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Carrier Sekani Family Services

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Carrier Sekani Family Services is a branch society of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council incorporated as a non-profit society in 1990. With its own board of directors, constitution, and by-laws, it provides health, child and family, and legal services to its eleven member Carrier and Sekani Nations residing in urban and rural areas of North-Central British Columbia.

DELEGATED PROGRAMS

The social workers who work within these programs are delegated under the Child, *Family and Community Service Act* and are guided by the *Aboriginal Operational & Practice Standards and Indicators (AOPSI)*.

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GUARDIANSHIP

What is the Role of the Guardianship Social Worker?

The Guardianship Social Worker is responsible to act in the best interest of children to ensure that a child's individual physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs are met and that their rights are upheld. Guardianship workers take on the legal guardianship role for children and youth who are in continuing custody; which involves their physical care and decision-making responsibility concerning education, health care, residence, and giving/withholding various legal consents.

Who Are Children in Continuing Custody?

Children and youth in continuing custody can be any age up to 19 years and from any ethnic or socio-economic group, and can come into care with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) or a delegated Aboriginal agency for many different reasons.

Who is a Caregiver?

A person whom a child/youth in care is placed with by a director (Guardianship Social Worker) and who, by agreement with the director, has assumed the responsibility for their day-to-day care.

Where do Children/Youth in Care Live?

The different types of homes where a child/youth may live include: foster family home, staffed group home, specialized home, youth detention centers, health treatment facilities, restricted home (relative), or independently (Independent Living Agreements can be signed with youth over the age of 16 years who are in continuing custody).

RESOURCES

Resource workers provide information, orientation, and complete home studies for people interested in applying to provide care to a child/youth in care. Resources also provide on-going training and support to caregivers.

* For information on becoming a foster parent please call (250) 562-3591 and ask to speak to a resource worker.

OUT OF CARE OPTIONS

The Goal of this program is to ensure positive relationships and communication are built with and between children, youth and families to prevent children from coming into care. When children do come into care or are in need of a safety plan,

the social worker is available to ensure that culturally relevant and appropriate plans are in place and are in the best interests of the child. Services can be provided prior to or in conjunction with MCFD or a delegated Aboriginal agency's involvement or in conjunction with an agency social worker.

Referrals can be made by family members or by social workers. To make a referral, please call (250) 563-1281 and ask for the out of care options worker.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Social workers can provide voluntary support services when receiving requests within the delegated authority for families living on reserve. Such services may include assistance with referrals to community services, voluntary care agreements, special needs agreements, or youth agreements. Services offered are based on the needs of the child and family, and are the least disruptive services available. The services should build on the strengths and capacities of the family, extended family, and community.