

# Nezul Be Hunuyeh (NBH)

## Child and Family Services Society

### 2018 Newsletter

FEBRUARY (*Chuzsul Ooza'*)

*~The time of the small snowflakes~*



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## WELCOMING NEW STAFF

Nezul Be Hunuyeh would like to extend their welcome to Kristy Erickson as the New **Family Preservation Worker (FPP)** for our Fort St. James office.



Kristy started with the Agency in September 2017 as a part time Family Connections Worker. Kristy is a Nak'azdli Whut'en Band member who proudly belongs to the Lusilyoo Clan. She was raised here, in her home community, since a young age and is familiar with families in our area.

Kristy and her husband are a family with 3 children with a fourth on the way. Kristy is passionate about Family and community so the FPP position will align well with her. As a young mother herself, Kristy is able to open up connections with other parents. She believes utilizing her own personal experiences will be beneficial on this exciting new journey.

### Re-introduction - New Role "Admin Team Assistant"

Clementine is part of a new journey with the Agency by switching from a contracted position to a permanent full time position as the **Admin Team Assistant**.



Clementine will continue with the communications work she truly enjoys, and the community development portion of her role will be redistributed through the amazing staff we have. In her new journey, Clementine is able to continue the communications work and the Agency is very supportive of her work.

Working with NBH and becoming a Team Support is a new venture in expanding her horizons and a challenge that she welcomes.

Our Newsletter will continue to go out every 2nd month put together so well by Clementine.

For those of you who have the thought of coming by our office, please do.

Our team is always happy to have people drop in and find out more about what we offer and we encourage you to bring your little ones.

Your  
First  
*Breath* Took Ours  
*away...*

THE NEZUL BE HUNUYEH TEAM WOULD LIKE TO  
CONGRATULATE OUR VERY OWN

**MONICA BRITAIN & DARRYN THOMAS**  
ON THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR BABY BOY.  
**FYNN GREYSON THOMAS**

BABY BOY FYNN BLESSED HIS PARENTS ON  
**DECEMBER 28TH @ 8:48AM**  
**WEIGHED IN AT 7LBS 15OZ**  
**21.5 INCHES LONG**

**WELCOME TO THE NBH FAMILY**





# Foster Parent Information



## What is Foster Care?

At times, children are unable to reside in their homes and are brought into the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development to ensure their physical and emotional safety. While in care, children are placed in foster homes.

## The Goal of Foster Care

To provide a safe, secure, culturally sensitive nurturing home, in or close to the children's home communities of Tl'azt'en Nation and Nak'azdli Whut'en.

As part of the NBH team, all Foster Parents receive continued support through the Resource Worker, Guardianship Worker and Caregiver Support Worker.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or for more information please contact

**Dawn Henkes at 250-996-6806 or email [dawnhenkes@nezulbehunuyeh.ca](mailto:dawnhenkes@nezulbehunuyeh.ca)**

If you are also interested in becoming a **RESPIRE Home**, please contact the NBH office for more information or to apply.

## ***Ongoing NBH Programs***

### Eagle's Nest – Tl'azt'en Nation

A drop in program for parents and their preschool children 0-5 years. Join us for arts and crafts, stories and song, play time and snacks and parenting support.

- ◆ Every Wednesday from 11:00 - 2:00—NBH Building Tache

### Family Support Group – Fort St. James

⇒ *“Hoon' Yanne Bubuzni Dulh Group” - Following the Path of the Elders*

We recognize that parenting is the most important and most challenging role you will ever have. In the past it took a community to raise a child and everyone had a role. We were never expected to do it on our own. Join Anna, Kristy and Lori for fun activities, information and parenting support

- ◆ Every Thursday

### Family Support Group – Prince George

⇒ *“Hoon' Yanne Bubuzni Dulh Group” - Following the Path of the Elders*

We recognize that parenting is the most important and most challenging role you will ever have. In the past it took a community to raise a child and everyone had a role. We were never expected to do it on our own. Join Katelyn along with other parents and children for fun activities, field trips, information and parenting support

Transit tickets are available. Please call our office at 250-561-0790 for more information.

- ◆ Every Wednesday from 10:00am - 12:00pm

### Cultural Program – Tl'azt'en Nation

Join Rachel along with community Elders and knowledge keepers to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors while you participate in seasonal cultural activities. Everyone is welcome to drop in to the NBH Building for coffee and bannock and join in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, trapping, fishing, food and medicine gathering and language and genealogy.

