



Nezul Be Hunuyeh

Child & Family Services Society

April 2019 Newsletter

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Time when the snow is gone

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on Events & Programs
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We have joined the Moose Hide Campaign!

"Indigenous women are three times more likely to experience domestic violence than non-Indigenous women, and three times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be killed by someone they know. Too many of our wives, daughters, sisters, aunties, mothers, grandmothers are not safe in their own home. Too many have been murdered or are missing. It is time for us to change this."

<https://www.mooshidecampaign.ca>

This is a movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who stand up against violence towards women and children.

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New Staff

My name is Katrina Siewert. I was hired as a Youth Worker in October 2018 for Nezul Be Hunuyeh. I grew up in Prince George and now I reside in Fort St. James. I am a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) and I work with Tl'azt'en and Nak'azdli youth on achieving their personal and educational goals.

Therapeutic Recreation commonly known as "Recreation Therapy", is a holistic practice that uses recreation and leisure activities to enhance one's physical, social, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual functioning. To put things in perspective, Physical Therapy gives you *strength* to get out of bed, Occupational Therapy will teach you *how* to get out of bed, and Recreation Therapy will give you a *reason* to get out of bed.

The Therapeutic Recreation profession recognizes that recreation and leisure are integral components to achieving a high quality of life, it is through engagement in meaningful recreation and leisure that we understand who we are.



Hadih, my name is Casandra Thomas. I am the new Communications Coordinator for Nezul Be Hunuyeh. My Grandparents are Louise Thomas and the late Jeffrey Thomas Sr. I sit with the Lusilyoo clan. I have previously worked for Nak'azdli Whut'en as the Communications & Events Assistant for 3 years. I learned a lot while in that position and got to take part in some amazing event planning. I am very excited to be joining the team of Nezul Be Hunuyeh! I will be out in Nak'azdli Whut'en and Tl'azt'en Nation often to collect information on upcoming events, potlaches etc.. I look forward to working with the communities!



Programs

Fort St. James Office:

Young Warriors, Girls Monday 3:00 - 5:30pm

Young Warriors, Boys Wednesday, 3:00 - 5:30 pm

Parent Group, Every Tuesday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Prince George Office:

Young Warriors, Girls, Tuesdays 4:00 - 6:30 pm

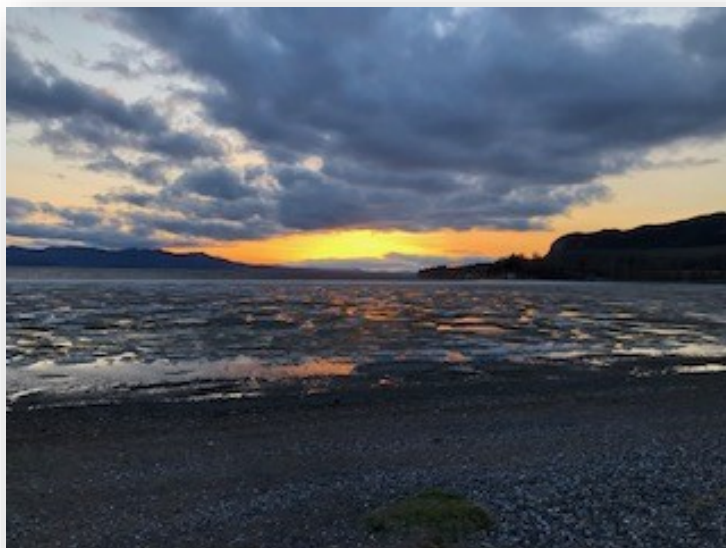
Young Warriors, Boys, Thursdays 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Family Services, Wednesdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Elder's Group, Once every month

Tl'azt'en Office

Tsilbalyan T'o Eagles Nest, Monday - Thursday



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Tsilbalyan T'oo Eagles Nest



. Books

. Toys

. Craft Making

. Circle Time

. Hot Lunch provided . Language & Culture

Rides Provided



Mondays, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesdays, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursdays, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

4121 Lakeshore Drive, (The old Justice Centre)

For more information, contact

Anne Mitchell or Dallas Sam, Early Years Coordinator

Phone: (250) 648-3167

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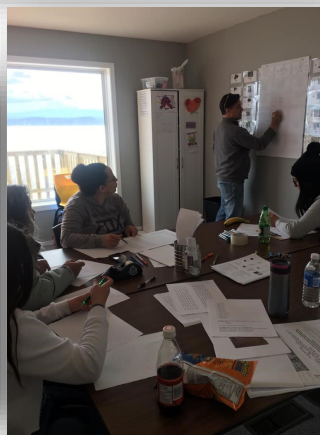
Family Support Services

Tsilbalyan T'o Program (Eagle's Nest) - For Children 0-5years and their Caregivers

Nezul Be Hunuyeh ran the Eagle's Nest Program out of Eugene Joseph Elementary, in Tache, one day a week for many years. On October 3rd 2018 the new Tsilbalyan T'o program was started. This program runs three days and one evening each week at the Nezul Be Hunuyeh Eagle's Nest Building.

