

# Child and family services report: September 2021

## General update:

We have received enhanced funding in this service area that will extend our current work. It also enables us to begin the work of building the structures and service model to take care of our own Child Protection Jurisdiction. Preparation for Jurisdiction will take several years. When we are ready, we will engage the federal government in negotiations for Jurisdiction. This is likely about five or so years away.

- 1) We received a grant that supports our three year plan to get ready for Jurisdiction negotiations. So far the funding is for year one. During year one we are collecting information about what laws need to be in place, and what policies and procedures need to be in place. Our plan includes plenty of community consultation.
- 2) We received a retroactive amount for Child Protection Prevention, based on a national court decision for communities who are NOT served by a Designated Aboriginal Agency.
  - a. Approximately \$3,000,000 was received and will go towards the construction of offices and program spaces for our Child and Family Services. We are hoping this can be co-located with the new Cultural building being planned.
- 3) We received an increase in our annual allotment under the Community Wellbeing Jurisdiction.
  - a. This will allow us to hire a Manager, Supervisor, and Coordinator that will be dedicated to Child and Family Services. These new staff will continue the great work being done. They will also do the Jurisdiction preparation work.

## Statistics MCFD:

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

- We have 24 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)

- 14 families in short term agreements

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

- 3 youth

Specialized youth program

Continuing care order

- 1 child in a specialized home

## Statistics Xyolhemeylh

July: 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