLIMPSE LAKE

Drop off Time: 8:30am (Breakfast will be provided)

- Scheduled events will start @ 9:00am

Pick up Time: 6:00pm (After Dinner)

**Registration Forms can be Picked up at the UNB
Office or Health Center**

**(Please don't forget to bring own dishes, utensils,
swimwear, towel, lawn chair, etc)**

**Any Questions contact Charlene McRae
education@uppernicola.com or Phone (250)350-3342**





Glimpse Lake (nk^wr'itk^w Day Camp)

YOUTH Leadership Camp 2023

Youth: AGE 8 years and up: Week 1 – July 10-14th (No bus run, parents responsibility or car pool)
(Breakfast: 8:30a.m – Pick up time: 6:00p.m)

Youth: AGE 8 years and up: Week 2 – July 17 – July 21th (No bus run, parents responsibility or car pool)
(Breakfast: 8:30a.m – Pick up time: 6: 00p.m)

Child's Name _____ AGE _____ Birthday _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Parent's/Guardian _____ HOME #: _____
Work: _____ Cell: _____

In the case the parents(s) caregiver cannot be reached, we should contact:

_____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
_____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Medical:

Please list any medical conditions we should be made aware of (i.e., allergies, ADHD, physical disabilities, learning disabilities or anything special we should know about your child. (Our students are unable to do one to one as they not properly trained.)

If your child has an allergy, please list, medication, symptoms, or special diet/ foods)

*****Parent /Supervisor consultation should take place on first day at camp.

BC Medical Number: _____

Doctors Name: _____ Doctors Number: _____

Behavior Contract:

UNB Day Camp Event reserves the right to ask parents to withdraw their child from the Summer Day Camp if basic behavior expectations are not met.

I hereby give my consent knowing that my child will be learning and participating in Cultural Activities and events taken at the Day Camps, by the knowledge keepers and UNB staff and K^wúStəmtímá?. It is understood that participants will be properly supervised and that reasonable safety precautions will be taken.

I understand and accept these terms:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

DATE: _____

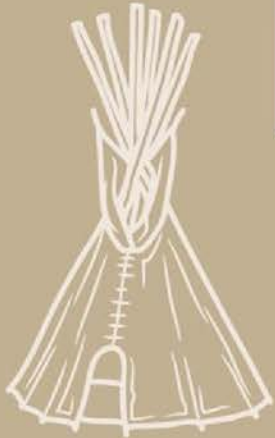
Signature: _____



Upper Nicola
Language Department

Come join us in creating
space for language sharing
and gathering

NSYILXCN LANGUAGE CAMP



JULY 27-30, 2023

nk^writk^w - GLIMPSE LAKE
EVERYONE WELCOME

VISIT - FOOD - LANGUAGE - FUN

JULY 27 - SET UP CAMP
JULY 28 - LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES
JULY 29 - LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES
JULY 30 - CAMP TAKEDOWN & FAREWELL



MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED

BRING YOUR OWN PLATES, BOWLS, & UTENSILS

DRUG / ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

For more information contact Maynard.language@uppernicola.com
or Justine.syilx2@uppernicola.com



LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND



YOUTH BBQ PARTY

Games - Food - Fun!

**SATURDAY
JULY 15TH**

10 AM - 2 PM

MONCK PARK

QUILCHENA, BC V0E 2R0

PICK-UP AT ROCKY
PINES CENTRE 9:10 AM

PICK-UP AT SHULUS
ARENA 9:20 AM

FOR RIDES CONTACT DUSTIN: (236) 575-2126



**FOR AGES
13 TO 18**

**RIDES
AVAIL.**

Women's Group

Wellness Retreat

July 18-21, 2023

Location: Sandy Pines
Retreat in Boston Bar,
owned & Operated by
Shoneena Loss

Workshops: Inner Child,
Body Talk, Medicine
Walks, Crafts, Tattooing,
Sweat lodge and more.

