



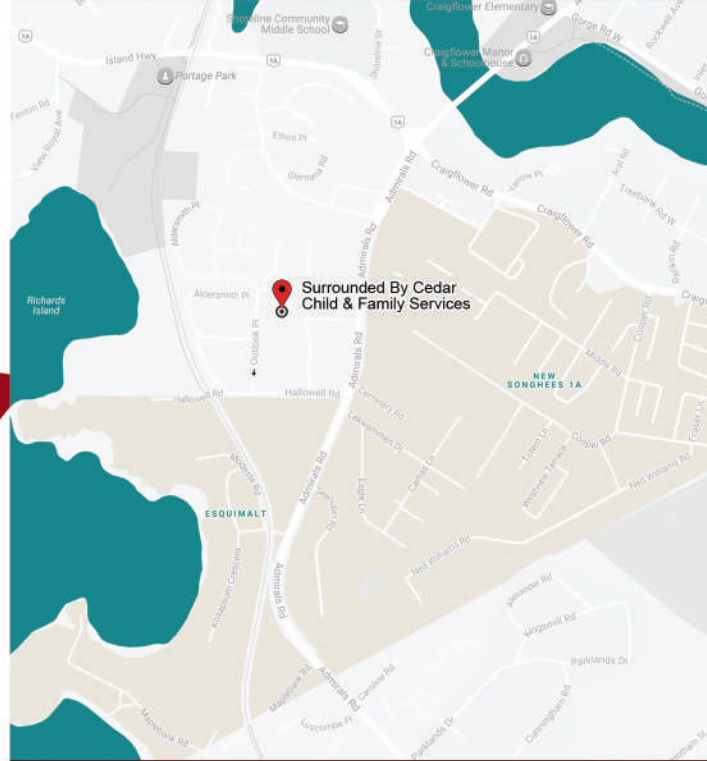
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ABOUT OUR LOGO

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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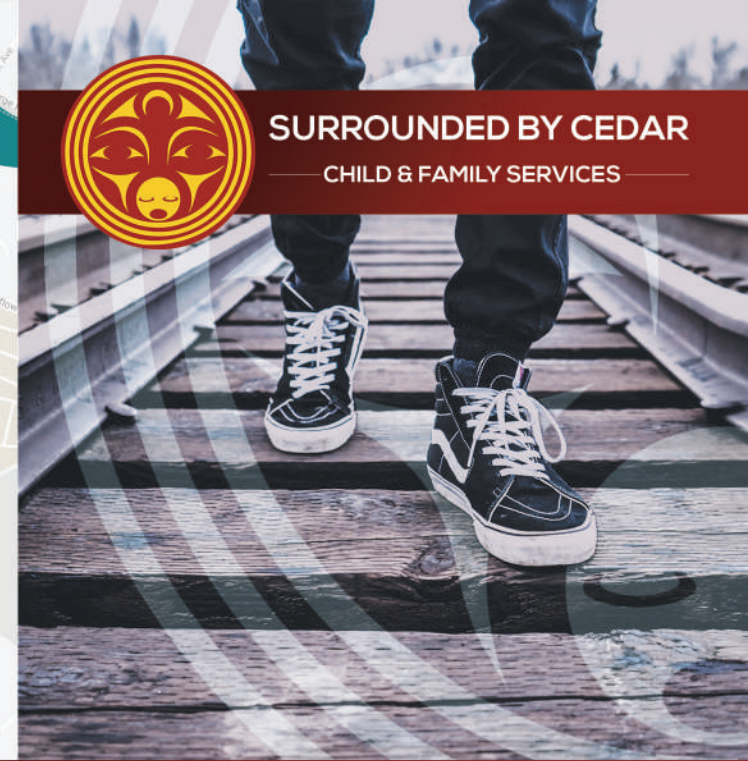


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SURROUNDED BY CEDAR

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES



INTENSIVE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

Focused on the overall well-being of urban Indigenous youth between the ages of 12 and 19, the Intensive Youth Support Services Program works collaboratively to develop goal-oriented, culturally safe, and time-specific plans for service.

Intensive Youth Support

The Intensive Youth Support worker provides direct support to urban Indigenous youth in care who may be engaged in high-risk activities which could impact their overall well-being. Through a mentorship type relationship, the Intensive Youth Support Worker collaborates with the youth's care team to establish specific, achievable goals that aim to reduce risk and create meaningful connection.



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Types of Support

The Intensive Youth Support Worker in collaboration with his/her care team will:

- Connect youth to cultural resources within the community
- Assist youth to find shelter
- Help youth access supports to meet their basic needs
- Support youth to grow their independent living skills

Mentorship, Guidance & Collaboration

The Intensive Youth Support Worker engages as a mentor, offering guidance and short-term services to urban Indigenous youth. Collaborating directly with the youth, and with the help of relatives, friends, peer groups, and community resources, the program promotes healthy relationships between young people and their support networks.

The Intensive Youth Support Worker maintains regular contact with youth referred to the program, typically through weekly in-person meetings. Youth are actively engaged in setting goals, which range from immediate to long-term.



The Referral Process

Referrals to the Intensive Youth Support Worker are made by the youth's legal guardian. Referral forms are available through the Intensive Youth Support Worker.



Important Youth Resources

Children's Help Line:	250-310-1234
Kid's Help Phone:	1-800-668-6868
Crisis Line:	250-386-6323
Island Sexual Health:	250-592-3479
Emergency:	911



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.

