

OUR VISION

Families and Communities are empowered to provide a nurturing environment to ensure their children are healthy, safe and connected to their culture.

OUR MISSION

We honour and respect the unique cultures of families and communities as we work together with integrity and dignity to ensure the safety and well-being of Children.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We honour and support families and communities to own the process of coming up with solutions.
- We listen and learn in a respectful way as we work with communities.
- We respect and embrace the unique cultures of families and communities.
- We honour our relationship with community partners and are committed to understanding each other.
- We do our work in a good way and practice humbly.
- We support culture by respecting ceremony in our practice.
- We balance between community cultural values and practice standards.
- In cooperation, trust and respect we work together towards a common goal for our communities.
- We respect the values and strengths of our co-workers and each one's personal commitment to their work.
- We embrace planning that is transparent and inclusive.

Note: The photo(s) contained in this brochure do not represent any person connected to the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children and Family Services Society.

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Contact your Local Region for Request for Services or Reports of Child Protection Concerns as above.

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**After Hours for Child Protection Reports
Provincial Helpline: 310-1234**

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



**Fraser Valley Aboriginal
Children and Family
Services Society**



Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children
and Family Services Society

Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children and Family Services Society (FVACFSS) provides culturally appropriate and holistic services through *family strengthening, community engagement and child safety programs to Aboriginal children, youth and their families residing on and off reserve throughout the Fraser Valley.*

We work in partnership with our communities to provide cultural programs, prevention, education, resources and care for Aboriginal children and youth and services for families in need.



We work together with integrity and dignity to ensure the safety and well-being of children.

FVACFSS operates with a central office located in Chilliwack and regional offices in Abbotsford, Agassiz, Langley and Mission.

For more information, please phone one of the numbers provided on the back of the brochure.

FVACFSS has established programs guided under the name “Xyolhemeylh”. Xyolhemeylh, a *Halq’emeylem* word, describes the special relationship between someone who requires care, and someone who provides care. It describes a relationship based on **CARING, RESPECT and LOVE.**

Programs and Services

Our services are based on the best interests of the Aboriginal child within the context of the child’s family, culture, community, and his or her Kinship ties. The following is an outline of our programs and services:

- **STRENGTH BASED AND SOLUTION FOCUS** - working in collaboration with parents and children to build solutions to ensure safety for the entire family.
- **FAMILY ENHANCEMENT** - focusing on family growth and development as well as providing assistance in parental skills and connecting with support programs for the best needs of the family.
- **COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE** - recognizing that family is best able to identify its strengths, challenges, resources and supports using collaborative planning . Used towards strengthening and supporting the family in caring for a child.
- **FAMILY & CULTURAL CONNECTIONS** - building cultural plans to reconnect and develop relationships for children in care to connect with family, community and culture.
- **TRADITIONAL MENTOR** - using traditional teachings and communication techniques to support female youth, male youth and families that receive our services.
- **ELDER’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - providing cultural and community based guidance to FVACFSS on difficult issues for the safety, protection and well-being of our children.
- **FOSTER CARE RESOURCES** - recruiting, training and providing foster care homes for child(ren) who require care outside of their home.
- **SHXWHA:Y FAMILY HOME** - families struggling with parenting and other challenges may be considered for placement in the family home as a resource of the whole family system.
- **COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE** - volunteers who share their community-based input (ideas/suggestions) in regards to child welfare issues in their community.
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** - providing preventative and remedial programs that are flexible and tailored to support and strengthen wellness in Aboriginal families and the needs of our communities.
- **COMMUNITY GREETER PROGRAM** - greeting Aboriginal families who are new parents or new to the area and unaware of services in the community.
- **AUNTS & UNCLES YOUTH MENTORSHIP** - knowledgeable, trained and screened volunteer mentors meet with a young person one to one, or in a group, 2-4 hours per week.
- **CULTURAL SUMMER CAMPS** - providing an experience to many of the healthy and contemporary and traditional lifestyles of Aboriginal people, including all aspects of the medicine wheel.

The safety and well-being of children and youth are highly valued by us all. ***If a child is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1 or your local police!***