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Carrier Sekani Family
Services

Child & Family Services
C4 Delegation

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(Children are precious)

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(We respect them)



DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

First Nations communities are entitled to promote the best interest of their children and families. They have the right to participate in services to their families and children. All decisions including the removal of children from their families will be based on the safety and best interest of the child. Therefore, Carrier Sekani Family Services hereby declares that the fundamental principles guiding the provision of services to children and families are:

- The family is the base source of care and upbringing for children and responsibility for the protection and well-being of children rest primarily with the parents.
- Families are entitled to receive preventative and supportive services directed at preserving the family unit.
- Children are entitled to a continuous family environment in which they can flourish.

- Children have the right to be protected from abuse, neglect and harm or threat of harm.
- Families and children are entitled to be informed of their rights and to participate in the decisions affecting those rights.
- Based on the maturity of a child, the child's views must be taken into account when decisions relating to the child are made.
- Families and children have the right to the least disruptive services that are implemented in a timely manner.
- Families and children are entitled to services that respect and preserve their cultural identity.
- The child's ties and attachment to the extended family must be preserved.

What is different between Carrier Sekani Family Services and the Ministry of Child and Family Development when offering child and family services?

CSFS operates from the core principle that Carrier Sekani people have the inherent right, authority, and responsibility to care for their children, and that Carrier Sekani families and communities should be directly involved in the development and delivery of community services.

CSFS continues to advocate for the direct transfer of authority for child welfare rather than operating under the Delegation of the Provincial government and sees the Delegation process as interim until Carrier Sekani people negotiate self-government and self-determination.

The Delegation Process

C3: Resource Development CSFS Received 1998

- Provide prevention and support services for families
- Voluntary care agreements/Special needs agreements
- Establish residential resources (such as foster homes)
- Establishing services to assist communities to strengthen their abilities to care for and protect children.

C4: Guardianship CSFS Achieved March 2003

- All of Level 12 responsibilities
- Guardianship of children in continuing care