

# THE NEWSLETTER

YTCCFS, Inc.

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## YTCCFS, Inc.

This is our first newsletter for 2010 that we decided to “re-introduce” ourselves to our member First Nations.

The purpose for this newsletter is to provide information regarding our programs and services which we may be able to provide to our children and their families.

We are very excited to announce our Prevention Program. This is a new program which will enhance and strengthen our First Nation children and families. On page 2 is a brief overview of the Prevention program.

As well, we have a Child Protection and Investigation unit. Our Protection unit ensures

our First Nation children are not in harm’s way. Our Family Services Worker safeguards our on-reserve children. Within our Child Protection Unit, lies our CPI unit which will be the first contact for children and their families. The CPI Unit was created to assist in the investigation of any type of child abuse and/or neglect. Once the investigation has been completed, the case will then be referred to either Protection or Prevention programming.

Additionally, we have a Family Support Home unit which provides assistance and training to our foster parents and families.

## Governance

YTCCFS, Inc. has been providing Child Protection services to 13 Treaty Four first nations since November 1997. During the beginning of the YTCCFS we had a total of 7 first nations, then over the years 6 additional First Nations joined the Agency.

The purpose of our Agency is

to provide culturally appropriate child protection to our on-reserve children and families.

Since the inception of YTCCFS we have provided protection, care and safety to a number of on reserve children.

Currently the Governance



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Unit has a total of 4 employees—within its department.

## Child Protection



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YTCCFS, Inc. was mandated to provide Child Protection Services to on-reserve First Nations to our member First Nations.

Recently, the Child Protection Unit has been decentralized into the four service areas:

North: Cote, Keeseekoose and Key

South: White Bear, Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation

File Hills: Peepeekisis, Little

Black Bear and Star Blanket

Valley: Kahkewistahaw. Cow-essess, Sakimay and Ochapowace

Child Protection Investigation

The CPI Unit is the first contact for child and families.

Their primary goal is to investigate all reports of child abuse and/or neglect and refer all cases to their Wrap Around Team.

## Family Support Home



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Family Support Home Workers will plan and deliver a number of support programs to assist in the care of children who require placements, these placements can be emergency, short/long term. Services provided by Family Support Home Workers are: Training potential caregivers, providing advocacy, individual, family, group counseling, seeking supports for caregivers, Active parenting, FASD Training,

collaborating with community resources, recruiting family support homes, facilitating emergency shelter services in cooperation with the Family Services Worker

Family Finders:

Currently YTCCFS Inc., houses the Family Finders Program, this program has 4 staff members. This new program is a new initiative and is unique as it is in partnership with Minis-

try of Social services, Touchwood Child & Family Services and YTCCFS Inc. The focus of this service is specifically for First Nation children in care with the Ministry of Social Services. The goal of this program is to reunite children in care off the reserve with extended family/community members in our First Nation communities or in the urban areas.

## Prevention



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YTCCFS, Inc. Prevention Program one community member from each of the member First Nations will be offered the training.

With our Prevention Programing, we are optimistic to enhance and strengthen our children and their families to remain as a whole family unit.

## Finance/Administration

YTCCFS, Inc. Finance and Administration Department has a total of 5 employees. Finance/Administration distributes the payments to both our Family Support Homes and our service providers; as well as receiving payments from both Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services.

The Finance and Administration department provides the tools necessary for our em-

ployees to carry out their duties. This includes ordering supplies, maintenance of company vehicles, adding new employees to the company driver's list, computers, software, negotiating leases for office space and equipment, issuing purchase order, processing payments, travel,



## Human Resources

This department has a total of three employees. This department ensures each YTCCFS employee becomes familiar with Agency policies and code of conduct. As well, they issue payroll and track attendance and leave records for our employees.

In addition to the above, this department also recruits new employees and assists with

retention of existing employees.

## Success of Our Children In Care

One of the objectives of this newsletter to announce the successes of our children.

Each child has a special talent or ability and this is where we will like to honour these children.

One of the children in care who is successful is an up and coming artist. He has placed

third in a drawing competition in 2009. the competition was Royal Canadian Legion—Remembrance Day Literacy and Poster Competition.

We are very proud of his accomplishments and wish him success for his talents.

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**VISION:** Our Children, Our Future, Our Promise

**MISSION:** Protecting the best interests of our children and enhancing the wellbeing of families.

**VALUE STATEMENTS:**

**RESPECT:** we honour and respect our children, 13 member First Nations, our care givers, our board members and each other with dignity and honour.

**HONESTY:** we are honest and fair in all our deliberations, decisions and actions.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** we act in good faith in the best interest of our children and support our First Nations communities by a dedicated and professional staff.

**INTEGRITY:** we are committed to working together to achieve our vision and maintain our Oath of Confidentiality.

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## Upcoming Issues

In the next newsletter, we will be highlighting our Sub Offices. YTCCFS, Inc. decentralized their Child Protection Services in 2009 to each of the four program areas: North, South, Valley and File Hills.

We will be updating the contact information and office locations as well as the services which YTCCFS may offer to assist on reserve children and their families.

As well, there will be community calendar for upcoming events in the each of the service areas.

**Our Sub Office locations:**

**North Sub Office:** Room #200—Crowstand Centre; Kamsack, SK

Phone: 306-542-4067

**South Sub Office:**

Phone: 306-457-

**File Hills Sub Office:**

Treaty Four Governance Centre

Fort Qu'Appelle, SK

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**Valley Sub Office:**

Cowessess First Nation

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