- ◆ Every day of the week; except Wednesdays & weekends

**DO YOU NEED A  
RIDE TO ANY OF  
OUR FSJ  
PROGRAMS?  
  
CALL OUR  
OFFICE  
A DAY AHEAD**



# WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

**Name our building Contest !!**

**Nezul Be Hunuyeh building in Tache!**

## CONGRATULATIONS LEON ERICKSON

**Uncha' neyoh**

**~ Our house of hope ~**

**A celebration of Reveal will come in the near future  
*Watch our Facebook page for future announcement***



~ LEON ERICKSON ~  
Top right corner in white shirt

### Words of Leon Erickson

The house of hope has many levels of symbolism.

The natural beauty of the lake and mountains is a blessing to all who live near it and get to see its wonders.

The house of hope offers hope to all who enter by providing support, assistance and guidance from the services offered.

Being able to live within a community and receive support and to be able to learn from elders and share what one has learned are all incredible gifts that offer hope and this hope spreads as one person receives them, in turn share their power and support and hope and it trickles through the community like a soft warm wind.

To receive such gifts are a blessing.

I am thankful to be able to offer to this incredible journey.

# staff Out & About

**Our Nezul Be Staff are always excited to be part of Community Events.**

**Our goal is to engage with the Community and help be part of developing healthy relationships.**

**It is not only those you see in the pictures, but so many more staff behind the scenes that make everything possible**

**Team Work is our biggest Asset**

## UPCOMING 2018 NBH EVENTS

### TO LOOK FORWARD TO

<b>FEBRUARY</b> —Annual Book Drive	<b>MARCH</b> –Early Years Children’s Fair
<b>APRIL</b> —Spring/Summer Clothing Drive	<b>MAY</b> — Annual Family Picnic
<b>JUNE</b> — Annual Tea Picking	<b>JULY</b> — Annual Culture Camp
<b>OCTOBER</b> —Annual Apple Day	<b>OCTOBER</b> — Fall/ Winter Clothing Drive
<b>OCTOBER</b> —Foster Parent Appreciation	<b>DECEMBER</b> — Annual Christmas Party

### FORT ST JAMES

#### MONDAYS

- ◆ Cultural Program - Tache  
1:00 - 7:00pm

#### WEDNESDAYS

- ◆ Eagles Nest - Tache  
11:00am - 2:00pm
- ◆ Young Warriors Girls Group  
Nak’azdli—NBH Building  
3:00 - 5:30pm

#### THURSDAYS

- ◆ Family Support Group  
NBH Office  
*‘Hoon yanne bubuzni dulh’  
(Following The Path  
Of The Elders)*
- ◆ Young Warriors Girls Group  
Tache—NBH Building  
4:00 - 6:30pm



### PRINCE GEORGE

#### TUESDAYS

- ◆ Young Warriors Girls Group  
Girls Group  
4:00 - 6:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAYS

- ◆ Family Support Group  
*‘Hoon yanne bubuzni dulh’  
(Following The Path  
Of The Elders)*  
10:00am - 12:00pm

#### THURSDAYS

- ◆ Young Warriors Boys Group  
4:00 - 6:30 pm



**We are now accepting  
New and Gently Used  
Children's Books  
(ages 0-12)**

*Please  
donate*

**Nezul Be Hunuyeh is now planning the  
ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**

**If you, or someone you know, has books to  
donate please drop off at our Fort St James  
or Prince George Location**

**OR call our office and we can arrange  
to pick them up.**

**Do you have Children's books you no longer need**

***All donations are greatly appreciated***

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Baby Box University Training is an online short course for expecting and new parents enabling them to receive their Baby Box in our area.

Baby boxes are an excellent first bed and full of useful supplies for the new bundle of joy.

Baby Box University is an educational program about pregnancy and parenting, New moms and dads can access current information from top experts, including physicians, psychologists, researchers and educators.



To receive your Baby Box you will need to complete the online course and bring in your Certificate before distribution of your Baby Box

If you would like to learn more, please contact your local health unit or **Lori den Engelsen at Nezul Be Hunuyeh @ 250.996.6806.**

**This service is available to EVERYONE in Fort St James and area !**

**did you know?**<sup>™</sup>

1 dog year isn't equal to 7 human years. Dogs don't age parallel to people, they actually age more quickly at first, then slow down. Depending on their size and breed, a 1-year-old dog is about the same as a 15-year-old person, a 2-year-old dog is like a 24-year-old person, and every year after that is equal to about 4-6 human years.



# 15th Annual General Meeting

Our 15th AGM was held in Binche on November 29th, 2017.

