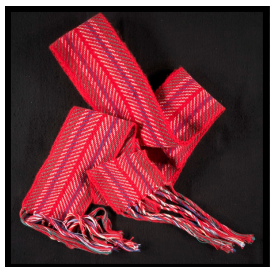


## A program to learn about Aboriginal identity...



### *Did you know that in Victoria...*

- ◆ There are currently 229 Urban Aboriginal and Métis children in foster care representing 54 different nations?
- ◆ Of the current 350 approved care homes, only 30 are Aboriginal or Métis?



Surrounded By Cedar Child and Family Services (SCCFS) is located on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples of southern Vancouver Island. Our agency is a dream come true for many Aboriginal people living in Victoria. For many years, Aboriginal people have worked together to build a better future for those who will come after us.

**Our vision is of healthy children who will grow up connected to their families, communities and culture.** We will work together toward the day all children and families have the skills, knowledge, education and support to ensure their children and their children's children will not enter the child welfare or justice systems.

**Our mandate is to provide child and family services rooted in cultural values and beliefs to restore and enhance the strength and resiliency in the Urban Aboriginal community.**

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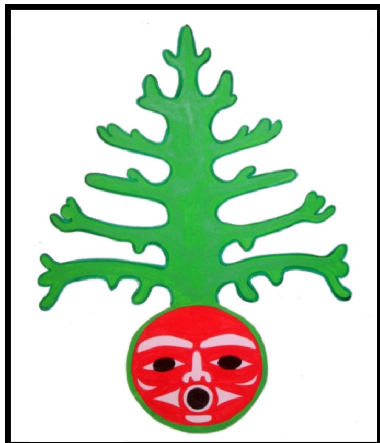
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## WELCOME

Surrounded By Cedar Child and Family Services (SCCFs) is pleased to offer a Aboriginal Child and Youth Counselling program. This program consists of 4 ten-week group sessions for urban Aboriginal children and youth in care, their caregivers and families.

Our Child and Youth Counsellor works to provide counseling services that are rooted in cultural values and beliefs. Children and youth participating in the program will have access to resources from their traditional territories and culture.

We will work to ensure that Aboriginal children in care grow up connected to their families, communities and culture, so that they may form strong identities and a true sense of belonging.



**“We are the ones who have to teach our children.”**

Elder Agnes Alphonse - Black Lake First Nation



*This blanket was made by Leslie McGarry who coordinated our first Cultural Camp for Aboriginal children in the Capital Region.*

*It was presented to SCCFS by Leslie McGarry at our Annual General Meeting, September 22, 2004.*

## What you can expect from the Counselling Program

The group sessions cover a range of topics, and focus on the development of a positive Aboriginal identity. The program strives to normalize the experience of being in care, and to help create appropriate support systems and resources for the children and youth. The Counselling Program covers the following topics:

- ◆ Family of origin
- ◆ Life book development
- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Mentoring

School age Urban Aboriginal children and youth are eligible for this program. There is no cost to attend. Referrals can be made by social workers, caregivers and other community programs/members.

Please contact the **Child and Youth Counsellor** for a referral form and more information.

