



KTC CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015

SECOND EDITION OF THE KTC&FS NEWSLETTER



Vision Statement:

That all children, youth and families within our communities are healthy and supported to reach their full potential.

Mission Statement:

To promote safe, healthy families, within their traditional language, family and community.

Tansi and hello! This is now our second edition of our newsletter and copies of the 1st edition were distributed to the member First Nations.

It was quite an exciting challenge, but it all came together. We welcome all feedback and suggestions from our member First Nations.

Summer is finally here and we at KTCCFS wish everyone an enjoyable summer.

We also want to acknowledge the passing of our Elder Joe Whitehead Sr. from the Woodland First Nation on April 2, 2015 and express our condolences to the family. Joe was one of our Elders at the Haig Lake KTCCFS Youth Culture Camp.



“Children will not remember you for the material things you provided but for the feeling that you cherished them” Richard L. Evans



KTC C&FS UPDATE

Child & Family Services is a constant ebb and flow of activity. Service delivery is critical and there are staff that are on-call 24/7.



Peerless/Trout First Nation joined the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council and KTC Child & Family Services Society as of February 1st, 2013.

KTCCFS provides service delivery to the following member Nation:

- Whitefish Lake First Nation
- Woodland Cree First Nation
- Loon River First Nation
- Peerless/Trout First Nations
- Lubicon Lake Band



Lubicon Lake Band joined the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council in June 2013 and KTC Child & Family Services Society as of January 2014.

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Welcome!



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KTC C&FS STAFF:

We will be featuring two staff members for each month. This month's staff member is one of our Case Worker's, Cecilia Alook. She has been with the Agency from 2005 to 2009 and then again from 2010 to the present. She comes to us from Cadotte Lake, AB.

Cecilia previously worked as a Cashier at the Cadotte Lake Store, Community Development Worker for WLFCN and as a Support Worker for KTCCFS. She is also an entrepreneur, owning her own wedding shop. Her shop is called "Meet me at the Altar".

The duties of a Case Manager includes working with families that are faced with the challenges of life and sometimes require intervention. She provides statutory (legally mandated)

and non-statutory (early intervention, preventive) child and family services.

Cecilia is in the process of getting her Social Work Diploma. She is taking part-time courses at present and she will be going back to school for her final year of Social Work. We wish Cecilia the best of luck and success on her journey of continuing education.

Cecilia loves to travel and just last year went on a cruise to Jamaica, Haiti and Mexico. She is married to Bill Alook of Tim Horton's fame. Bill actually won the cruise and it was thoroughly enjoyed. On her bucket list is to take another trip, to Hawaii this time.

Cecilia has 6 sons, 1 daughter and she and Bill have 6 grandchildren.



Cecilia Alook
KTC C&FS
Case Worker

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you & not to harm you" plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

The second staff member is Jody Laderoute She is a member of the WFLFN and started her position with KTC C&FS in April 24, 2006.

Jody is the ISIS/IT Technician. She works very closely with all the staff that are in case management as well the Admin staff with regards to IT services.

Jody has taken numerous training and workshops to enhance her skills for the ISIS program which is critical to our Agency. She then trains the frontline staff to ensure that Child & Family Services are recorded appropriately accordingly to the Provincial standards.

Jody comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and it is to be noted that she graduated Grade 12 in Grande Cache with honors. She has her Cer-

tificate in Office Administration—Advanced 1st Class standing. She needs 3 more courses to receive her Diploma. She will be working on taking on-line course this year.

KTCCFS also utilizes her expertise in our retreats, meetings, foster care dinners, treaty days, and health & wellness events as an emcee, organizer and coordinates the "fun stuff".

Jody has one daughter, Zoey, who is 16 years old.

Jody enjoys travelling, (her favorite travel destination is Las Vegas) shopping, movies, reading, concerts and family gatherings. She has also recently taken a step towards a healthier lifestyle. Jody walks 6 kms a day. Yay Jody!!!

Kudos to Jody Laderoute for her sharp skills and knowledge.



Jody Laderoute
ISIS/IT Technician

"I'm trying to teach you how to fish here - Learn to fish!!!"



Councilor
Kathleen Laboucan
Woodland Cree
First Nation
Board Member

Statement of Intent

The Board is a body that establishes the broad strategic vision & policy of the KTC Child & Family Services, and acts to ensure that the goals that have been established are being met within the context of the vision, mission, mandate and beliefs of the KTC Child & Family Services.

KTC C&FS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The KTC C&FS Agency is governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of three members from each First Nation. There are 15 members at the present.

Chief Arthur Noskey, LRFN
Board Chair/Shareholder

Chief Robert Grey, WFLFN
Board Vice/Shareholder

Chief Isaac Laboucan-Avirom WLCFN
Board Member/Shareholder

Chief James Alook, PTLFN
Board Member/Shareholder

Chief Billy Joe Laboucan, LLB
Board Member/Shareholder

Mayble Noskiye, LRFN
Board Member/Treasurer

Gilbert Okemow, PTFN
Board Member/Secretary

Ivan Sawan, LRFN
Board Member

Eddie Laboucan, WFLFN
Board Member

Beatrice Laboucan, WFLFN
Board Member

Kathleen Laboucan, WLCFN
Board Member

Heather L'Hirondelle, WLCFN
Board Member

Irene Laboucan, LLB
Board Member

Brian Laboucan, LLB
Board Member

Norman Gladue, PTFN
Board Member

* Board meetings are held quarterly.