Agency staff from our Prince George and Fort St James offices met with the Board of Directors and Chiefs and Councils from Tl'azt'en and Nak'azdli to report on our activities of the past year, conduct business, answer questions and plan for the coming year .

We engaged in a discussion regarding the Agency's plan to work towards C6 Delegation. C6 Delegation provides us with authority for full child protection including receiving protection reports, investigations and making alternate plans for children, if necessary. At this time we have C4 Delegation, or *Guardianship Delegation*, which gives us the authority to care for children who are in the legal and permanent care of the provincial government. One of the first requirements of achieving C6 Delegation is to have Resources, also known as Foster Homes, in the communities we serve. In addition, we need to establish **Community Wellness Teams** comprised of community members who will assist Agency workers in planning for children as well as providing support to families who are experiencing challenges .



The community must get involved by opening their homes as Caregivers and volunteering to be part of the solution on the Community Wellness Teams.

We welcomed new Board of Director, Ruby Prince, and also recognized Danielle Rasmussen, *FSJ Delegated Manager*, for five years of service to the Agency and Crystal French, *Finance Manager*, for ten years of Service. Both received a drum in recognition of their dedication and commitment.

***Our AGM book can be viewed on our Website @ [www.nezulbehunuyeh.ca](http://www.nezulbehunuyeh.ca)  
Our doors are always open with welcoming arms, please come by for a visit.***



## NEZUL BE HUNUYEH—Board of Directors



**Aileen  
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Prince  
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Elder**



**Doreen  
Austin  
Tl'azt'en  
Elder**



**Ruby  
Prince  
Treasurer**





## Family Day in Canada

*Family Day is observed in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick on the third Monday of February.*

*In British Columbia, Family Day falls on the second Monday of February. This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities.*

*MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12,  
2018*



### Background

Family Day was first held in Canada in the province of Alberta in 1990.

It is supposed to reflect the values of family and home that were important to the pioneers who founded Alberta, and give workers the opportunity to spend more time with their families.

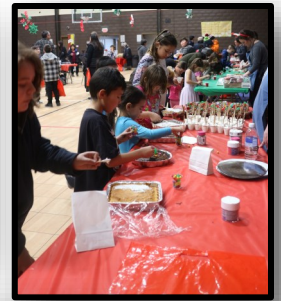
Family Day was introduced in Saskatchewan in 2007 and in Ontario in 2008. British Columbia observed Family Day as a statutory holiday for the first time in 2013, New Brunswick in 2018.

**One of the reasons for introducing Family Day was that there was a long period when there were no holidays from New Year's Day until Good Friday.**

Holidays to celebrate families are also held in other places around the globe. In the Australian Capital Territory, the first Tuesday of November is known as Family and Community Day. In South Africa, the day after Easter Sunday is Family Day.



*MARCH  
11  
2018*



# CHRISTMAS 2017

**December 14th** our offices joined forces to create lasting memories at our Annual Community Christmas event

Students from Nak'al Bun Elementary as well as community members enjoyed lunch and snacks, 10 booths of fun-filled activities including Christmas crafts, cake walk, fish pond, cookie making, ornament making, Christmas tree decorating. Santa dropped by to distribute candy canes and teddy bears.

**Mussi Cho to all the community volunteers who helped to make the event a success.**

* Kimberly Pius	* Cassandra Thomas
* Regan Julian	* Desiree Whitely
* Dallas Sam	* Barbara Geernaert

**December 13th** Tl'azt'en Nation hosted their Annual Christmas party and Nezul Be Hunuyeh participated by providing Santa with candy canes and teddy bears to distribute, organizing a Christmas Craft and distributing popcorn to those in attendance.

The Agency chartered a bus for both these events to bring children and families from Prince George to ensure connections to their community and families.





*Snotty Nose Rez Kids*     *Joey Stylez*     *Mob Bounce*

# R.E.D.

*Respecting Everyone's Differences*

A YOUTH EVENT OPEN TO ALL YOUTH!

*There will be workshops on suicide awareness, self empowerment, goal reaching, healthy living, creative writing and more!*

Free Concert & Dance on March 28th 2018 @ 7 p.m.