Tl'azt'en Community member, Anne Michell and Nak'azdli Community member, Dallas Sam, run the Tsilbalyan T'o program with a great deal of passion and energy. There are many excellent toys and books for children and their caregivers to interact with, crafts that engage and educate and lots of opportunities for everyone to learn Dakelh culture and language. Each day a nutritious meal is served.

Please feel welcome to come out with your little ones and enjoy the Tsilbalyan T'o Program located at the Old Justice Centre in Tache.



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Elder's Movie Afternoon – “Indian Horse”

On February 15th an Elder's Movie Afternoon was offered at the Nezul Be Hunuyeh Building in Tache. Anne Michell brought Tl'azt'en Elders together to watch the movie “Indian Horse.” Mental Health Clinician, Ruth Suvee, was on hand to lead a group discussion following the movie. Anne and Dallas prepared a meal that was shared by everyone who attended.



Clothing Giveaway at Eugene Joseph Elementary

Each Spring and Fall the Staff at Nezul Be Hunuyeh organize a clothing drive to gather new and gently used children's clothing to distribute to students at Eugene Joseph School. The students come through and go shopping. Each child is given a grocery bag and with the help of NBH staff, find what they want or need for clothes. Bags containing fun hygiene items, socks and underwear, are distributed to each student. Community members are welcome to attend.



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Children's Fairs – Nak'azdli and Tl'azt'en Communities

For the past three years, in early March, a children's fair has been held in the Eugene Joseph Gym. It is an event for Children 0-5 years and their Caregivers. Service providers who work in Tache are invited to come and provide information about their programs. Each Service Provider is asked to have an activity that will engage and entertain a young child. Invitations are delivered to each household with preschool children who live in Tache and Binche. Each child receives a literacy box including educational items, a t-shirt and additional items from service providers. Rides are available and lunch is served. This year we had 23 children and 20 adults in attendance along with 32 Service Providers.

Special highlights this year included a bouncy house, a clown and Dakelh children's author, Cecilia John, from Saik'uz.

Nezul Be Hunuyeh staff also participated in the Nak'azdli Blue Monday/Children's Fair on January 28th. We had a table full of prizes and crafts for those who attended.

Next year, in addition to the Tl'azt'en Children's Fair, Nezul Be Hunuyeh will partner with Nak'azdli Health Centre to run a Children's Fair for Nak'azdli children 0-5 years.



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Eugene Joseph Book Fair—March 19

Each year, Nezul Be Hunuyeh organizes a book fair at Eugene Joseph School to promote literacy and engage youth in reading. The Agency accepts donations of new and gently used books year round to prepare for the event.

The sorted books were distributed on March 19. Each student has the opportunity to look through the books and choose those that appeal to them to own and take home.

In addition, the Agency purchases basic school supplies such as pencils and fun erasers to distribute.

The students anticipate the day with excitement and enjoy the opportunity to add to their home libraries. It provides children who may not otherwise have access to books the opportunity to develop an interest in and love for reading.



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Young Warriors Program

Nezul Be Hunuyeh offers a Young Warriors program in both the Fort St. James and Prince George Location. These programs run twice a week with various activities that are focused on Dakelh language & Culturally Traditional teachings and life skills.

Fort St. James Young Warriors:

The Young Warriors group in Fort St. James began in March with the addition of new Culture Workers.

Girls, every Monday 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Boys, every Wednesday 3:00 - 5:30 pm

- A walk to the Pictographs on Stuart Lake
- Chief Kw'eh's Gravesite
- Snow shoeing up Mount Pope
- Collecting Red Willow to make traditional tobacco
- Traditional Introductions
- The Church Bell at Our Lady of Good Hope Church
- Learning Syllabics
- Movie night in Prince George

Prince George Young Warriors:

The young warriors group in Prince George has been established for the past few years providing Dakelh Culture to Nak'azdli & Tl'azt'en children residing in the Prince George Area.

