

Voluntary Services Program

In addition to Guardianship Services, Denisiqi Delegated Services Team continues to provide

- Support Service Agreements for families seeking Respite Foster Care and Childcare Subsidy Referral for Social Needs;
- Non-Protection Voluntary Care Agreements (when a parent is temporarily unable to be there);
- Special Needs Agreements (for children requiring specialized care) and;
- Financial support to a friend or relative caring for a child under the Extended Family Program (formerly GFA or COPH).

Family Foster Care Homes

Voluntary Services and Guardianship Services depend on foster parents to assist the agency in meeting children's needs. Please call for information in becoming a foster parent in your community.

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DENISIQI SERVICES SOCIETY

GUARDIANSHIP & VOLUNTARY SERVICES PROGRAM



Telephone: 250-392-6500

If you know of a child who may be in need of protection, call the Help-line for children at:

310-1234

(from anywhere in BC, 24 hours a day, no area code is necessary)



GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES PROGRAM



Under Guardianship Delegation the agency provides services to children in the Continuing Custody of the Director. This is in addition to the services delivered under Voluntary Services Delegation.

Denisiqi Services Society and the Delegated Services Team Social Workers are entrusted, as the director, with the responsibility for children with Continuing Custody Order who are residing in foster care homes within the local area and have registered status or family lineage to our Tsilhqot'in Nation and Ulkatchot'en Nation communities.

Child Family and Community Services Act Section 50 (1) When an order is made placing a child in the continuing custody of a director,

- (a) The director becomes the sole personal guardian of the child and may consent to the child's adoption,*
- (b) The Public Guardian and Trustee becomes the sole property guardian of the child, and*
- (c) The order does not affect the child's rights respecting inheritance or succession to property.*

Guardianship Standards of Service

Denisiqi Social Workers will preserve and promote the cultural identity of the child in care and provide services sensitive to the child's views, Tsilhqot'in or Ulkatchot'en heritage and spiritual beliefs.


Each child in care will have a Comprehensive Plan of Care (CPOC) that meets the needs of the child while establishing the family and community's involvement and continued rights and shared responsibilities for the child's health, education and spiritual development.

Children in care are entitled to be physically and emotionally safe, receive care consistent with their rights and be informed of their rights.

Consistent with the child's best interest and need for stability and continuity of lifelong relationships;

- priority for a child's permanent home is with extended family
- within the Tsilhqot'in or Ulkatchot'en Nation
- with another First Nations family if the child's own family or community is unable to assume the child's care.

Denisiqi Social Workers will provide, promote and support opportunities for the child to maintain positive attachments with family of origin and connections with Tsilhqot'in or Ulkatchot'en heritage, spiritual beliefs and identity.



Agreements with Youth

Child Family and Community Services Act Section 12.2 (1) Subject to the regulations, a director may make a written agreement with a youth who needs assistance and who

- (a) cannot, in the director's opinion, be re-established in the youth's family, or*
 - (b) has no parent or other person willing or able to assist the youth.*
- (2) The agreement may provide for one or more of the following:*
- (a) residential, educational or other support services;*
 - (b) financial assistance*
- (9) For the purpose of this section, "youth" includes a person who*
- (a) is under 16 years of age, and*
 - (b) is married or is a parent or expectant parent.*

Under Guardianship Delegation the agency may assess a request for Youth Services, providing the youth, age 16 to 19, is normally resident in one of our Tsilhqot'in Nation communities or in Ulkatcho.

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