



PUBLIC NOTICE

Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services

C6 Child Protection Services in Kamloops and Surrounding Area of the Secwepemc Territory

Effective October 2, 2017, Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services (LMO) reclaimed responsibility for the delivery of all child protection services and voluntary support services for the Métis population in Kamloops and surrounding area. Our work will be carried out in compliance with the provincial *Child, Family and Community Service Act* and *Court Regulations*.

With C6 delegation (Child Protection), which also includes responsibilities under C3 delegation (Voluntary Services) and C4 delegation (Guardianship), LMO assumes the responsibility for:

- Receiving, assessing and investigating reports of child abuse and neglect;
- Deciding the most appropriate course of action if a child is deemed in need of protection;
- Where necessary, removing the child and placing the child in care; and
- Obtaining court orders or taking other measures to ensure the ongoing safety and wellbeing of the child.
- Placement of Metis children and youth in Kinship Caregiver Homes or Community Caregiver Homes

Together, with the support of our Michif Elders Council, our team will ensure that the safety and wellbeing of Métis children and youth are the utmost priority. LMO uses a culturally safe and strength based model of practice which allows LMO to support our Métis children, youth and families in a manner consistent with values and teachings of our Metis People.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Michif Elders Council and Team at LMO, we wish to acknowledge and thank previous Society leadership, the Métis Commission for Children and Families of BC, Métis Nation BC and the Ministry of Children and Family Development for their dedication and support in assisting LMO reclaim the responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of our Métis children, youth and families. Though significant developments such as this, we are all contributing to reconciliation in the provincial child welfare system. We are so honoured to be part of this positive change.

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