

**Support Services for Squamish Nation members can include any of the following:**

- Advocacy
- Crisis Intervention
- Various Support Services
- FASD Information (research library)



**What is our Initiative?**

Our initiatives are based on the needs of the community; we are always receiving feedback from the community to determine the need for services.

Currently we are in the process of developing statistical data to look at trends and themes of issues our community face.

We are working on a special needs project to collect data to determine needs, and cost of special needs service delivery.

We also apply for proposals to increase our service delivery to members.

**“Guide, Protect, and Provide for our people!”**



**Prevention and Community Awareness**

**Contact Information**

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If you have any questions, you can contact the Prevention and Community Awareness Team at 604-985-4111 and ask for either Doris Paul or Linda George, we would be happy to listen to your thoughts and ideas.

**Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services**

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Squamish Nation: Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services is a department of the Squamish Nation Indian Band.

**Prevention and Community Awareness**  
**General Information**



*“Peace to our children by strengthening our families:  
Ayas Men Men iyímen ta  
s7ekw’í7telchet”*

**Mission Statement:**

To achieve peace for all Squamish children the Squamish Nation through Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services supports the care, well being and safety, while recognizing the strength and care giving abilities of Squamish Families.

**Vision:**

Strong healthy individuals and communities working together honouring our positive identity as First Nation families. Effectively managing our resources for future generations through prevention and early intervention programs and services.

**Programs we offer:**

The Prevention Team consists of a Manager, Prevention Officer and Family Support Workers. We work with community youth services, social workers, the family program and other departments within and outside the Squamish Nation to create and improve prevention programs to streamline the direction of support towards families who are experiencing challenging situations.

The main objective of this team is to ensure there is enough support in the community for families to survive crisis without having to place children into care and for the entire family to lead healthy, productive lives.

**What is the role of the Prevention and Community Awareness Officer?**

The Prevention & Community Awareness officer provides multi-faceted skills to the department. It's involved in developing strategies that address public awareness for a healthier community. This is done by providing prevention information, progress, educational materials, support, research, training, as well as supporting families with FASD members.

**What is the role of the Family Support Service Workers?**

There are 3 Family support service workers who provide life skills and act as a personal support for families at risk. The workers teach life skills to support families at a grass roots level in ways ranging from driving clients to appointments to providing cultural resources such as an elder to contact for advice and guidance.

**“We can not teach people to do things they do not feel”**

Quote from Ed Connors, Director of the Merici Centre, Regina, Saskatchewan.

**What types of Parenting Programs are offered?**

We as First Nation parents' experience a variety of parenting challenges. So we offer support to parents through family camps, working jointly with

the youth services team and cultural teachers as well as other departments and organizations.

Parenting begins in the heart, not the head.



Guiding, Protecting and Providing for Families

**What is the Nutritional program?**

Sharing of information e.g. Prevention of diabetes, shared projects, community garden, shared pre-school projects, canning kitchens. "Bringing back the ways of old as we move into the future."

**What types of Partnerships do you have?**

We work with other departments inside and outside communities which have included but are not limited to:

- Information on positive parenting
- Drug awareness
- Skills building for healthy individuals
- Community Garden: Ministry of Agriculture

Nexwniwit:	Guide
Teywilhn:	Protect
Yuustway:	Care for one another (Provide)