



Gitanyow Human Services

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is made up of one representative from each clan. Each board member was selected by the clans and serve as a voice for each member in the community.

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Lucille Williams

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Vernon Russell (Chair)

Health Director: Vanessa Shirzy



Receptionist/Patient Travel - Yvonne Starlund



My name is Yvonne Starlund (Ad gom sak). I am from the house of Wii' Litsxw. I started working for the Gitanyow Health Centre January 28, 2002. I started out as a Receptionist. I now am the Receptionist and Patient Travel. I also set up the clinics for the doctor and optometrist. I also set up baby clinics, T.B. clinics, and flu clinics for Lyn, the Community Health Nurse.



NAADAP Worker - Dorinda Shirey

Hi, My name is Dorinda Shirey, I was born and raised right here in Gitanyow and I live here with all my children and their children. I hold two names, one in Niikap's house and one in Malii's house. I have the NNADAP worker since 1997. What I do is referrals for those that want to go to a treatment centre and the requirement is that they come down here at the centre at least six times to fill out forms and be prepared to follow all guidelines that the treatment centre requires. We also do an annual Sobriety drive in November on Nation Addictions Awareness week and everyone is more than welcome to participate. I also help with the annual elder's gathering fundraising and other community projects.



Pre-natal worker/custodian - Edna Shirey

My name is Edna Shirey. I have been working since 1997. I do Janitorial at the Health Centre. I also coordinate the prenatal program which includes food boxes, sewing, We have workshops that help new/young moms in getting ready for baby! We have given away door prizes like high chairs, a car seat, safety items, and baby toys. I addition I also do water sampling, and head checks at the School.

Community Health Nurse - Lyn Burleigh (Joiner)

My name is Lynlee “Lyn” Burleigh, and I am the Community Health Nurse for Gitwangak and Gitanyow. I have been in these villages since June 21, 2005, just a year now. I have really enjoyed this past year! I thank everyone for being so kind and patient with me. Thank you for letting me be a part of your lives!

Before I came out here to Gitwangak and Gitanyow, I did Community Health Nursing in the Hazelton Area for about two years. Before that, I was the nurse here in Gitwangak and Gitanyow for several years. At that time, I worked for Gitxsan Health Society. (Before that, I worked at Wrinch Memorial Hospital as a staff nurse.)

I am a registered nurse; I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing granted to me by the University of Alberta.

I was very pleased to come back to your beautiful part of the country, and have felt welcomed and accepted. I look forward to continuing as part of the health care team into the future.



Youth Coordinator - Erica Marsden

My name is Erica, and I have been the youth coordinator for 1 year. I have worked with youth on and off over the past 6 years in Gitwangak and for the Gitxsan Treaty Office. I enjoy working with youth and I am very happy to have such a rewarding job.

Over the past year, we have had several workshops including Crystal Meth, Leadership & Communication, Sexual Exploitation, Elephant Thoughts Science Camp, and our regular Girls Group meetings. The youth program also has other activities such as homework club, cooking, sewing, crafts, and soccer. We are also able to provide ‘drop-in’ time for youth six days a week where youth can hang out.



Youth Worker - Rita Derrick



Home and Community Care Nurse - Lorraine Wentzell

My name is Lorraine Wentzell, you probably met me when I was working at Mills Memorial Hospital or at Park Avenue Medical Centre in Terrace. I have recently been hired to be your new Home and Community Care Nurse for both Gitanyow and Gitwangak. You will probably see me in the community and I look forward to meeting and working with you.

I am planning on making a Home Visit with all the Elders and complete assessments to see if they need any assistance with their home support. My program involves home care nursing when needed, assignment of Personal Care Workers in the home if required and assisting with Elder's activities.

If you have and concerns or questions, please call me at the Gitanyow Health Centre 849-5572 ext. 224

My Schedule is the Following:		
Mon/Tues	Wed/Thurs	Friday
Gitanyow	Gitwangak	Office Work

Thanks and stay well!



Gitanyow Family Facilitator - Gary Benson

On March 10, 2004 I started working at Gitxsan Child & Family Services Society as Gitanyow's Family Facilitator. In the two years that I've been working with GCFSS and Gitanyow Human Services, it has been a positive experience. The prevention programs available this 2006-07 work plan are:

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| Parenting Club/Support Group | GCFSS/RCMP workshops |
| Dad's Program | 3-D Running Program |
| Positive Indian Parenting | Rainbows Grief & Loss |
| Gitxsan Language Class | Bullying Program |



Mental Health Counselor - Joelle McKiernan,

MSW,RSW

In times of emotional struggle, you often feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. These difficult times can bring change in a person's life, and can provide an opportunity for great growth. I offer a guiding hand through this time of emotional struggle. Let me walk with you on this journey and perhaps, we can find meaning together.

