

Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)  
First Nations Rights and Title Holders Engagement Session  
Gathering the Circle: Clarifying Interests and Priorities

Meeting Information

May 25, 2023, 2 pm – 4 pm PST

Join Zoom Meeting

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Overview Context

The purpose of this meeting is to gather a circle of interested First Nations Rights and Title Holders to discuss their priorities for co-developing a new approach to accessing CYSN services that will better meet the needs of Indigenous children, youth, families and communities. These discussions will inform the path forward that we build together.

B.C. recognizes the importance of CYSN services that work for every child and is committed to immediately beginning meaningful engagement with First Nations Rights and Title Holders. This engagement is part of a larger distinctions-based engagement process that includes First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples. Engagement will be conducted in a manner that acknowledges the specific rights, interests, priorities and concerns of each, while respecting and acknowledging these distinct Peoples with unique cultures, histories, rights, and laws. The Ministry will take a government-to-government approach to co-development with First Nations Rights and Title Holders in this engagement and is committed to fulfilling commitments under the Declaration Act.

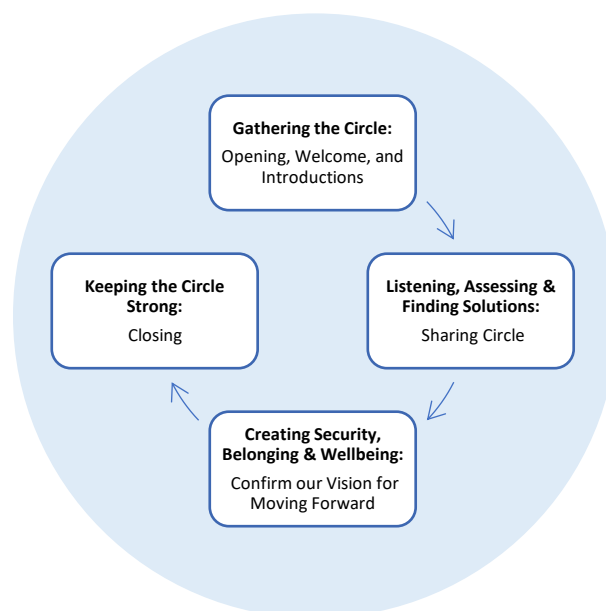
We acknowledge that First Nations have already offered significant wisdom and contributions to inform the transformation of CYSN services and we intend to build on this prior feedback in collaboration with you. We also acknowledge that previous engagement approaches in 2019 did not meet the requirements of the Declaration Act and many First Nations' expectations for co-development and we commit to a renewed approach that honours your priorities. A summary of this prior feedback can be found [here](#).

## Meeting Format – May 25, 2023

The following is a proposed format for our meeting to provide a foundation for discussion. We are open to adjusting this format to meet your priorities and needs. Our approach is guided by the [Aboriginal Policy and Practice Framework](#) and utilizes a circle process.

### Gathering the Circle: Opening, Welcome, and Introductions

- Opening: Reanna Erasmus
- Welcome from MCFD and overview of the meeting
- Acknowledgement of our shared context and how we got here: Danielle Smith
- Circle introductions



### Listening, Assessing & Finding Solutions: Sharing Circle

This engagement series will use the following example prompting questions to guide discussion and each session will build from previous conversations.

- In thinking about the diverse range of programs available to children and youth with support needs, what programs have made a positive impact for you, your family, your community? Tell us more.
- What CYSN services are important to you, your family, your community? Tell us more about why these are important for you.
- If there were no barriers or obstacles, what services would you want provided to you, your family, your community? What gets in the way of accessing these? How do these services support you, your family, your community?
- What services have you wanted to access for your child or youth but have not been able to?

### Creating Security, Belonging & Wellbeing: Confirm our Vision for Moving Forward

- Next Steps - proposed Rights and Title Holders engagement path forward for discussion:
  - Responding to the needs identified in the session, additional info sessions scheduled if needed/wanted
  - Offer multiple avenues to participate in engagements
  - Other considerations

### Keeping the Circle Strong: Closing

- Closing: Reanna Erasmus