



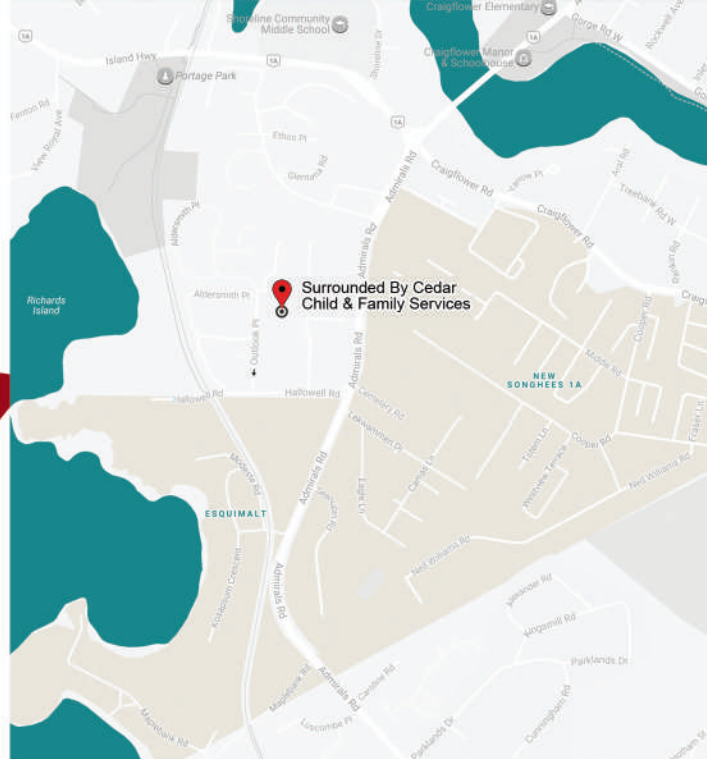
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## ABOUT OUR LOGO

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.

### → 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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### CULTURAL PROGRAMS



In its belief that all children have the right to grow up connected to their culture, Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services offers programming throughout the year that nurtures cultural identity development and provides a culturally safe space for this learning to take place.



# Cultural Programming Activities

The cultural program proudly offers the following programs, events and activities throughout the year:

- > Earth Walkers Cultural Camps\*
- > Pro-D Day Programming (SD 61 calendar)
- > Annual Winter Feast
- > Nest to Wings Ceremony
- > Monthly Tea & Bannock Teachings
- > Other Family Friendly Events

\* Earth Walkers camps are designed for urban Indigenous children in care between the ages of 7 & 11 years of age and take place during spring and summer breaks within SD #61.



*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.*

## XE'XU TULUTS'THUT YOUTH LEADERSHIP



### Sacred Circle Leadership

The Sacred Circle Leadership program is a youth development initiative focused on lifelong learning to deepen one's self-identity, stewardship and individual growth. The name XE'XU T'ULUTS'THUT comes from the Hul'qumi'num language and translates into "Sacred Circle". XE'XU T'ULUTS'THUT builds and supports healthy, culturally relevant youth programming focused on Indigenous ways of being and healthy youth development.

The program includes:

- > Mentorship development
- > On the land learning
- > Arts and cultural learning
- > Cultural exchanges
- > Elders' teachings
- > Certificates and accredited learning



### About our Logo

The XE'XU T'ULUTS'THUT logo was designed by Ray Sim of the Musqueam First Nation. Ray originally designed this logo for the "All My Relations Coalition", a group of urban Indigenous and non-Indigenous agencies working in solidarity in the Greater Victoria area. XE'XU T'ULUTS'THUT was given permission to use this logo and continue the legacy of vibrant communities that are based on equity, inclusion, generosity and opportunity.



### 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.

