



### OUR AGENCY LOGO

In the spirit of spindle whorls, this revised logo for Surrounded by Cedar depicts an adult face with a smaller child's face inside the mouth.

Surrounding these two faces are the dendrochronological rings of red and yellow cedar. The red and yellow of the design symbolize red and yellow cedar, while the adult's face with the child inside its mouth represents the vitality of caRING for future generations of children.

In reconsidering the design, I wanted the design to represent the growth of Surrounded by Cedar as an agency, while also representing my personal growth as an artist. In doing this, I also wanted to retain the characteristics of the original logo. **LessLIE**



Our vision is of healthy children who will grow up connected to their families, communities and culture. We will work together toward the day all children and families have skills, knowledge, education and support to ensure their children and their children's children will not enter the child welfare or justice systems.



### What does a Life Long Connection Worker do?

The Life Long Connections worker assists in identifying and locating a child's family or other close community members to help facilitate ongoing connection and possible placement where appropriate.

In addition, the worker searches for placement with extended family and or community of origin when a child has been placed in foster care where it is in the best interest of the child.

The worker will also help to facilitate and coordinate out of region and out of province kinship placements if required.

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FAMILY SERVICES**

# LIFE LONG CONNECTIONS

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

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## FAMILY PRESERVATION

Over recent decades, it has become evident that Aboriginal children and families have not been served in a culturally appropriate manner.

Aboriginal values, traditions, language and culture have continued to decline.

Most importantly, is the decline of the traditional role that family and community play in a child's life and the effects that this may have for their future.



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Life Long Connections program is primarily responsible for searching for, identifying and locating a child's family or other close community members who may be willing to provide a "forever" home for a child that is coming into care.

As well, the Life Long Connections Worker (LLC) works closely with the Guardianship Social Worker to locate family and help to establish a meaningful connection for the child or youth.

Referrals can/are made for children in care of Aboriginal ancestry or identifying as Aboriginal.

## THE "PROCESS"

The referral is filled out by the Social Worker on behalf of the child or youth they are working with.

Once received, a file review is conducted. This is where the LLC Worker gathers initial information. Dependent on how many referrals are received, some referrals may be waitlisted. Once a referral is removed from the waitlist, the Social Worker will be contacted.

Once the work is completed, the LLC Worker will provide a summary of the findings along with all contact information of families and communities that have been identified.

## RESOURCES USED

- Community
- Nation of origin
- Family
- Internet
- Elders
- Royal BC Museum Archives