Girls, every Tuesday 4:00 - 6:30 pm, Boys every Thursday 4:00 - 6:30 pm

- Drum Making
- Cooking lessons
- Budgeting
- Hiking
- Movie nights
- Creating vision boards
- Regalia making
- Cultural circles
- The 7 Sacred teachings
- Sweat Lodge Ceremony



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In Support of

Young Warriors Youth

Bottle

DRIVE



Please drop-off bottles at
Nezul Be Hunuyeh Office
710 Stuart Drive West 8:00-4:00

For more information, please contact Nekita Paradis or
Katrina Siewert at (250) 996-6806

Jordan's Principle

Named in memory of [Jordan River Anderson](#) from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, Jordan's Principle ensures that all First Nations children can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

[Jordan's principle](#) recognizes that First Nation Children may need government services that exceed the normative standard of care and will evaluate the individual needs of the child to ensure [substantive equality](#), culturally appropriate services, and/or to safeguard the best interests of the child.

Examples of supports covered under Jordan's Principle



Health

- mobility aids
- wheelchair ramps
- addiction services
- services from Elders
- mental health services
- specialized hearing aids
- traditional healing services
- services for children in care
- assessments and screenings
- transportation to appointments
- medical supplies and equipment
- long-term care for children with specialized needs
- therapeutic services for individuals or groups (speech therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy)



Social

- social worker
- land-based activities
- personal support worker
- specialized summer camps
- respite care (individual or group)
- specialized programs based on cultural beliefs and practices



Education

- school supplies
- tutoring services
- teaching assistants
- specialized school transportation
- psycho-educational assessments
- assistive technologies and electronics

Who is covered

Services provided under Jordan's Principle are available to:

- Registered First Nations children* living on or off reserve;
- First Nations children entitled to be registered, under the *Indian Act* including
 - those who became entitled to register under the December 22, 2017 amended provisions of the *Indian Act*, under Bill S-3;
 - Infants under 18 months; and
- Any Indigenous child, including Non-Status First Nation or Métis, who are ordinarily resident on reserve.

** For the purposes of Jordan's Principle, a "child" is defined as an individual who is under the Age of Majority within their province or territory. In BC the age of majority is 19. As such, eligibility for Jordan's Principle ceases when Age of Majority is attained (Date of the child's 19th birthday).*



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Services aux
Autochtones Canada

Canada

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Who can send requests

A request for a child or children in the same family or with the same guardian can be submitted by:

- parents or guardians caring for a dependent First Nations child under the age of majority in the child's province/territory of residence
- a First Nations child above 16 years of age
- an authorized representative of the child, parent or guardian
 - written or verbal consent must be provided by the parent or guardian

A request for a group of children from multiple families or guardians can be submitted by:

- a community or service provider, who can request services, such as:
 - respite care
 - wheelchair ramps
 - support programs
 - educational assistants
 - transportation to school
 - local therapeutic specialists, etc.

How to send a request

Contact us through our call centre, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or your BC representative (see list below) to start your request for funding under Jordan's Principle. We are here to help.

Having certain information ready when you contact us can help if you are seeking access to funding for a product, service or support. This includes:

- registration number for child or parent under the Indian Act (if available)
- the product, service or support needed and how often the product, service or support will be needed
- estimated costs
- copies of documents related to requests (e.g. prescriptions, referrals from health, social or education professionals)
- any additional information that should be considered to support the request.

BC Representatives

ISC BC Regional Office

Ashley Dunsmore	778-951-0716	aadnc.bc-jp.aandc@canada.ca
Caleb Lam	778-951-0716	aadnc.bc-jp.aandc@canada.ca
Alison Atherton	778-951-0716	aadnc.bc-jp.aandc@canada.ca
Vincent Dong	778-951-0716	aadnc.bc-jp.aandc@canada.ca

For First Nations Health Authority Child and Youth Systems Navigators:

- Phone: 1-866-913-0033
- Email: jordans.principle@fnha.ca

For requests for Inuit children contact the ISC BC Regional Office (see above)

Jordan's Principle Call Centre (open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week):

- Phone: 1-855-JP-CHILD (1-855-572-4453)
- Email: aadnc.infopubs.aandc@canada.ca
- Teletypewriter: 1-866-553-0554

