STIKINE WHOLISTIC WORKING GROUP

A Spotlight on our Community Direction Accomplishments

2009-2019

Honouring, Celebrating & Keeping Children in the Centre of all Decisions

HEALING

- Welcoming home ceremonies
- On the land healing
- Reunification of families
- Support for intergenerational trauma, addictions and mental health

"On the land there is a calming, a connectedness that heals our spirit... and ties us to our Ancestors."

LAND-BASED FOOD SECURITY

- 76% reduction of children in care
- Child & Family Protocol created with 3 Nations - first of its kind in British Columbia
- Integration of culturally-grounded prevention and early intervention activities
- Family support from Tsu Tsu’s/Matriarch’s

"If you really want to know how a family is doing, just take a look at the size of their wood pile. Then you know if the men have been staying straight and taking care of things."

FAMILY SUPPORT & WELL-BEING

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"We’re not going to re-create the wheel - we’re just doing what our Ancestors did."

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Language Nests & Programs
- Youth Leadership Programs
- Job Fairs/Training
- Cultural competency
- Integrating Language into Nation-based hiring policies and practices

“The key to success is trust, respectful relationships, sharing common goals, as well as ongoing capacity building."

PARTNERSHIPS & GOVERNANCE

- More than 22 milestone agreements: Provincial and Federal Governments incl. MCFD & SD87, Private Sector
- Worked together as three Nations: Tahltan, Kaska & Tlingit
- Established 3 Nations Society
- Premier’s Award for Innovation

“Culture involvement means divide and conquer is no longer a possibility. It is a first step in the direction of reconciliation."

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- Culture camps
- Dance groups & Regalia making
- On the land youth programs
- Leadership Opportunities
- 3 Nations 1 Voice Youth Gathering

“It is important to remember that Culture is not a McDonald’s drive through. We have to do this the right way, our way.”

The 3 Nations is a partnership between the Tahltan, Kaska and Tlingit Nations – a partnership that is trailblazing and leading a new best practice in social policy and innovation, not just for the Tahltan, Kaska, and Tlingit, but for every Indigenous person and family in Canada.

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