



Walking With Our Children: The Journey To Permanency Project



Kwumut Lelum Child & Family Services

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The intent of this project is to work with Aboriginal communities on Vancouver Island, including the Delegated Aboriginal Agencies. Our goal is to engage in a consultation process that supports the development of an Aboriginal Permanency and Adoption Framework. This will assist in defining strategies to improve rates of Permanency planning and Adoption for Children In Care, by focusing on the various out of care options. Our intent is also to engage in discussions about Indigenous ways of caring for children, by focusing on Nation specific approaches to Cultural and Custom Adoptions. By examining current practice we hope to gain a greater understanding of "what is working, and what is not working" to support recommendations for stronger culturally based practice.

Our focus in the consultation process is to honor Indigenous knowledge, resources, and practice. Our hope is to engage with agencies, partners, and communities to identify areas where outcomes for Children In Care can be improved, through collaborative strategies with all those in support of reducing the number of children in care and wherever possible reconnecting them with their families and bringing them home.

Community Consultation Forum:

In collaboration with Kwumut Lelum Child & Family Services

Through our partnership with Kwumut Lelum, we will be commencing with a Community Forum in Snuneymuxw Territory as follows:

- **Date: July 2, 2015 - THURSDAY**
- Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (*Lunch will be provided*)
- Location: Snuneymuxw First Nation Community Kitchen Next To The Longhouse
- Address: 2021 Chartwell Rd, Nanaimo
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