
Aboriginal Outreach Family Navigator

The purpose of the Aboriginal Outreach Family Navigator program is to enhance service provision, provide advocacy, decrease children in care, and improve accountability through a family-centered approach that focuses on meeting the needs of both clients and families.

The Aboriginal Outreach Family Navigator will provide support and guidance to Aboriginal families who may be at risk of becoming involved with MCFD as well as providing assistance to families whose children or grandchildren are in the care of MCFD.

About Sasamans Society

Sasamans Society's vision is to strengthen our children and families in a community-driven and culturally appropriate manner. In the Kwak'wala language, Sasamans means "our children"; the society's name reflects our intention to listen, acknowledge and honour the voices of the communities that we serve.

The work undertaken by Sasamans is designed to identify the gaps in service and complement the Aboriginal Urban agencies and/or First Nations Bands.

We measure our accomplishments by the success we achieve in balancing our limited resources with the needs of the communities we serve. We do this by identifying high priority COMMON needs across our various communities.

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Vision

Strengthening "Our Children" and families, in a community-driven and culturally appropriate manner.

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Who do we assist?

We are a free and voluntary service aimed at assisting Aboriginal families/Elders who may be involved with the Ministry or whose children/grandchildren are in Ministry care.

How do we assist?

We provide information, support and guidance to families.

We will provide:

Information

- About your needs and rights for legal assistance
- About your rights as a parent if your child is taken into care
- About child protection laws in BC
- About the Family Court process
- About community resources and services

Support

- That is culturally appropriate
- That is sensitive
- To act as a liaison between community, family and external professionals



Guidance

- To understand family court process and ensure families voices are heard
- To access legal education and/or information regarding their child(ren) / grandchild(ren) in government care
- To assist families to access supports and participate in planning



We are committed to delivering services with compassion, transparency, honesty and accountability while recognizing diverse family values and beliefs.



We embrace and nurture the strengths and abilities of our people, our families and the communities we serve.

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