To Register email:
Allyson Sterling
allyson.sterling@scwexmx.com

There are a few seats left
for Camping/Glamping

**A big thank you to the
following organizations
for their support!**



Healers



Shoneena Lee Loss



Laurie Anderson



Grace Love



Robin Humphrey



Community Team



The Team:



Stephanie Tourand
Senior Community Planner



Satara Twan
Community Prevention Worker



Robin Peterson
Community Engagement
Communications Coordinator

The community team supports internal and external communications, along with community planning, and support for community prevention activities. The team supports our 5 Scw'exmx communities, along with collaborating with our urban service partners, in helping promote healthy families (through community-based prevention programs like: cultural activities, community gatherings, youth programs, parenting supports, etc.). We also work with our communities to ensure SCFSS is working under community direction & leadership, and supporting them to reclaim jurisdiction over children and families.

Our Community Team currently consists of our Senior Community Planner, Community Engagement Communications Coordinator, and Community Prevention Worker. All of our team strives to uphold our community guidance, traditional practices and protocols as we continue to take bold steps to actualize change necessary for the communities we represent. During the spring, we have worked on holding planning session with designated band reps and community staff to support their prevention program planning as we enter the new fiscal year. Our community prevention worker has been busy in communities as we support the planning and implementation of community programs. Some examples include:

- At least once a week Satara works out of Coldwater's band office. She works alongside their Social Development Coordinator, Cynthia Jager, Social Services Clerk, Velma Collins, and Youth Worker Vicki Lacerte to implement community programs and services
- Satara helps collaborate and coordinate community events. She also supports with a bi-monthly grocery shop trip for Coldwater. Relations get picked up from the band office at 10am. Then head to the Bread Basket/Soup bowl for lunch and end the day with a quick grocery shop at Save On. The next trips are on July 4th and July 25th.
- Starting this month, Satara will be working out of Shackan's Nkseytknhetxw (Community Wellness building) on Thursdays.
- We continue to work with all 5 bands and partner organizations in providing additional support in running community programs and events. We hope to see you out there!