KTCCFS Member Nation

TREATY DAYS

WFLFN

June 29 & 30, 2015

PTFN

August 4,5,6,7,8 & 9, 2015

LRFN

August 12,13,14,&15, 2015

WLCFN

August 14 & 15, 2015

LLB

August 21, 22 & 23, 2015



KTC C&FS BOARD MEETINGS

KTC Child & Family Services Board Meetings are held quarterly and are hosted by each of the Member Nations Shareholders on a rotation basis.

schedules of the Board and staff.



Meetings are held at the Nations as much as possible but sometimes they are held in the surrounding towns and in Edmonton to accommodate the

**The KTCCFS Website is up and running
www.ktccfs.com**

Check it out!

The KTCCFS Communication Plan is also on the Website

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FOSTER CARE:

Foster Parent Training & Information Sessions:

May 23, 2015

Fostering by The Act
LRFN
9:00 am - 4:00p.m.

June 5, 6, & 7, 2015

Caregiver Orientation
Foster Care
LRFN

June 27, 2015

Role & Fostering
WLCFN

July 11, 2015

Safeguarding Against
Allegations
PTFN

August 8, 2015

Quarterly Support
Meeting
Transition Process
WFLFN

KTCCFS Foster Parent Retreat

Dates to be announced

Foster Home recruitment is on-going and if you are interested to become a foster parent packages can be picked up at our office.

For more information:
Trudy L'Hirondelle
Foster Care
767-8803



"Our children are not going to be just "our children" - they are going to be other people's husbands & wives & the parents of our grand-children"

Dr. Mary S. Calderone

TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS

SCHEDULE:

April 24, 2015

Atikameg School
Orientation/Presentation

April 27, 2015

Trout School
Orientation/Presentation

April 28, 2015

Inter-Agency Meeting
WLCFN

April 30, 2015

Clarence Jaycox School
Orientation/Presentation

May 13, 2015

CACT Meeting—HP
Bea Tourangeau

May 19th, 2015

Inter-Agency
LRFN

May 21, 2015

Peerless School
Orientation/Presentation

May 22, 2015

Lubicon Lake School
Orientation/Presentation

May 27, 2015

Inter-Agency
WFLFN

May 28, 2015

Inter-Agency
WLCFN

June 2, 2015

Inter-Agency
PTFN

June 5, 6, & 7, 2015

Pre-service Training
LRFN

June 10, 2015

Family Group
Conferencing
KTCCFS

June 16, 2015

Family Group
Conferencing
KTCCFS

June 27, 2015

Roles & Fostering
WLCFN

Team Meetings are held each Monday.

Staff Meetings for KTC C&FS Staff are held monthly.

Supervisor meetings are also held monthly.



Clothing Bank:

The KTCCFS Agency runs a clothing bank in the basement of the main office. Clients are welcome to come and take some clothing as needed. There is a variety of clothing that is donated and there is also one at the Sub-Office in Cadotte.

If you have any gently used clothing you wish donate, you can drop them off at the KTCCFS office in Atikameg.



FAMILY ENHANCEMENT:

Family Enhancement Program:

The Family Enhancement Program (FEP) encourages parents and families in choosing to work directly with FEP workers and community programs to address the issues that brought the family to the attention of Human Services.

This program is the least intrusive level of support and provides an option for lower risk families to prevent the need for protective services. Children remain in their parent`s care, and program staff work closely with their family, supervise their environment and monitor progress in the home.

Youth 16 years of age or older who are living independently from their family can also be supported under Enhancement Agreements to ensure their safety, well being and development to adulthood. Services include health care, and financial support, and assisting the youth to build their skills in areas such as money and time management; accessing health, education and employment support; and handling their day to day household responsibilities.

Family Enhancement Agreement: CY&FE Act 8.1

A Director may enter into an agreement in the prescribed form with the guardian of a child or with another person who, with the express or implied consent of the guardian or pursuant to a Court order or an agreement, has custody of the child with respect to the provision of services to the family or the child if, in the opinion of the Director,

- (a) the child is in need of intervention, and
- (b) As a result of the provision of the services, the child`s survival, security or development will be adequately protected if the child remains with the child`s guardian or the person who has custody of the child, as the case may be.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES:

Early Intervention services support safe and healthy children and families by taking a look at the family`s situation and identifying what are the most effective ways of helping the family through their challenges. This may mean providing some short term services to a child and family, or referring them to get help from a community program.

Many families are connected to early intervention services through their physician, children`s school, child care provider, or in response to a concern shared with Human Services. Of all the children and youth that come to the attention of Human Services, 87% of their situations can be assisted without needing to open a child intervention file.

More than 4000 children and youth are helped each month through community programs. These services and referrals may provide information an support on a range of issues including:

- Parenting
- Healthy lifestyle choices
- Family violence
- Strategies to help families help themselves

Extended family members and friends are also very important supports for families; however, when the needs of the family are too great, or the safety and well being of the children are at risk, a family may need to get more specific support from the Family Enhancement Program or Child Protection Services.

KTC C&FS ON-CALL:



The On-Call cell number is **for after hours only**. Members are asked to call the KTC C&FS Office during office hours: **9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday**.

The on-call cell can be accessed from **4:30 pm to 9:00 am**

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Ideas & Information:

This is now our second newsletter and we welcome ideas and information that the membership would like to see in it.

Next issue will be in September 2015

Please send your information

before this date.

Comments and items to be posted can be directed to:

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Activities and Events Photo Album



2013 Christmas Staff Picture



KTCCFS Culture Camp Smoking Whitefish



KTCCFS Culture Camp Smoking Moose Meat



Joe Whitehead Sr (Muskwah) Haig Lake Youth Culture Camp



Treaty Day Draws WLCFN



Elders William, Felix & Mabel, Haig Lake