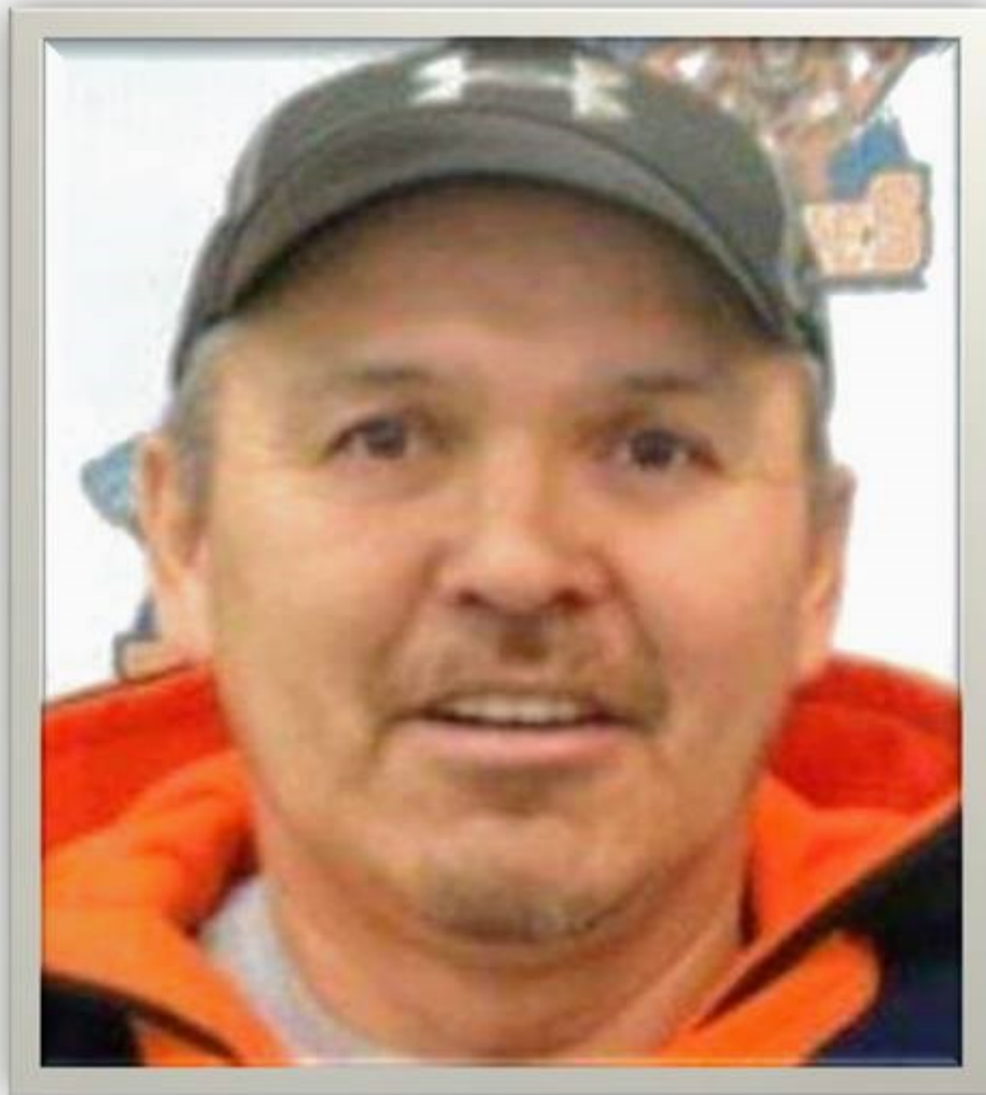


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Potlatch for the Late



Wayne Sam

Lhts'umusyoo Clan

When: Sunday May 19, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.

Where: Kwah Hall

Bookkeeper: Beverly Ketlo from Nadleh

Becky Collier can collect from Fort St. James

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NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES IS RECRUITING!

Neghunli-un Coordinator – Permanent Full-Time, Fort St. James

We are offering an exciting opportunity to become part of a passionately dedicated and skilled team. Under the supervision of the Executive Director, the Neghunli-un Coordinator work with the communities we serve to facilitate opportunities for children, families and communities to achieve their full potential and realize a healthy lifestyle. The position includes community engagement, needs assessments, development and implementation of workshops and training designed to provide education and training related to Nezul Be Hunuyeh program and services, the child welfare system and other identified needs. The Neghunli-un Coordinator will assist in the development, training, implementation, and provide ongoing support to Elders Advisory Committees in each community served by Nezul Be Hunuyeh.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Assist in the development, training, implementation and support to Elders Advisory Committees
- Provide ongoing support to community through relationship building and community engagement
- Engage and interact with stakeholders including member communities, community partners, children and families.
- Attend Nezul Be Hunuyeh staff meetings, events and activities and assist as required
- Maintain documentation reflecting daily activities, planning, and summary reports
- Organize and implement community workshops and information sessions as identified
- Work with other Nezul Be Hunuyeh staff to implement programs, services, and activities designed to promote community wellness

The Successful applicant will:

- Convey new ideas contributing to organizational forward-thinking approaches
- Work independently and collaboratively building effective interpersonal relationships
- Be proficient in the use of computer programs as well as oral and written communication
- Be familiar with and integrate Dakelh practices and protocols, beliefs, values, and knowledge as best practice
- Understand the historical concerns in Indigenous communities
- Have knowledge of the communities served by Nezul Be Hunuyeh
- Be familiar with Nezul Be Hunuyeh Child and Family Services, provincial Indigenous Child and Family Service Agencies and the provincial child welfare system

Applicant must agree to a Criminal Record Check and have a valid Class 5 Driver's License.

