

Child and family services report: April 2021

General update:

We have increased our capacity to provide child protection prevention and intervention services to our community by hiring a fifth family development worker.

Our family development workers have been doing outstanding work with our families, including increasing capacity in both practical skills and cultural practices. We are currently working on

- Shifting from a support role (where we provide help with life skills related activities) to a development role (where we are enhancing the capacity of families to perform these activities)
- Improved accountability through a case management model: identifying a primary worker for each family
- Increased accountability through better document: implementing electronic charting
- Increased support for workers by implementing a new supervisory structure where staff have a direct supervisor rather than relying on the program manager for support

We continue to have a high functioning Quality Assurance Committee. Partnership between MCFD, Seabird Health, and Seabird Chief and Council/band rep is strong and joint problem-solving and collaboration has allowed us to identify and address concerns in a timely and effective way.

Our relationship with Xyolhemeylh is improving. We are using a similar process to help ensure our kids off reserve have the same kind of thorough and joint management and attention.

We will be building our matriarch strategy through building on our successful QAC (community-driven problem solving) and family development models (family meetings; a few have been traditional with matriarch involvement). We are also enhancing the capacity of our elders/matriarchs.

Statistics MCFD:

Family service file (open file for assistance with the ministry or DAA)

- We have 21 individuals who have an open family service file with the Ministry. Most of them are open so that the Ministry can assist with subsidies or extra help. The large number of families speaks to the barriers that have come down as families are more comfortable to ask for help.

Temporary custody

- 1 specialized care
- 3 children (living with family guardian)

Agreement that family will take care of child/ren

- 1 family

Extended family program (shorter term while parents take care of issues)

- 11 families in short term agreements

Youth agreement (kids that are older than 16 and can live independently)

- 2 youth

Continuing care order

- 1 child in a specialized home

Statistics Xyolhemeylh

APRIL 12: Total Cases 12

2 Family Service files

5 Extended Family Program

1 Voluntary Care Agreement

2 Temporary Care Agreements

1 Continuing Care

1 Temporary transfer of custody

Family home

The family home is functioning well and is at full capacity with a wait list.

Four families have a stable and safe place to grow. Several families are ready to move on.