



# Haida Child and Family Services Newsletter



**Michelle McLeod at K'yuu Gawtlaas Symposium**



## **Events hosted, Activities and Workshops, 2010-2011**

- Annual General Meeting, Nov 6*
- Aboriginal Justice Forum, Nov 16*
- Haida Health Hub, Service Providers Forum, Nov 25*
- Xmas Lighting of Tree of Memorable Ornaments (Loved Ones Deceased)*
- Volunteer Xmas Hampers, Skidegate*
- Children's Xmas Party, Old Massett*
- Touchstones, QCC, January 12/11*
- Haida Health Hub Forums, 2010-11*
- Community Coordination QCIWS Meetings*
- Haida Health Hub, Skidegate, Elders Forum, January 24, 2011*
- Annual General Meeting Continued Jan29*
- Canoe Journey Partnership*
- Gathering Our Voices*
- Conference-Provincial Youth Conference, Prince Rupert*

*HCFSS RESEARCH PROJECT - Camille, Bernard and Coordinator, Lucille Bell*

## **K'YUU GAWTLASS**

HCFSS Research Project is gathering information on traditional Haida values, beliefs, and customs to assist all who provide support or services to Haida families. Information will be compiled and developed for the enhancement or revitalization of traditional parenting/rearing practices.

The Ministry of Child and Family Development supports the research and will incorporate the traditional practices into their Social Work practice.

## **Staff**

- Susan Williams, Executive Director**
- Alana Valentinsen, Executive Assistant**
- Jennifer Russ, Executive Assistant**
- Tammy Luciow, Social Worker**
- Shelley Gladstone, Cultural Advisor**
- Jana McLeod, Family Outreach Worker**
- Norman Moraes, Family Outreach Wkr.**
- Kristin Moraes, Family Outreach Worker**
- Lucille Bell, Research Coordinator**
- Camille Collinson, Researcher**
- Bernard Kerrigan, Researcher**

## **Board Members**

- Wayne Wilson, Chair**
- Sid Davidson, Co-Chair**
- Dorothy Russ, Community Member**
- Robert Williams, SBC**
- May Russ, Community Member**
- Lisa White, OMVC**
- Robert Davis CHN Rep**
- Chief Thaasl, Hereditary Chiefs Council**
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## **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.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## **VALUE STATEMENT**

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

In 2010, with gratitude to others who assisted, our agency provided support/service to:

- 25 youth and their families
- Swan Bay Summer Camp
- Canoe Journey Program in QCC
- Family Group Conferences for Haida families in B.C.
- High school and Elementary school staff on Haida Gwaii
- Networking service providers on Haida Gwaii
- CPEC – RCMP and community volunteer program to address and improve youth school drop-out rates

## **HAIDA CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND MINISTRY OF CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT OFFICES**

*Haida Child and Family Services and the Ministry of Child and Family Development staff will soon be located in the same buildings in Skidegate and Old Massett. Plans for the offices are being worked on by the HCFSS Building Committee.*

*Announcements for the locations and dates of the moves and Open House will be made in the near future.*

### **HCFSS POSTED POSITIONS**

*HCFSS Family Group Conference Coordinator and Social Worker positions will also be announced in the next newsletter.*

### **NETWORK AGENCY UPDATES**

*Ngystle - Please call their office @ 250 559 4114 for information on new programs.*

*The Queen Charlotte Island Women's Society – the committee is working on protocol agreements with other agencies for their Community Coordinated Response initiative for supporting families involved in domestic disputes or family violence.*

*The Haida Health Hub has completed information, is distributing questionnaires and will compile the findings from community consultations with Island Elders, Youth and Community Service Agencies for those stakeholders' Health needs and wish lists.*

### **Next steps following the K'yuu Gawtllass (New Path) Youth Symposium**

*CHN and HCFSS will action Haida principals and goals, using the guidelines from the document the Indigenous Child at the Center Action Plan developed by First Nations' Leaders' Organizations. This document will address funding and service economic and social disparities for aboriginal families and children. For more information, please contact Susan Williams, Executive Director.*

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