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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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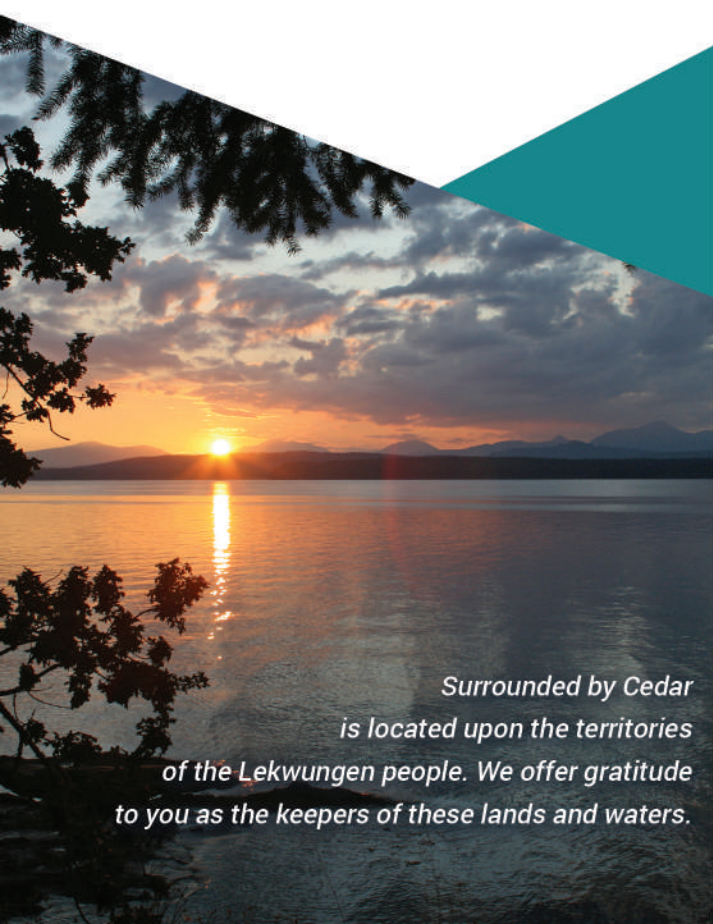
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### GUARDIANSHIP & PERMANENCY PLANNING

Through an agreement with the Provincial Director of Child Welfare, the Guardianship & Permanency Program provides culturally rooted services to urban Indigenous children and youth in Continuing Care with an overall, long-term goal of permanency.

# Guardianship & Permanency Planning Social Workers

Guardianship & Permanency Planning Social Workers are responsible as legal guardians to urban Indigenous children and youth who are in the Continuing Care of the Director. They strive to provide services that are strongly rooted in cultural values and beliefs, while focusing on creating appropriate permanency plans and ensuring that all children and youth are afforded the best possible 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.*

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS

### Child and Youth Rights

Did you know that children and youth in care have rights under s.70 of the Child, Family, and Community Services Act? Check out these important rights:

- Live in a caring, secure and nurturing environment, being fed, clothed and looked after.
- Be told what is in the care plan.
- 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 recreational 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 religious 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.



### Cultural Continuity Worker

Working alongside the Guardianship & Permanency Planning Social Worker, the Cultural Continuity Worker supports urban Indigenous children and youth in care to connect to their traditional territories and to provide meaningful cultural and language support within the foster home. Referrals to the CCW are made through the Guardianship Social Worker.



### 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.

