

Philosophy

Denisiqi Services Society is based on the philosophy of families helping each other within the community. We, as Aboriginal people, are responsible for our future, and that means it is important for our children to have a safe, caring, and loving environment.

Mission Statement

Through the exercise of inherent responsibility and increased jurisdictional control, Denisiqi Services Society delivers holistic, strengths-based, culturally relevant child and family programs, services and referrals for Tsilhqot'in and Ulkatchot'en.

Vision

Denisiqi (the people's children) are the heart of our communities. They are collectively raised with love by healthy Tsilhqot'in and Ulkatchot'en to have a strong sense of identity, belonging and self-worth.

Family Support Worker Program

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Core Values

- Children are the heart of our communities, and we place them at the centre of everything we do.
- The retention of family relationships is paramount, with emphasis placed on learning to work, live and function together; not just as individuals. Parents pass on their caretaking capacity to their children; and children learn by witnessing the growth and development of their parents. Healthy families are the foundation of healthy communities.
- Embracing and promoting the teachings, knowledge and legends of our Elders and community members is our foundation for the growth and development of our children. We acknowledge the importance of providing children with connections to their families, communities, spirituality/faith, culture and language.
- We respect one another, children, elders, families, communities and our neighbouring Nations. Respect means:
 - Caring for all people;
 - Treating people with equality and dignity;
 - Ensuring all people have a voice – they are heard, acknowledged and validated;
 - Taking the time to cultivate quality relationships
- We utilize an integrated, holistic approach that balances Western and medical models with our traditional practices and preventative approaches. The rights of families to make decisions related to health and wellness includes the right to choose traditional treatments.
- All clients are treated equally in terms of the support, compassion, and quality of services they receive.
- Transparency, responsibility and communication is incorporated into every aspect of our conduct and the services we provide. We continue to build our capacity to ensure our services fully meet regulatory requirements and our self-defined standards of excellence.
- Each of our staff possesses unique assets that serve as important resources to our clients and to the Denisiqi team. Within a supportive environment, we encourage collaboration between departments and the integration of everyone's ideas.

Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health

The Aboriginal Child & Youth Mental Health provides mental health services to children and youth under the age of 19 who are experiencing emotional, psychological, behavioral, and / or psychiatric illness such as depression, anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorder.

The team also offer mental health and wellness education, consultation and support to community members, support workers, and other agencies involved in the care of Aboriginal children and youth.

Delegated Services

Voluntary C3 and Guardianship C4 Services

Services that our social work program provides to families residing in member communities:

- Support Services Agreement to families for child services such as respite, daycare subsidy referral, and wraparound child and parental support planning.
- Voluntary Care Agreements for children with short-term care foster care needs.
- Special Needs Agreements for children with physical, mental or behaviour challenges.
- Financial support for a child in the care of a friend or relative by agreement (non –protection). Replaces Band funded Guardian Financial Support (GFA).
- Youth Agreements for youth ages 16 to 19 who require supports for independent living.
- Guardianship of children under the Continuing Custody of the Director (CCO).
- Foster Home Program—recruitment, assessment and monitoring of caregivers to support children and connect with families by providing short-term respite, voluntary care or special needs care in our member communities and in the Williams Lake area.

The Delegated Services Team specializes in innovative planning and implementation of resources to assist children and families to be resilient and successful in life.

Family Care & Family Support Workers' Program

The Family Care Manager works with, and provides support to four (4) Family Support Workers who work with our Tsilhqot'in communities and one (1) who works with Ulkatcho.

They work with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) social workers when there is a child protection concern and support families involved.

Aboriginal Family Group Conferencing

AFGC is a formal meeting where members of a child's immediate family come together with extended family and members of the child's community to develop a plan to keep the child safe—when a child protection social worker believes a child needs protection.

Services funded by the Provincial and Federal Governments. ** Eligibility varies by program/ service.

Early Childhood Development Program

Services that our program provides:

- Group work with parents and mothers
- Individual Education /Assessment Referrals
- Personal Development
- Issues effecting Aboriginal children and families
- Aboriginal Supported Child Development Program
- Aboriginal Infant Development Program

