

## **Aboriginal Youth Navigator**

The purpose of the Aboriginal Youth Navigator program is to enhance service provision, provide advocacy, and ensure they are aware of services available to them once they age out of Ministry care, decrease youth in care, and improve accountability through a youth-centered approach that focuses on meeting the needs of youth.

The Aboriginal Outreach Youth Navigator will provide support and guidance to Aboriginal youth involved with the Ministry, youth transition planning, youth on probation, youth agreements, aging out and/or in government care. Youth can also voluntarily seek services for other advocacy support.

The Navigator acts as the "Navigator" for youth to assist them to understand and access the multitude of youth support services that may be available to them.

### **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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# Aboriginal Youth Navigator

### Website:

#### www.sasamans.ca

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## For assistance in:

## Campbell River, call

Taylor Gee @ 250-202-9270 or

Monica White @ 250-202-7229

## Port Hardy, call

Thomas Wamiss Jr. @ 250-230-1251

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## Vision

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

## **Aboriginal Youth Navigator**

## Who do we assist?

We are a free and voluntary service aimed at assisting 13—26 year old Aboriginal youth involved with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), youth transition planning, youth on probation, aging out and/or are in government care.

## How do we assist?

We provide information, support, and guidance to youth.



## **Information**

- About your needs and rights for legal assistance
- About your rights as a youth in care
- About child protection laws in BC
- About the court process
- About community resources and services

## Support

- That is culturally appropriate
- Act as a liaison between community, family and external professionals
- Support youth through transition planning
- Assist with youth agreements
- Assist with independent living agreements



## **Guidance**

- To understand the court process and ensure that youth voices are heard
- To access legal education and/or information
- To assist youth to access community supports and services



## **Referral Process**

## Self

Youth can call or drop into our office Monday to Friday between 8:30 to 4:30.

## **Agency**

Please use referral form provided and send via email or fax.



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