I offer my services to adults, children, families and groups of all ages on issues including: Death of a loved one; Illness & disability; loss of employment; workplace stress; abuse (physical, mental, emotional, and sexual); Self-esteem; Child & adolescent sadness; unresolved childhood issues; addictions; anger management, and mental health issues.

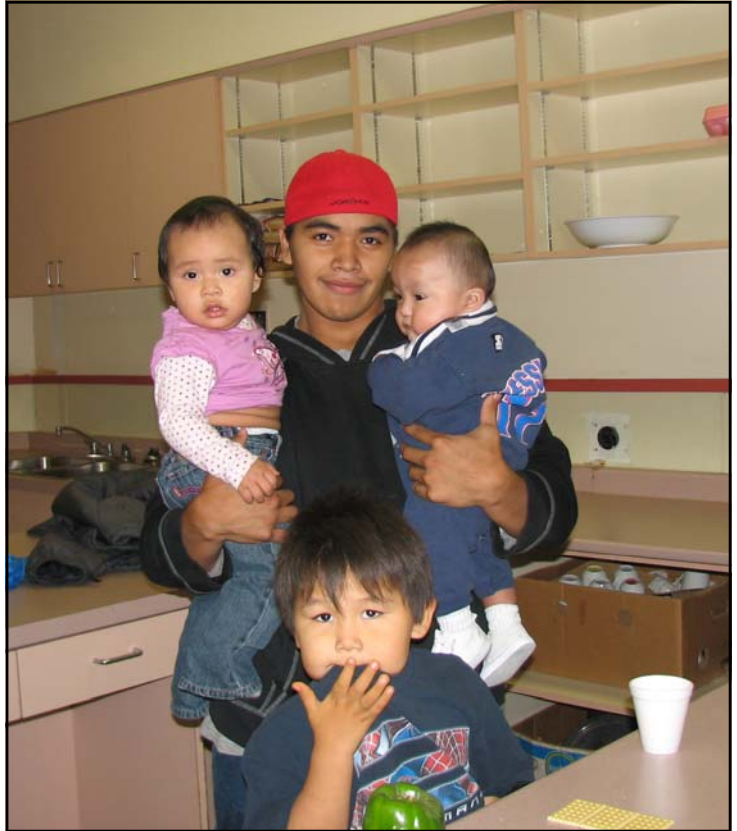
I'm here alternating Mondays, and can make time to see you, free of charge and confidence assured.



“Lets start the healing process together”



Prenatal program



Elder's Luncheon

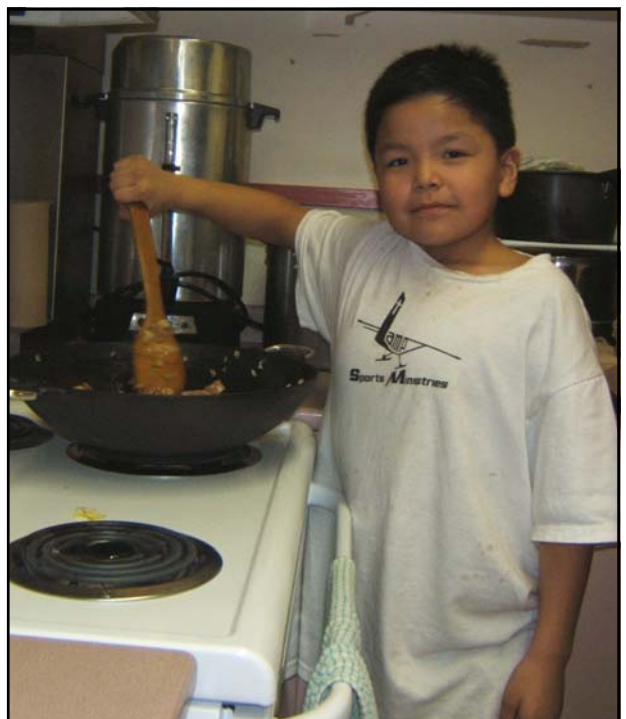


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