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ABOUT OUR LOGO

In the spirit of spindle whorls, the 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.



SURROUNDED BY CEDAR

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES



→ INDIGENOUS CHILDREN NEED HOMES NOW

- Children and youth who are connected to their families, communities and cultures do better as adults.
- When Indigenous children need to be away from their families, it is important for them to be with caregivers willing to work to keep them connected to their roots.
- We look to our foster parents to fulfill this role, and to be a supportive, consistent caregiver in our children's lives.
- Being a caregiver is a challenging job with many rewards. Caregivers play a very important role in our families, and in the wellbeing of our communities and Nations.
- We are always in need of caregivers and of Indigenous families willing to open their hearts and their homes to an Indigenous child.

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LIFELONG CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

As a means to ensure healthy identity development and strong relational permanence for urban Indigenous children and youth in care, the Lifelong Connections Program works alongside social workers to identify and locate family, extended family and community members to build meaningful and lifelong connections with.

Lifelong Connections

The Lifelong Connections Worker plays a pivotal role in ensuring healthy identity development and strong relational permanence for urban Indigenous children and youth in care.

The Lifelong Connections Worker works alongside referring social workers to identify and locate a child or youth's extended family or other community members to build lifelong connections with.

Wherever possible, these established connections may be explored as a permanency plan for the child or youth.

LIFELONG CONNECTIONS PROCESS

About the Referral Process

Referrals to the Lifelong Connections Program are made by social workers who are responsible for planning for urban Indigenous children or youth. Referring social workers can expect to be actively engaged throughout the Lifelong Connections process.

Once a referral is received, the LLCW will work collaboratively with all members of the child/youth's team, including birth family members, extended family members and the child/youth's Nation to determine who the child/youth is related to.

Resources Used for Lifelong Connections

The Lifelong Connections may also use some of these resources to determine a child/youth's genealogy:

- > The child/youth's Indigenous community
- > The urban Indigenous community
- > Birth and extended family members
- > Elders
- > Vital Statistics
- > Museum archives
- > Veteran archives



What does a LLC Worker do?

To ensure urban Indigenous children and youth in care have meaningful and lifelong connections to family, community and culture, the LLCW may:

- > Review files to gather family information;
- > Connect with the child/youth's birth family, extended family, Nation, and others to gather information about who the child is related to;
- > Organize meetings with the child/youth's family, extended family, and/or Nation;
- > Create individual genograms;
- > Prepare familial information for the child/youth's life story.



Our Commitment

Surrounded by Cedar will provide child and family services strongly rooted in Indigenous cultural values and world views while ensuring urban Indigenous children and youth grow up connected to family, community and culture. We will support the empowerment of the urban Indigenous community to continue the reclamation of traditional systems of caring for and protecting children so no child or youth will be placed into care.

Surrounded by Cedar is located upon the territories of the Lekwungen people. We offer gratitude to you as the keepers of these lands and waters.

