



Tl'azt'en Nation



'Alhguh 'uts'ut'én (We all work together)

TO: Tl'azt'en Nation Members

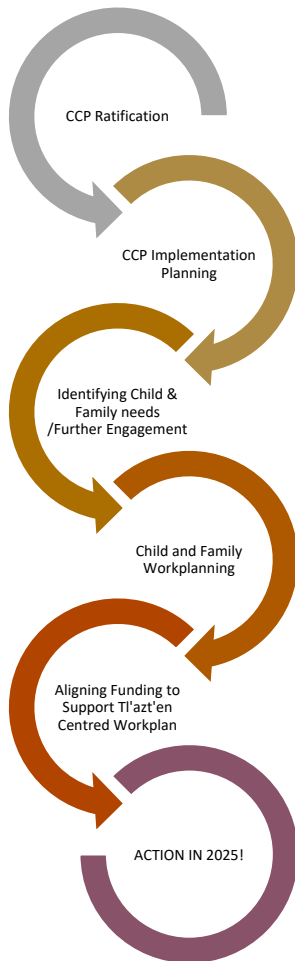
FROM: Social Development Department

DATE: January 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Child and Family Update - Post-Community Comprehensive Plan (CCP) Ratification

Purpose: This document provides a status report and summary of actions taken by the Social Development Department regarding Child and Family matters since the ratification of Tl'azt'en Nation Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP).

Summary of Current Status



Tl'azt'en Nation Members voted and ratified the Tl'azt'en Nation Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) at the Annual General Meeting on **September 13, 2023**. The CCP speaks directly to Tl'azt'en Nation Members' desire for the future of child and family services. Since the ratification of the CCP, Tl'azt'en Nation Administration began on an implementation plan for the CCP, and **children and families** was identified as a **critical area** for focused planning and action.

In **November 2024**, Tl'azt'en Nation Council supported work to build out a Tl'azt'en Nation Children and Families Workplan, through further community engagement. A working draft of this plan was finalized in **December 2024**. Chief Ed John and the Social Development Staff traveled to Vancouver to advocate for funding and resources for the plan. Components of our own workplan align closely with the purpose and eligible activities for **ISC Capacity Building Funding**. Therefore, Tl'azt'en Nation is excited to move forward with this **funding proposal** in alignment with our Tl'azt'en Centred plan.



What can we expect to see happening this year?

- Implementation of key Tl'azt'en children and families' priorities in our CCP through increased committee work and a new working group with Tl'azt'en Members;
- A new position at Tl'azt'en Nation to build capacity closest to home;
- Engagement sessions in Tache and beyond;
- Tl'azt'en led research on the approaches of other First Nation communities regarding children and families?
- Tl'azt'en child and family services program development; and
- More opportunities to get involved and have your voice heard on matters most important to you and your family.

What is in it for Tl'azt'en Members?

- **Focused Action on Child and Family Prevention Services:** Children and families were identified as a priority area in the CCP. A comprehensive Children and Families Workplan, based on input from community members, will help us address critical needs and improve services in this area.
- **Community-Driven Planning:** The workplan is being shaped by continued engagement with Tl'azt'en members, ensuring it aligns with the community's values, traditions, and aspirations for our Tl'azt'en's children and families.
- **Increased Resources and Capacity Building:** The alignment of the workplan with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Capacity Building Funding means access to financial resources to support implementation. This funding will directly enhance the Tl'azt'en's ability to deliver effective, culturally grounded prevention programs for children and families.
- **A Stronger Tl'azt'en:** Create a stronger community and a brighter future for Tl'azt'en children and families, grounded in cultural strength, healthy community connection, and self-determination.

How can I be involved?

1. Volunteer to serve in the Tl'azt'en Nation Children and Families Committee;
2. Volunteer to serve in the Tl'azt'en Nation Children and Families Working Group;
3. Make myself available for community engagement sessions in community;
4. Make myself available for community engagement sessions outside community (Prince George, Fort St. James or other locations); and
5. Make myself available for virtual community engagement



CALL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS/WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Help guide the future of our Children and Families

Tl'azt'en Nation is implementing a prevention workplan and working towards our child and family jurisdiction.

We are bringing together an advisory committee and working group, made up of our members, to guide our child and family prevention as well as jurisdiction process and help us ensure that our children and families, wherever they reside, are looked after. We are looking to form a committee and working group that comprised of diverse community members including youth, Elders, and our members who reside on reserve, within Tl'azt'en territory, and elsewhere.

[Call out box]:

Child and Family Committee members will:

- Be Tl'azt'en members;
- Participate in monthly committee meetings;
- Review materials relevant to Child and Family matter
- Participate in community engagements and
- Receive an honorarium for their work.

Child and Family Working Group members will:

- Be Tl'azt'en members;
 - Participate in up to two monthly working group meetings;
 - Participate in community engagements and
 - Receive an honorarium for their work.
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To get involved, express your interest as soon as possible to:

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Please note that depending on the volume of interest, not everyone will be selected for the committee and working group, but by expressing interest you will remain on the list when opportunities arise. Tl'azt'en children and families'