Family Development Programs

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Family Development is one of the originating programs here at Kla-how-eya.

The department is a vital component to our center that fosters the vision for healthy family foundations through cultural reunification. Family Development is shaped by several programs, which include:

- FAMILY STRENGTHENING WORKERS

Family Strengthening Workers primarily work with families that are referred by the Ministry of Children and Family Development and Aboriginal Child and Family Services in the Circle 5 Region.

(Circle 5 – Tsawwassen (Urban/First nation), Semiahmoo First Nation,
Surrey
, Delta, White Rock, Ladner)

Our workers follow a 3-month program that entails Intake, Goals agreement, and a Wellness plan. Throughout the three months your worker will provide practical assistance, and one-to-one work while providing a safe and supporting environment. Our wellness plan incorporates the traditional tool of the medicine wheel. The wheel is comprised of physical, spiritual, mental and emotional well-being.

Our Family Development program offers opportunity for families and individuals to participate in cultural and spiritual activities and practices.

- YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER

The Ministry of Children and Family Development also funds the Youth Outreach Worker Program. This Program receives referrals through Ministry workers as well as self-referrals ranging from 15 to 25 years of age.

The Youth Worker assists at risk youth who may be struggling with interpersonal issues, street involvement, shelter needs, at risk behaviors and addictions.

We also offer one-to-one support and advocacy and networking with other community resources.

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ELDER SUPPORT

Our Elder Support program is open to anyone who would like cultural orientation, and awareness. This program incorporates access to traditional ceremonies and one-to-one work in a culturally supportive atmosphere.

- ABORIGINAL PARENTING PROGRAM

Our Parenting Program provides therapy and parent skills development to individuals, families and couples. Clients can access individual parent skills consultation, sweat lodges, and support groups.

- TRADITIONAL KITCHENS

Our Traditional Kitchens are held in several different locations. The kitchens are open to all families interested in learning how to cook low cost and healthy meals. They are held on a drop-in basis. It provides an open and safe place for families to get to know one another while practicing our traditional values of sharing and co-operation. Participants will be involved in meal prep, cooking, cleaning and menu ideas.

- TOOL TIME

Tool Time is an activity based and culturally supportive program that is open to youth ages 12-18 yrs. There are various activities that are incorporated such as drumming, singing, and access to sweat lodges, as well as traditional teachings from various Aboriginal cultures. We also have guest speakers such as elders who will come and share their stories and wisdom.

- COMMUNITY GREETER

Kla-how-eya’s Community Greeter is our ambassador to all programs and facilities in our center. Our greeter facilitates tours to both the public and other service agencies by appointment. If you would like to learn more about Kla-how-eya programs and/or various community resources, and supports being offered in Surrey contact our front reception.