First Nations ancestry is an asset

Please submit resume and cover letter to:

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Closing Date: May 3, 2019 @ 4:00pm

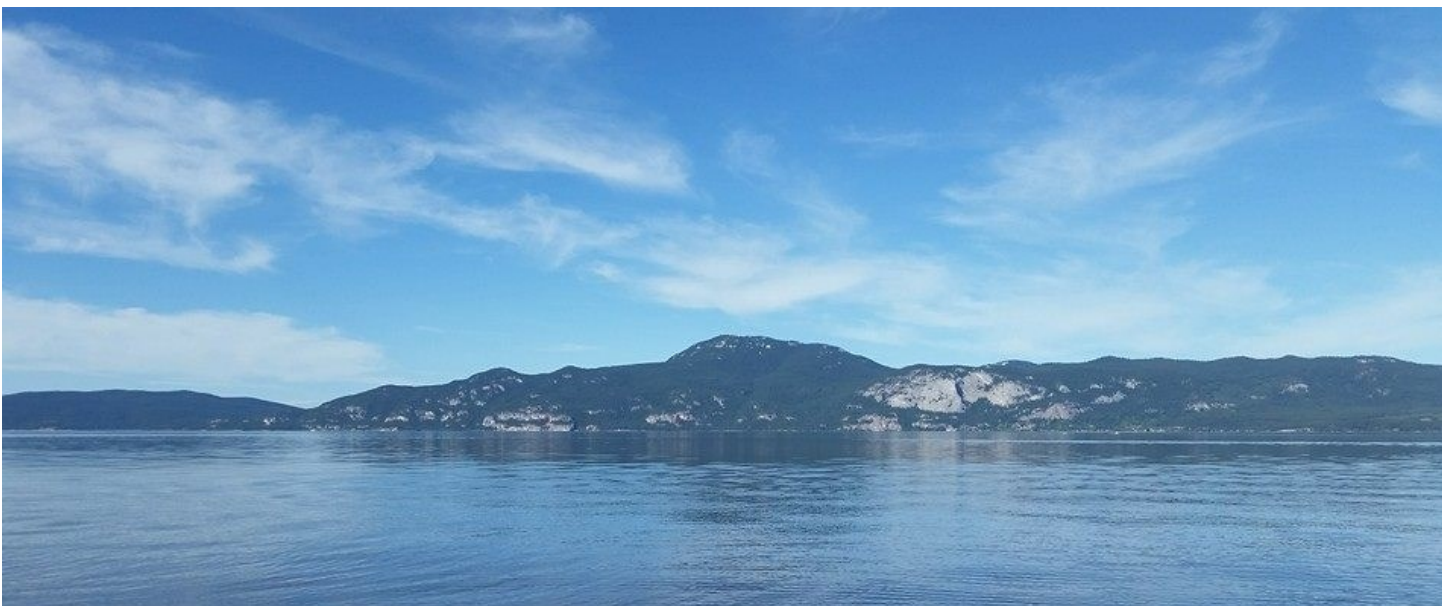
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Resource Recruitment

A focus continues to be foster home recruitment. More homes are needed in our Area and in our communities to ensure children are safe and are in their home communities. If you or someone you know are interested but not sure where to start, contact us for more information!

Resource Worker will be coming to Fort St. James to host information sessions monthly at the Fort St. James Library. The information session for May is To Be Announced - keep an eye on the Nezul Be Hunuyeh Facebook page and Website for upcoming dates.

For more information, contact: Ashley Burt, Resource Worker
Phone: (250) 561-0790 **Toll Free:** 1(855) 562-0790 **Fax:** (250) 561-1591
1444 9th Avenue Prince George, B.C V2L 5N9



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Planning for the Hearts & Dreams Event has begun!



This event is for Children In Care, Children who are Adopted out, Foster Parents and Traditional Caregivers (those caring for grandchildren, nieces and nephews, etc.) locally and from the Prince George Area.



**PLEASE CONTACT US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THIS APPLIES TO YOU
OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

For more information **Ph: (250) 996-6806 Email: mbrittain@nbh.ca**

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