

Our Vision

Communities where all families and children are empowered and valued.



Parent Support Services
Society of BC

Our Mission Statement

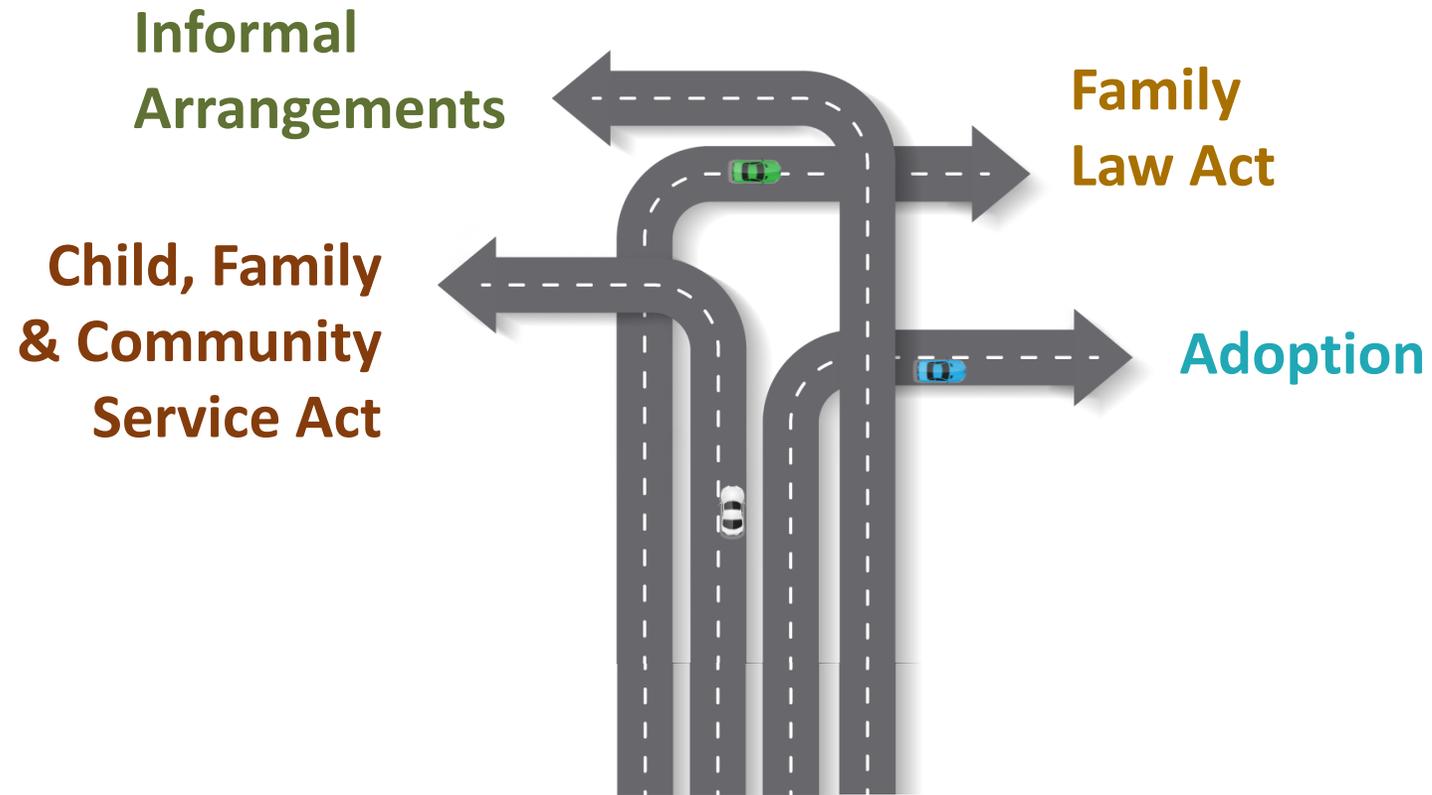
To support the well-being of all families and children by empowering those in a parenting role through community connections, research, education and advocacy.

What is Kinship Care?

- Kinship caregivers are relatives or people with a significant cultural connection to a child.
- Kinship caregivers provide full-time care for all aspects of the child's life on either a permanent or temporary basis.
- Depending on how the child came into kinship care will affect what level of support the caregiver receives.
- Kinship care **can be** the direct result of MCFD involvement.

Children come into kinship care in different ways

Which legal pathway a family follows will impact the level of supports and services that are available.