Coldwater Culture Gathering

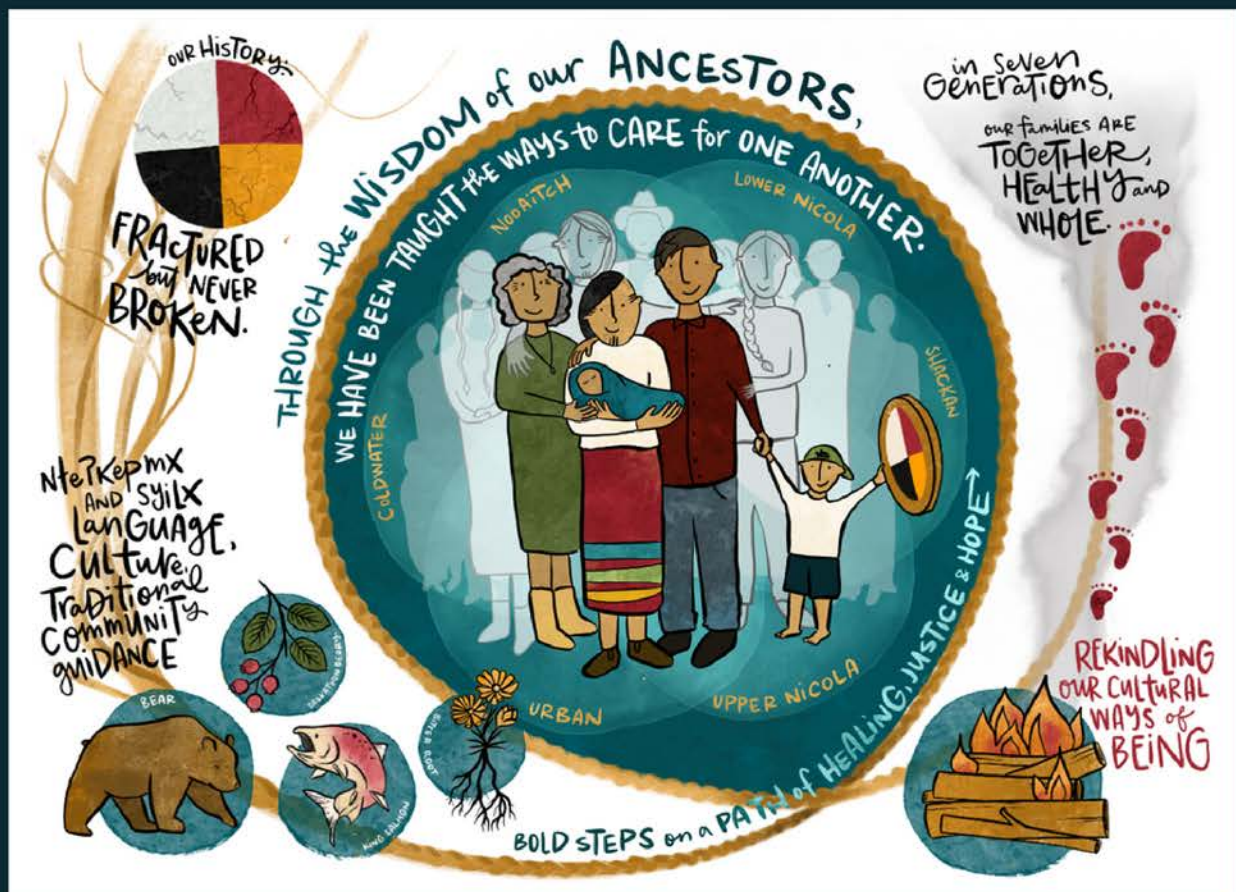


Photos taken by Shelanne Justice

"We are grateful our path is woven by our ancestors, through the stories and wisdom of our Elders and guidance of our communities. Healing does not exist in isolation nor silos; it is imperative we draw together in these precarious times as our journey unfolds together with Community."

Lisa Post | Executive Director

We are ALL somebody's seventh generation.



FREE SAFETY CHECK



Did you know that over 90% of child car seats are installed incorrectly? Could yours be one of them? Find out by coming to our FREE child seat safety check!

July 14th – 1-2 pm
Merritt Civic Center Parking Lot.

If we are not outside when you arrive find us in Room 4!

All children must use a child seat or a booster seat that is appropriate for their weight and age until their ninth birthday.
Learn more!

**For more information:
Call Kelly Hanson at
250-378-2771**





Scw'exmx Child & Family Services Society

Mission

We are all somebody's 7th generation. We are committed to work with our communities and Relations to create necessary change to ensure children currently in care have the advocates they deserve and seven generations from now, the need for a child welfare system will no longer exist as our families will be whole and healthy.

Vision

Work collectively to exercise ne?kepmx and syilx inherent rights as we empower children, young people and families.

Strategic Directions



Guiding Values

LOVE: Supporting families by loving and nurturing our children

ACCOUNTABILITY: We are honest and ethical in all our interactions

RESPECT: We role-model respect and actively engage in solution oriented dialogue

CULTURE & LANGUAGE: We practice our cultural teachings and identity

RESPONSIBILITY: We look out seven generations, doing the right things for the right reasons

HOLISTIC: We utilize community driven and strength-based approach

ADVOCACY: We advocate for community rights and responsibilities with culturally grounded prevention supports

We are all somebody's 7th generation

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Numbers



Non-Emergency Numbers	Police	Fire	Ambulance
Merritt	250-378-4262	250-378-5626	1-800-461-9911
Logan Lake	250-523-6222	250-523-6225	1-800-461-9911
Princeton	250-292-3325	250-292-3325	1-800-461-9911
Spences Bridge	250-458-2233		1-800-461-9911
Lower Nicola	250-378-4262		1-800-461-9660
Douglas Lake	250-378-4262	250-350-3344	1-800-461-9911

OTHER EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Crime Stoppers/Tips	1-800-222-8477
FortisBC (gas leaks or odors)	1-800-663-9911
Power Outages & Emergencies	1-800-769-3766
24 HR Emergency Program (Flood,Fire,etc)	1-800-663-3456
Forest Fire Reporting only	1-800-663-5555
Nicola Valley Hospital & Health Centre	250-378-2242



Children's Help Line for Children and Youth

Do you need help?

If you don't feel safe, or you have a concern, you can call this number 24 hours a day for free, from any phone.

310-1234



Child Wellness Concern After Hours? Please Call 1-800-663-9122



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