

## Vision

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.



## 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



## About your Youth Support Worker

Children and youth who are connected to their families, communities and cultures do better as adults. As an up and coming adult, our youth are encouraged to become healthy and contributing, independent and self-sufficient members of their communities. As your youth support worker, I am here to help with that.

I have 14 years working with youth from all backgrounds. I am a single parent of 2 teen boys. I approach youth with a desire to connect and communicate with the expectation of an earned mutual respect. My degree is in Justice but the basis of the justice that I learned, is one of mediation and restitution. In University I took courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice while also completing 40 hours of mediation practice. I had the pleasure of participating in Healing Circles and meeting with Elders to learn about a small portion of the history of First Nations.

My intention is to connect youth with community mentors, possible employers, schools or government offices that will assist them in reaching their true potential and finding their independence. I look forward to meeting with you.

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**Together we succeed.**

**"I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself."**

**Lone Man (Isna-la-wica) Teton Sioux**



**SURROUNDED BY CEDAR CHILD AND  
FAMILY SERVICES**

## YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Intensive Youth Support Worker engages with, and supports, youth ages 12 to 19. In collaboration with the youth and his/her guardian, the Intensive Youth Support Worker assists in achieving agreed upon, time sensitive goals that range from immediate to long term. We will engage the youth in helpful, supportive relationships by connecting them with cultural resources within the community, assistance with finding shelter, accessing basic needs or developing independent living skills through appropriate means. We arrange for mentorship, guidance and short term intervention for both low and high risk youth, including critical incidents, where required.

The support worker will be in regular contact with the youth through personal weekly meetings. The youth will be required to take responsibility for a reasonable portion of setting the goals as well as the planning and actions required to achieve those goals. Independence and self-sufficiency is an expected outcome of our program and with the help of relatives, friends, peer groups and/or community resources, we will give our best to help the youth realize success.



## Partners and Resources

The ISW will be in contact with the all those involved in the youth's support team to include, but not limited to, social workers, youth and probation workers, family members and peers. In critical incident situations a youth, or any member of his/her care team can call any of the contacts below for immediate assistance.

<b>Children's Help Line</b>	<b>250-310-1234</b>
<b>Kid's Help Phone</b>	<b>1-800-668-6868</b>
<b>Crisis Line</b>	<b>250-386-6323</b>
<b>Victoria Police Department</b>	<b>250-995-7654</b>
<b>Island Sexual Health</b>	<b>250-592-3479</b>
<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>



## Rights of Youth in Care in BC

All youth in care have rights. Youth have a right to:

- Live in a caring, secure and nurturing environment, being fed, clothed and looked after.
- Be told what is in your plan of care.
- Be consulted and to express your views, according to your abilities, about important decisions that affect you.
- Reasonable privacy and to have your own personal belongings.
- Not be punished physically or in any abusive way.
- Take part in social and rec activities if they are available in the community and suited to your interest and abilities.
- Be told how your caregivers expect you to behave, and the consequences if you don't.
- Receive required medical and dental care.
- Receive religious instruction and take part in the religions activities of your choice.
- Receive guidance and encouragement to maintain your cultural heritage.
- An interpreter if language is a barrier to getting involved in plans for care.
- Talk privately with members of your family unless access is legally restricted.
- Privacy during discussions with a lawyer, MLA, MP, etc.
- Right to be informed about the Representative for Children and Youth of BC, and to have assistance contacting them.
- Be told about *CFCSA* rights and how to enforce them.

As per Section 70 of *Child and Family Community Services Act*