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KTC CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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FIRST EDITION OF THE KTC&FS NEWSLETTER

Vision Statement:

That all children, youth and families within our communities are healthy and supported to reach their full potential.

Mission Statement:

To promote safe, healthy families, within their traditional language, family and community.

Tansi and hello! We at KTC Child & Family Services Agency are pleased to announce that we will be distributing the first edition of our newsletter to our

member First Nations in February 2012.

The newsletter will be put out every three months. We will feature staff profiles, community event notices, news on past events and also different aspects of the Agency, the roles of the workers and information on the different court orders. A calendar of upcoming meetings will also be included.

Communication, knowledge and information are key components of a better understanding of what our Agency can provide to our member nations.



It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child

HISTORY OF THE KTC C&FS AGENCY

Historically, Child Welfare (as the term was known then) services were delivered by the Province to the First Nation communities.

Children were removed and placed outside of their communities and were sometimes adopted out without consent or consultation to the First Nations.

Discussions took place and the Chiefs of our First Nations formed Tribal Councils that decided that First Nation people should "Take Care of Their Own".

With that in mind, KTC Tribal

Council, which is made up of Three member First Nations, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Loon River First Nation and Woodland Cree First Nation had further meetings & discussions with the Province & INAC and the **KTC Child & Family Services Agency** was incorporated on June 10th, 1997.

KTC Child & Family Services was given delegation to provide Child Welfare services to their people. We as a Child Welfare Agency are legislated by the Province of Alberta by the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act.

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KTC C&FS STAFF:

We will be featuring two staff member for each month. This month's staff member is the Executive Director of KTC C&FS, Erica Jagodzinsky. She has been with the Agency as the Director, first in 2001 to 2003 and from 2006 to the present. Erica comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and expertise. She has worked with the WFL First Nation as a Education Coordinator & Social Development Worker and as a Court Worker for Native Counselling for 6 years. She worked as a Program Specialist & Treaty 8 Enhancement Act Specialist for Alberta Children's Services First Nations Liaisons Unit. Erica was also a Special Case Review Consultant for Alberta Children's Services. This involves a review and assessment of an Agency & staff when a death or seri-

ous injury occurs. She is also a member of several appointments/tables/standing committees: one of them is the FSCD committee. Erica has her Social Work Diploma and is currently working on her Bachelor of Human Services Administrator. Through her leadership and hard work we are one of the top five DFNA Agencies in Alberta.

On a personal note, Erica has four sons that she is very proud of. Darcy the oldest works for Health Canada, Derek is a fashion designer, Jake runs a bob-cat business and Kayne, is a triple "A" hockey player.

Erica was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003 and with treatment and proper health care, she is cancer free and healthy.



Erica P. Jagodzinsky

KTC C&FS

Executive Director

***"treat all with respect
they may be your boss
someday"***

The second staff member is Ruby Anderson, Senior Finance Officer, She is a member of the WFLFN and started her position with KTC C&FS in March 2009.

Ruby is part of the Child & Family Services team that ensures a constant level of service delivery is timely with regards to the financial aspect of the program. She is responsible for the administration of the budget, ensuring Foster Care payments are timely and all invoicing is complete and on time with the proper Governments.

Ruby has her Business Administration Diploma and Administrative Technologies Diploma and is looking towards returning to school to get

her Business degree.

She has worked for the WFLFN and the Whitefish Companies as a Executive and Finance Administrator from 1998—2007.

She is a very important asset to our Agency. She is a team player and a joy to work with. It is to be noted that we have a "low" score on our General Assessment from INAC and that is a reflection of good accounting methods and timely invoicing.

Ruby is married and has 3 children that are all grown up and is the "kokum" of 3 grandsons.

She likes travelling, being with family and babysitting her youngest grandson.



Ruby A. Anderson

Senior Finance Officer

***"a penny saved is a
penny earned"***





Chief Arthur Noskey
Loon River First Nation
Board Chair/Shareholder

KTC C&FS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The KTC C&FS Agency is governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of three members from each First Nation. There are 9 members at the present.

