

#### **Aboriginal Parenting Support Worker**

The purpose of the Aboriginal Parenting Support Worker is to provide essential preventive support to families identified as being in need of interventions and who are at high risk of removal due to issues impacting the safety and well-being of their children.

The Aboriginal Parenting Support Worker provides intensive service through visits to the family's home and works collaboratively with the family to develop goals and activities to assist in reducing risks identified. The Worker walks alongside the parents in their efforts to accomplish the goals set out, providing parenting knowledge, practical skills, encouragement, and navigation to resources and support to build strong and healthy families.

#### **About Sasamans**

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

# **Sasamans Society**

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# Vision

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

#### Who do we assist?

- Parents/caregivers who identify as Aboriginal or have children that are Aboriginal;
- Families that are found to be in need of intervention/preventative parenting support;
- Parents/caregivers with children who are at high risk of removal due to issues impacting their safety & well-being or whose children are in government care.

#### Needs addressed:

- Social and emotional;
- Cultural connection;
- Addiction issues;
- Intimate Personal Violence;
- Parenting skills;
- Child development;
- Mental Health;
- Grief and loss;
- Nutrition;
- Self-care and identity;
- Connecting with community resources;
- Building strong personal and community supports;
- Trauma and parenting;
- Communication skills and healthy boundary setting.

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### Who can refer?

- Self referral
- MCFD
- Community Professionals
- Service Providers

#### Support:

- That is culturally appropriate;
- That is sensitive;
- Act as a liaison between community, family and external professionals;
- Circle of Security Parenting Training.

#### **Guidance:**

- To understand the Family Court process and ensure that families voices are heard;
- To assist families to access supports and participate in planning;
- To access legal education and/or information regarding their child(ren) or grandchild(ren) in government care.



## **Philosophy:**

The philosophy of this program is to provide 'at-risk' Aboriginal families with intense in home support through traditional parenting, learning and healing, using a strengths-based, holistic approach.



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

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