**March 26th-29th 2018!**

Kwah Hall, Fort Saint James BC

Brought to you by the Nak'azdli Alternate Justice Centre.  
For more information, please email [youthjustice@nakazdli.ca](mailto:youthjustice@nakazdli.ca)

# R.E.D.

*Respecting Everyone's Differences*

This event is open to ages 12 & up!  
Anybody under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave.  
If your agency/community will be bringing a large amount of youth, please inform us as we will adjust catering. Thank you!  
Any questions or concerns can be directed to Maddison Sam @250-996-0003

Time:	Monday March 26th 2018	Tuesday March 27th 2018	Wednesday March 28th 2017	Thursday March 29th 2017
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast	Continental Breakfast	Continental Breakfast	Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Opening Remarks & Violence Prevention	Suicide Awareness & Prevention	Joey Stylez Workshop	Mob Bounce Workshop
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Violence Prevention	Joey Stylez Workshop	Snotty Nose Rez Kids Workshop	Mob Bounce Workshop Closing Remarks
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.			Concert & Dance	

## NATIONAL ADDICTIONS WEEK

**THEME:**

**RECOVERY, MENTAL, PHYSICAL & EMOTIONAL**

### RESCHEDULED DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW) is observed across Canada every year normally during the third week of November. This year NAAW has moved to **February 26 - March 2, 2018** in Tache.

NAAW is an important opportunity to focus on the harms associated with alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and gambling. This year, the theme for NAAW is **Recovery** as it promotes addiction free lifestyles for individuals, families and communities.

Throughout the week	Friday
♦ Various Booths	♦ Scavenger Hunt
♦ Elders Circle	♦ Dinner & Awards
♦ Pre-Natal sessions	
♦ Healing Circle	
♦ Health Parenting & Fun	
♦ Empowerment	

During the week, you can participate in a session of your choice or join another to learn.

Watch for the Agenda & Updates on the Facebook page

*Zishan Chaudry*  
*Tl'azt'en Wellness-Prevention Team*



# JOB OPENING

APPLY  
NOW



NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES IS RECRUITING!

Full Time  
Resource Social Worker – Prince George, BC

We are a First Nations Agency delegated to deliver services for the communities of Nak'azdli Whut'en and Tl'azt'en Nation.

We are accepting resumes for a Full Time Resource Social Worker position in Prince George, BC.

- Candidate must have a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) or equivalent
- Must demonstrate excellent written, oral and problem solving skills
- Experience working with ICM/MIS/SWS and Best Practices is an asset
- Should be proficient in Microsoft Office Software and computers
- Knowledge of the Carrier culture and history is an asset
- Ability to work in a team environment and independently

NBH has a competitive benefits package and Salary is commensurate with experience and within federal and provincial child welfare program funding.

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

Please submit resume and cover letter by **Deadline: 4:00pm, Friday, February 16, 2018** to:

NEZUL BE HUNUYEH  
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES  
1444 – 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
PRINCE GEORGE BC V2L 5N9  
TEL: 250.561-0790  
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## NAK'AZDLI WHUT'EN

Capital, Lands & Housing Department  
P.O. Box 1329, Fort St. James, B.C. V0J 1P0  
Phone: (250) 996-0011  
Fax: (250) 996-0015

### JOB POSTING

Lands Communications Officer

Nak'azdli Whut'en is seeking an energetic, dynamic individual with a strong background developing and implementing communication strategies and activities designed to inform members, employees of the public Land Law Development initiatives. This individual will be working closely with the lands manager, lands clerk, reserve lands advisory committee, Chief & Council, and community members.

#### Qualifications:

- A university degree and/or combination of relevant work experience.
- Must be able to work as a team member.
- Must be a self-starter and self-motivator with excellent communication skills, both written and spoken.
- Understanding and knowledge of community concerns.
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Community knowledge an asset.
- Willingness and ability to work variable work hours, including weekends and evenings.
- Computer skills in Microsoft Works, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Photoshop.

Starting Wage: Negotiable; based on skills and experience.

Closing Date: February 18 (midnight)

Interested applicants may send their resumes to the above address or email the Capital Lands Manager, George Ho Lem at: [clmanager@nakazdli.ca](mailto:clmanager@nakazdli.ca)

**NOTE:** Only those who meet the minimum requirements will be contacted for an interview.

PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS



## NAK'AZDLI WHUT'EN

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Telephone (250) 996 – 7171  
Fax (250) 996 – 8010

### JOB POSTING Social Development - Office Assistant

Nak'azdli Whut'en is seeking an energetic, dynamic individual with a positive and supportive attitude to fill the position of an Office Assistant in the Social Development Department. This individual will be working closely with staff in this department.

#### Duties & Responsibilities:

- Organized, manage, and maintain all filing systems, records, and documents in an orderly manner ensuring all essential documentation is complete, secure, and in compliance with our funders within our programs.
- Perform clerical duties and responsibilities (such as take minutes, write reports, memos, etc.)
- Plan and implement Social Development activities and events as per request by Manager.
- Attend call-out's as 'Delegated Band Representative' as needed.
- Perform other general duties as required by manager.