Chief Arthur Noskey, LRFN
Board Chair/Shareholder

Chief William Whitehead, WLCFN
Board Vice/Shareholder

Chief Eddie Tallman, WFLFN
Board Member/Shareholder

Mayble Noskiye, LRFN
Board Member/Secretary

Ivan Sawan, LRFN
Board Member/Treasurer

Ivan Auger, WFLFN
Board Member

Richard Laboucan, WFLFN
Board Member

Kathleen Laboucan, WLCFN
Board Member

Ken Auger, WLCFN
Board Member

* Board meetings are held quarterly.

PEERLESS-TROUT FIRST NATION:

Peerless Trout First Nation is in the process of joining the KTC C&FS Agency. Meetings have already taken place and we are now in the process of working out the details with regards to the Tri-partite Agreement with Alberta and Canada to include PTFN.

As an introduction to our Agency and member First Nations. The Chief & Council of PTFN is:

Chief James Alook
Councilors:
Emile Houle
Gary Noskiye
Sharon Laboucan
William Houle

WELCOME PTFN!

We will be updating this process as it becomes available, in the meantime, we at KTC C&FS would like to say we are looking forward to working with the Chief and Council and the membership of PTFN.



KTC C&FS ELDERS

KTC Child & Family Services has two elders from each First Nation to represent the Agency. Elders will be rotated, at present they are:

WFLFN:
Madeline Jagodzinsky
Patrick Grey

WLCFN:
Raymond Scotty
Leonie Cardinal

LRFN:
Felix Noskey
Mabel Letendre

We believe that our elders are an important part of Child & Family Services and they bring values, traditions, wisdom and many life experiences that they can share with the First Nation children and families. We are thankful that they are interested and

involved with the Agency and for the support they show. The elders are invited to attend meetings that pertain to values and traditions that support the theme that "It takes a whole community to raise a child".

We want to take this time to say "Thank You" to elders for their continued support.



Elder Madeline
Jagodzinsky
WFLFN

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FOSTER CARE:

Foster Parent Support Meetings:

Sat. February 04, 2012
Cadotte Lake
Health Centre
12:00 noon

Sat. March 10, 2012
Loon River
Health Centre
12:00 Noon

Annual Foster Parent Retreat

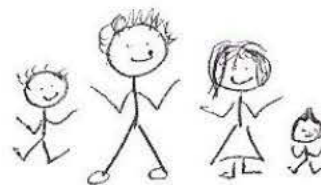
Sawridge Inn
Peace River, Alberta
Feb. 10, 11, & 12, 2012

Registrations will start
at 3:00 pm on Friday,
Feb 10, 2012.

Foster Parent Training and Information Session

Wed, Feb 22, 2012
Peerless am
Trout Lake pm

For more information:
Angeline Thunder
767-8816
Bev Whitehead
767-8814



**"it takes a whole
community to
raise a child"**

TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS

RAINBOWS (GRIEF RECOVERY FOR KIDS)

FACILITATOR:

EDNA AUGER-BOUCHER

WG Women's Group

R1 Rainbows Level 1 age: 4-6
R2 Rainbows Level 1 age: 7-8
R3 Rainbows Level 3 age: 9-11
R4 Rainbows Level 4 age: 12-14
GR Grief Recovery (adults)

WFLFN = Whitefish Lake First Nation
WLCFN = Woodland Cree First Nation

LRFN = Loon River First Nation

SCHEDULE:

Feb 8, 2012 = WFLFN R1
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Atikameg School

Feb 9, 2012 = WFLFN R1
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Atikameg School

Feb 9, 2012 = WFLFN R2
12:30 - 4:30 pm
Atikameg School

Feb 10, 2012 = WFLFN R2
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Atikameg School

Feb 13, 2012 = WFLFN
WG 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Feb 17, 2012 = WLCFN R2
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Health Centre