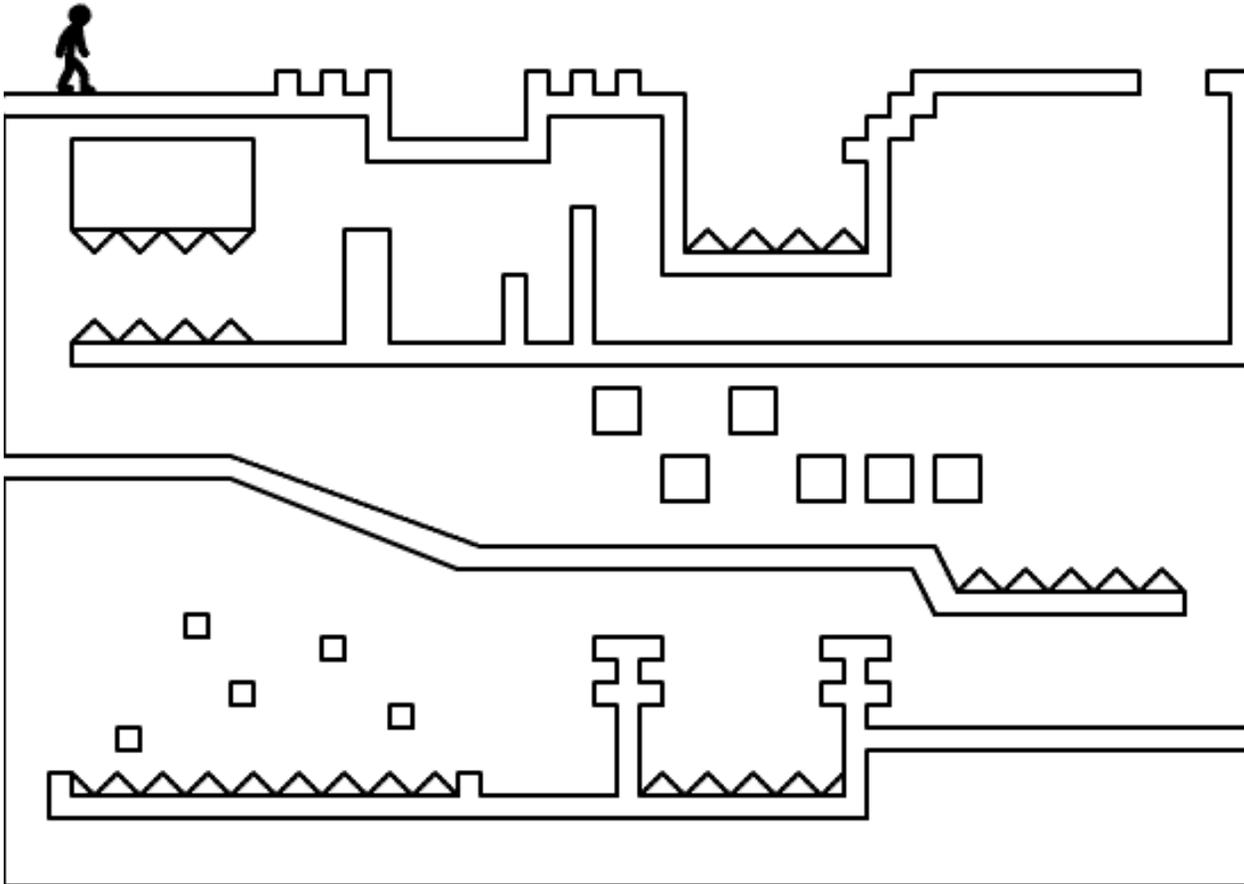
Indigenous Kinship Care

While we know that a large amount of children raised in kinship care are Indigenous, we are not sure of the exact numbers.

Many Indigenous kinship care agreements are informal due to lack of trust with government agencies due to colonization, the legacy of residential schools and the sixties scoop.



Kinship caregivers face financial, legal and social complexities



- Parenting may affect the ability to work.
- Family dynamics may be shifting rapidly.
- Decisions may be made at court or by social workers without caregiver input.
- Kids in kinship care may need special physical or emotional care. They may have experienced trauma.
- Caregivers may not understand the systems they are engaged with, and may not know how to protect their rights or how to access supports.
- Kinship caregivers may become isolated as their support needs change.
- Unexpectedly raising a child significantly increases living expenses.

Kinship Care Support Line



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The Kinship Care Support Line provides support, advocacy and resource information to grandparents and other relatives raising a family member's child, service providers and allies.

The GRG Support line is open on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** from **10 AM to 2 PM**.

1-855-474-9777 (toll free)

What do we need? Open Discussion