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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Well it has been two years since I was honored with the privilege of working for Knucwentwecw Society and it continues to be the second most challenging and rewarding job I have had, the first being a mother. I previously worked for the Ministry of Children and Family Development primarily with Aboriginal children and families. It was not until coming to work for Knucwentwecw Society that I began to understand the challenges faced by First Nations. I am very grateful to the children, families and communities we serve for their generosity in sharing their knowledge, experiences and culture with me, Kukstsetsemc. The

staff and Board of Knucwentwecw Society are dedicated, talented group of people to work with, I am truly fortunate.

Updates

Youth Home: Knucwentwecw Society was in the process of establishing a therapeutic youth home when I joined the organization. I was unable to recruit suitable staff for this resource and a decision was made in consultation with leadership to discontinue the project.

Current Staff: Knucwentwecw Society currently employs twelve people, the majority being First Nations and Aboriginal.

Programs: Knucwentwecw Society offers child protection, family support services, youth services, resources (family care homes), and Sacred Family Circles (Family Group Conferencing). We look forward to working closely with communities to expand prevention services.

Community members, Knucwentwecw Society is accountable to you. Please do not hesitate to stop by our office for a cup of tea. I welcome your comments, questions and concerns.

Sincerely,
Arlene Adie



It is one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

~ Charles Dickens



Mandate

Knucwentwecw Society will carry out the mandate to protect children as legislated under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*. Assuming the responsibility to provide community support, supervision, planning, and the residential resource services to Northern Shuswap communities. The society will recruit and train foster home applicants to meet the needs of the communities. We will provide ongoing community awareness/ education programs to promote and provide information about the Knucwentwecw Society programs which will serve to enhance the well being of children.



MISSION STATEMENT

Knucwentwecw society will protect children and support families through services and referrals. The Society will work within the community to respect and preserve the Shuswap culture.



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IF YOU NEED HELP

Call your local child welfare worker or the Helpline for Children at 310-1234. The Helpline call is free. You do not need an area code. And you can call any time of day or night.

On the other end of the phone

When you call the Helpline, you will reach a child welfare worker who is ready to listen, help and take action. These workers care about what is going

on, and it is their job to help children and families who are having problems.

Anyone can call the Helpline

Children—Children who are being abused or neglected, or just need to talk to someone, can call for help.

Parents—Parents who are hurting their children or worried they might hurt their children can call for help and learn about sup-

ports in their community.

Relatives, friends and community members—

Anyone who thinks a child is, or may be, abused or neglected has a legal duty to report their concern to a child welfare worker.



WHAT WILL GOOD COMMUNICATION TEACH CHILDREN?

Offering explanations will help children work matters out for themselves. Take time to point out how things are connected, for example, in terms of cause and effect. Parents who think out loud with their children will see them develop a similar train of thought. They will learn to talk and think in a more sophisticated way. If parents express emotions and feelings, their children will learn it's okay

to do the same. When your children want to talk or ask questions, encourage them. If you are dismissive or always say you are too busy, they may express frustration and stop wanting to share their thoughts and feelings. If the family has a problem that concerns your child, involve them in the discussion. Try to find possible solutions together with him or her.

When discussing options, also talk about consequences. The possible outcome will influence your final decision. Be open to the child's suggestions. Let them take part in the negotiations and the decision. A child who experiences this kind of communication will become very confident and learn the rules of good communication.
by Dr Stephen Collins, GP

Interested in becoming a Foster Parent for Knuwentwecw Society?

Contact Our office at 250-392-2995 or Toll Free 1-888-392-0404

SPRING IS HERE!

Good day all! My name is Carol Archie. My position here at the office is Administrative Assistant.

I am from the Canoe Creek Indian Band. I am the daughter of Eric and Sandra Archie. I also have to beautiful daughters who are now 5 and 2 years old. They are so precious and it

is amazing to watch them go through all the stages of their journey. It's pretty sweet!

Wow! Spring is finally here and we are still getting snow. What is up with that? For myself, I am looking forward to this year. I have decided to try a different sport this summer. I will be starting out

door soccer. I haven't played out door soccer since high school. It will be fun. I am also excited about getting back on the ball field. Dust off the winters dust off my ball gear.

It is also the time for travelling. So to all safe travels to where ever the road takes you & have a blast!



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POW WOW

24TH Annual Chief Will-Yum Fathers Day

Pow Wow

June 19–21, 2009

“Aboriginal Day Celebrations”, lots of activities, calling all volunteers. Vendors please register early.

For more information, contact

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CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If children live with hostility,
They learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule,
They learn to be shy.

If children live with tolerance,
They learn to be patient.

If children live with encouragement,
They learn confidence.

If children live with praise,
They learn to appreciate.

If children live with fairness,
They learn justice.

If children live with approval,
They learn to like themselves.

If children live with acceptance, and friendship,
They learn to find love in the world.

By Dorothy Law Nolte