Feb 18, 2012 = WLCFN R2
9:00 am - 12:00 Health Centre

March 5, 2012 = LRFN WG
6:00—9:00 pm

**Men's & Ladies Support
Group & Workshops will ALL
be held in the KTC C&FS
Boardroom**

Tuesday, Feb. 07, 2012
Men's & Ladies Support Group
Time: 5:00 pm

Tues, Feb 21, 2012
Men's & Ladies Support Group
5:00 pm

Wed, Feb 22nd, 2012
Men's & Ladies Family
Dynamics Workshop
6:00—8:00 pm

Tues. March 6, 2012
Men's & Ladies Support Group
Meeting 5:00 pm

Wed. March 07, 2012
Drug Awareness Workshop
6:00—8:00 pm

Tues. March 20th, 2012
Men's & Ladies Support Group
5:00 pm

Wed. March 21, 2012
Working Together Workshop
6:00—8:00 pm

Alcohol Awareness:
Wed. Feb. 08, 2012
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
KTC Board-room.
Snacks provided

Facilitator:

Terence Tallman

For more info call:
767-2116

KTC C&FS Meetings

February 06, 2012
PTFN Implementation Meeting
Slave Lake, Holiday Inn
Express

February 20, 2012
Family Day Holiday
Office will be CLOSED.

February 21, 2012
KTC C&FS Staff Meeting
High Prairie

March 5, 2012
KTC C&FS Staff Training
High Prairie

Staff Meeting for KTC C&FS
Staff are held monthly.

Supervisor meetings are also
held monthly.

REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE:

The following is what would constitute a report to Child & Family Services:

Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act:

Under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, Section 4(1)

"any person who has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a child is in need of intervention services shall forthwith report the matter to a director."

If a professional believes that a child is in need of intervention and fails to report it, he or she may be liable to disciplinary action by their professional body.

It is to be noted that any person that fails to report a child in need of intervention can be charged and fined.

Assessment of Need for Intervention Services:

A child is in need of

intervention *if there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that the survival, security or development of the child is endangered due to abuse, neglect, emotional injury or abandonment*

A child has been physically injured if:

There is substantial and observable injury to any part of the child's body as a result of a non-accidental application of force or an agent that is evidenced by a:

- Laceration (cut)
- Contusion (bruise)
- Abrasion (scrape)
- Scar
- Bone fracture
- Dislocation
- Sprain
- Hemorrhaging
- Rupture of viscus (internal organs)
- Burn or Scald
- Frostbite
- Alteration of consciousness or physiological functioning
- Loss of hair or teeth

Sexual Abuse:

- Inappropriately exposed or subjected to sexual contact, activity or behavior including prostitution related activities

Neglect is defined in Legislation as:

- Unable or unwilling to provide the necessities of life (food, clothing, shelter)
- Unable or unwilling to obtain or permit essential medical or other remedial treatment that is essential for the health or well-being of the child

- Unable or unwilling to provide the child with adequate care or supervision (children left unattended or abandoned)

Matters to be considered:

- Child's best interests remain paramount
- Importance of family unit
- Permanency for the child
- Provision of least disruptive intervention services
- Parental responsibility
- Domestic violence
- Guidelines for placement outside family
- Early permanency for children and successful transition to adulthood for youth
- Culturally appropriate interventions that are reflective of the child's family, community and traditions
- Involvement of children and families in planning and decision making
- Focus on multi-disciplinary team approach and collaboration

KTC C&FS ON-CALL:

The On-Call cell number is only **for after hours**. Members are asked to call the KTC C&FS Office during office hours which are:

9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

The on-call cell can be accessed from 4:30 pm to 9:00 am

On-Call cell: 1-780-536 7950



Ideas & Information:

This is our first newsletter and we welcome ideas and information that the membership would like to see in it.

Next issue will be in May 2012

Please send your information before this date.

Comments and items to be posted can be directed to:

Christine LeGrande

Admin Coordinator

1-780-767-8805 direct line

1-780-536-5096 cell

Activities and Events Photo Album



2011 Staff Retreat Ranch 6
Trail Ride



2011 Elders Community Supper
Whitefish Lake First Nation



2011 Staff Halloween Dress-up



Barbara Loonskin
Foster Parent Christmas Supper



Parade Float

