

# OUR APPROACH

- We recognize that our communities have diverse systems of knowledge & strive to keep those systems at the forefront of our service delivery to create a sense of belonging and connectedness for our children and youth.
- Knowledge Holders teach us that our work with children is spiritual & we must be very thoughtful in our work with children and youth.
- Children are sacred and powerful. Weweni, the decisions we make will affect future generations.
- Our community workers, families and Knowledge Holders have insight into children and families that we respect & ensure that we allow our communities to take the lead in the best interests of the child.

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Contact our Intake Coordinator/  
Family Navigator regarding the  
Education Liaison Program.  
We will assist you in making a  
referral, completing an intake  
where applicable and help our  
children succeed in their  
educational endeavors



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## Developmental Support Services

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# EDUCATION LIAISON PROGRAM

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Creating  
Connections in  
Education for  
Children & Youth



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## WHAT SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE?

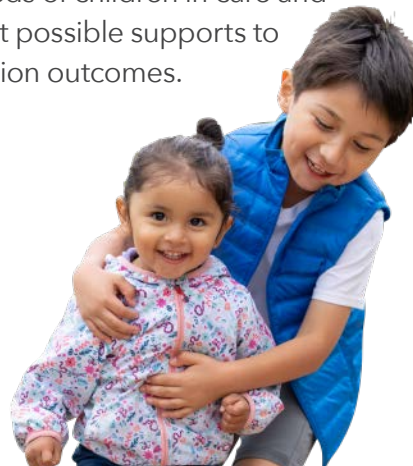
- ▶ Collaborate with Community Care Teams to navigate school systems
- ▶ Help resolve issues that impact school learning
- ▶ Create linkages to educational supports and resources
- ▶ Help determine school transportation needs with schools, First Nation departments, care teams & school boards
- ▶ Provide support to Community Care teams to help children reach their educational goals.

- ▶ Attend meetings with teams & caregivers to reduce barriers & increase outcomes
- ▶ Collaborate with the Youth In Transition Worker to support 16-18 year olds
- ▶ Provide support groups & educational Workshops at the request of communities education departments, Chief and Council & Community Care teams.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES?

The education liaison program supports improving educational outcomes for children and youth in care, in customary care and/or in a voluntary youth services agreement, as well as clients actively receiving services through the Developmental Support Services program.

The goal is to be responsive to the diverse educational needs of children in care and provide the best possible supports to improve education outcomes.



## WHAT IS THE REFERRAL PROCESS

- ▶ Contact a community worker (Community Care Team) to request a referral to be made for our services
- ▶ If you are uncertain as to who to contact, you may contact Developmental Support Services' Intake Coordinator/Family navigator who will direct you to the appropriate worker
- ▶ In collaboration with the community, a referral form is completed
- ▶ Forward the referral form to the Intake Coordinator/Family Navigator
- ▶ If the referral meets the criteria for service, the Intake Coordinator/ Family Navigator will contact the community and/or the referral source to complete an Intake package
- ▶ It is important to note, that all referrals must be collaborative with the community to preserve their expertise & knowledge regarding the child, family and community.

