

Foster Care

Le'lumilh
(looking after children)

Kwumut Lelum Child and Family Services team are seeking Caregivers to look after our children in care and to keep them within their own Aboriginal communities. Kwumut Lelum's Le'lumilh Team acknowledges the Caregiver Application Process is very thorough, however, we intend to walk with you and your family step by step.



Kw'umut is a simple word at first glance. It means "raising of children". But in the older, higher sophisticated Hul'qumi'num language from our elders of long ago, Kw'umut means much more. It means not only raising, but nurturing and taking care of children in order that they will grow into strong adults. It means not only raising your own child, but any child, even one that is not yours. Lelum means house or dwelling.

Kwumut Lelum Child & Family Services

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"Respecting Children's Right
to Live with Dignity"



Before 12:00 PM
250-246-3336 or
1-800-613-1777

After 12:00 PM
250-310-1234

FOR CHILDREN IN CARE.



What we do:

- We are always looking for special people who respect Coast Salish practices and traditions in our nine communities (or near) who are interested in becoming direct caregivers.
- Kw'umut Lelum Le'lumilh workers provide support and training to all foster parents on an ongoing basis.
- Foster parents who are caring for children and youth receive "maintenance" funding which covers costs related to housing, food, recreation, transport, school and other child related needs.
- The amount of funding varies according to the age of the child and skills required by the foster parents.

The application process:

The caregiver application process includes the following steps:

1. Criminal Record Search(s) (for all persons 18 years and older living in home)
2. Prior contact checks for all persons 18 years and older living in the home.
3. Application Form
4. 3 Reference Letters
5. Medical report
6. Home study Interview, minimally 3-4 visits to assess the home
7. Confidentiality agreement
8. Orientation to Safety

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I need any special education to become a caregiver?

A: No, you just need to have a nurturing, healthy, loving, caring home and common sense.

Q: Can single people become caregivers?

A: Yes.

Q: If I have a criminal record from 10 years ago, can I still become a caregiver?

A: Possibly, depending on the charge and what you have done to make a positive change. If you have any further questions or inquiries please contact us with the contact information below.



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