



## Mission Statement

*To provide community based and community driven child and family care services that protect and preserve the unique cultural identity of every child and family in the bands we serve.*



## Vision Statement

*Healthy children and families.*

**NIFCS provides support to the following communities:**

**Tsimshian:** Gitga'at (Hartley Bay)

Metlakatla

Lax Kw'alaams (Port Simpson)

Gitxaala (Kitkatla)

Kitsumkalum

Kitselas

**Haisla:** Haisla (Kitimaat Village)

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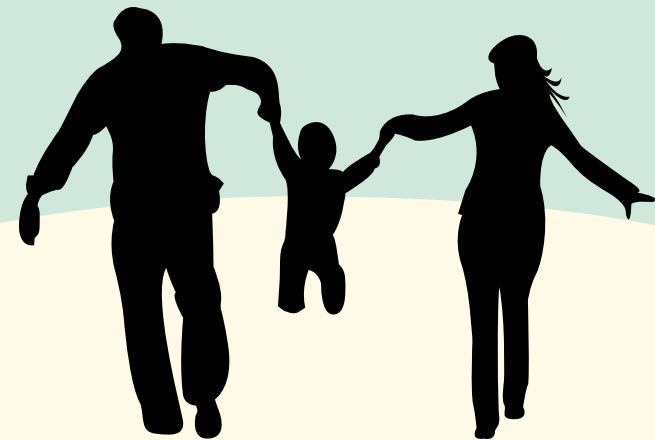
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## Advocacy

- Help families understand their rights when involved with MCFD
- Work with all parties in a respectful, cultural manner to collaboratively solve concerns and make a plan for care, safety or support
- Attend court and meetings when a family requests
- Referral to support services that strengthen families

### Who Can Make a Referral:

- Yourself
- Another agency
- MCFD
- Family Members
- Community Health Centre
- Social Development

## Voluntary Care Agreements

A written agreement proposed when families are in crisis that require someone to temporarily care for their child(ren).

For example, a VCA can be developed when parent(s) enter a hospital, treatment facility or program. Under a VCA, the parent is still the legal guardian.

## Special Needs Agreements

If a child has been diagnosed with a permanent or long-term severe or developmental disability or identified as at risk for developmental delay, a family may be eligible for extra assistance. The purpose of the programs and services is to support the care of a child or youth in a family home.

## Family Support Service Agreements

Under this agreement, support services can be provided for a term (renewable) of up to 6 months, including counselling, in-home support, respite care, parenting programs and support for children.

## Agreements with Youth

This agreement can provide supports to youth/young adults (up to the age of 19) who are not able to reside with their family or whose parents are unable to assist and provide residential, financial or educational support.

## Extended Family Program

When circumstances prevent a child from living with their parents, the preferred option is for the child to be with someone they know. This usually means an immediate family member - a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or an older sibling - it can also include someone with an established relationship or cultural connection to the child and their family. NIFCS can work with a caregiver and provide support.