#### Minimum Qualifications:

- Knowledgeable using all Microsoft Office Application's.
- A valid Class 5 Driver License.
- Grade 12 with minimum of 1-year office experience.
- Experience handling multiple tasks/duties.
- Experience in responding to routine inquiries for information about programs and services.
- Clear criminal record check and vulnerable sector check.

Closing Date: February 23, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to the above address or email to Social Development Manager, Maria Willick at [socialservices@nakazdli.ca](mailto:socialservices@nakazdli.ca)

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First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness

## FACT SHEET

# Jordan's Principle in BC

### WHAT IS JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE?

Jordan's Principle is meant to prevent First Nations children from being denied essential services or experiencing delays in receiving them. Jordan's Principle:

- Applies to all First Nations children
- Involves all jurisdictional disputes, between federal departments or between federal and provincial governments
- Provides payment for needed services by the government or department that first receives the request

To support Jordan's Principle, the Government of Canada has committed to:

1. Resolve situations where governments and departments cannot agree about who should pay for services and supports to meet the needs of a First Nations child
2. Cover the costs for health and social services and supports for First Nations children in situations when a First Nations child does not have access to a publicly funded program usually available to other children
3. Facilitate access to all services and supports for all First Nations children without delay or disruption

The Government of Canada's approach to supporting Jordan's Principle includes proactive measures to help prevent any delay in accessing needed services by First Nations children.

### JORDAN'S STORY

Jordan River Anderson was a five-year-old First Nations child from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, born with a rare disorder that required hospitalization from birth. After spending the first two years of his life in a hospital, doctors felt he could return home. However, the federal and provincial government could not resolve who was financially responsible for the necessary home care in order for Jordan to return to his family in his home community 800 kilometers north of Winnipeg.

After spending over two years in hospital without cause while governments disputed who should pay for his at-home care, Jordan died in a hospital in 2005. On December 12, 2007, the House of Commons supported a motion focused on adopting an approach that addresses First Nations children's needs first, it was called Jordan's Principle.

### WHAT IS COVERED?

Examples of health services considered under Jordan's Principle include:

*Home support and personal care; in-home nursing care; in-home respite; client assessment; case management; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; speech language therapy; in-home palliative care services for children; and certain nutritional supplements.*



Social services considered under Jordan's Principle include:

*Meal programs; meal planning and preparation for children with special dietary needs; day programs for children; attendant care services; group care and non-medical transportation; and minor home maintenance related to accessibility (levered door handles instead of knobs; support rails in bathrooms).*

## **HOW IS JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE BEING APPLIED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA?**

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is responsible for administering Jordan's Principle resources in BC. This approach does not limit or relieve the federal government of its fiduciary responsibilities to First Nations in BC.

Key elements of the FNHA's approach to case coordination will include:

- FNHA will serve all First Nations, regardless of residence
- Case coordinators will assess needs; facilitate early intervention; develop integrated care plans; connect the child and family to needed services; remove the stress of navigating service systems; support families as they manage their needs; and involve relevant partners in each case, as necessary, to expediently address immediate service gaps

## **WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE IN BC?**

Through high-level agreements and many years of working closely with federal and provincial governments, the FNHA has built a strong foundation to address systemic barriers and health inequities that impact First Nations peoples in BC.

Many jurisdictional barriers that persist elsewhere across Canada are being addressed in BC. In 2006, the Province of BC confirmed that it has responsibility for providing health services to all residents of BC, including First Nations. Additionally, committees, such as the Tripartite Committee on First Nations Health and the Implementation Committee, work in direct partnership with FNHA to advance progress on issues like Jordan's Principle here in BC.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE IN BC?**

All First Nations children 0-19 with an identified need for a publicly funded health or social service or support are eligible, regardless of their health or social status, or place of residency (on or off reserve).

To report a case of Jordan's Principle or request supports from the Jordan's Principle Child-First Initiative in BC or for more information, please contact:

### **Jordan's Principle Implementation**

First Nations Health Authority

1.866.913.0033

[Jordans.Principle@fnha.ca](mailto:Jordans.Principle@fnha.ca)



# Our Family Values



## Rules of the House

Tell the truth Play fair Remember your manners

Keep your promises Do your best Kiss and make up

Value each other's opinion Share Help each other

Pull your weight Practice what you preach

Show kindness and respect Stick together

Listen before you talk Clean up your own mess

Have each other's back Put family first