



Haida Child and Family Services Newsletter, 1st Summer Edition, 2013



PROGRAMS

Drum Making / Traditional Food Preparation
with Parenting Program
Call Waneeta in Skidegate or
Delavina in Old Massett office.

Men's Group
Call Willie in Skidegate or
Sid in Old Massett offices

Traditional Cultural Summer Camps
Lepas Bay, Swan Bay, July-August-
Agency referral and staff support

Skidegate Days, July 17 to 20
Pole Raising - Windy Bay-Aug 15

HCFSS STAFF: Old Massett (Mst), Skidegate (Skg)

Co-Executive Directors:

- Karen Wainwright (Mst)
- Lyndale George (Skg)

Administrative:

Jennifer Russ – Finance/Human Resources
Jennifer Schatz – File Clerk/Finance Assistant
Sandra Stewart – Admin Assistant (Mst)
Freeman Brown – Receptionist (Skg)
Alana Valentinsen – Executive Assistant

Social Worker (SW) (Mst/Skg):

Shelley Gladstone

Family Group Conference Coordinator

(FGC) (Mst/Skg):
Sharon Matthews

Family Outreach Workers (FOW):

Jana McLeod (Mst)
Marissa Jones (Mst)
Fallon Crosby (Skg)
Willie Russ (Skg)

Program Coordinators/Group

Facilitators:

Delavina Lawrence (Mst)
Sarah Higgins (Mst)
Waneeta Richardson (Skg)

Men's Group:

Sid Davidson (Mst)
Alex MacDonald (Skg)
Jay Myers (Skg)

*Matriarch/Auntie/Nonnie's
volunteer family support*

We are embarking on a journey that will lead us to self-governing our own Child Welfare System. We are calling this journey "A New Direction", "K'yuu Gawtlaas". We have given the "New Direction" a nickname within our offices. Coining it the "New Old Direction" because we are working to ensure Haida values are in the forefront as the foundation of our practice. We will be building a new traditional model of child welfare that exemplifies the traditional Haida way of life.

OUR MISSION

To become self-determining in supporting the children and the families of the Haida Nation. We intend on facilitating and restoring the respect that guided HCFSS relationship and values.

VISION

To create healthy, safe environments for our children and families by developing and delivering holistic programs and services that model our traditional Haida Ways of life.

VALUE

We value what exemplifies our traditional way of life: love, respect, nurturing, caring and sharing.

Did you know?

In B.C., 50% of the children in care are aboriginal. In the North, 4 out of 5 children in care are aboriginal. 80% of these aboriginal children are placed in non-aboriginal homes.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming foster parents please call our office or the Ministry office at 250 559 4403.

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Support to children, families and communities on Haida Gwaii

In the past we provided support in the community by offering workers for the youth programs/centers; financial and worker support to the cultural summer camps; joint training for family; hardship funds to families-transportation/gas, baby needs, food vouchers; and rides to important appointments. We will assist and support but as we move along in our delegation matrix and get added responsibilities and workloads, it will be limited as operational requirements allow. We are also getting busy with added family support and honoring the families who are "strengthening their immediate and extended family/friend support systems" by trustingly including Haida Child and Family Services and other agencies on their journey. This year we will be supporting the cultural camps by referrals and worker supports, as well as financial contributions to each camp.

Karen Wainwright, Co-Executive Director

In the past I was asked to come home to work but I knew that I was not ready. I wanted to get more experience in order to do the best possible job for our people. Haaw.aa Salana for bringing me home, I know I am home for good reason. It was always my dream to one day come home to work and live in Massett. I am Stastas Eagle, my Nonnie is Victoria Kelly (Nee: Edenshaw). My mother is Martha Wainwright, my father, deceased, is Alan Wainwright. I was born in Massett. I have 3 daughters and a son, 4 grandsons and a granddaughter. My position is as Co-Executive Director, in Massett. Lyndale George, is the Co-Executive Director in Skidegate. We have a good working relationship. Between the two of us we bring professional expertise from different directions that complement each other. I look forward to and hope to continue to work at HCFSS for a long time.



CHANGES at HCFSS: Farewell luncheon for Taylor Scobie, exiting Acting Executive Director with Karen Wainwright, new Co-Executive Director. HCFSS would like to acknowledge recent exiting staff Alan Lore, Stephanie Pryce and Taylor Scobie.