

## **Family Enhancement Program**

The Family Enhancement Program is a less-intrusive alternative to child protection. Working together for a short-term, the Siksika Family Enhancement Caseworker and parent(s) will focus on the family's strengths and finding resources that can help the family heal.

Participants in a Family Enhancement Program are parent(s) who have chosen to sit with a Siksika Family Enhancement Caseworker and assess their current situation and any concerns. This is a voluntary program.

After the family has completed the assessment and it has been agreed that Family Enhancement services are a good fit for the situation. The following may take place, depending on the family's unique needs:

- Referral to helpful community resources
- Involvement of extended family (as required)
- Mentorship, Counselling, and Mediation
- Parenting skill development

### **SIKSIKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES Facts:**

- ◆ Siksika is moving towards early intervention, prevention, and least intrusive measures when dealing with families.

## **Support and Financial Assistance Agreement (SFAA)**

Services can be provided to young adults between 18 and 24 years . An SFAA is available to assist young adults who were receiving intervention services as of their 18th birthday.

## **Private Guardianship**

At Siksika Children's Services, we believe that every child deserves to grow up in a loving, stable and permanent home.

Private Guardianship is an alternative to adoption used by Siksika Children's Services to provide this for Siksika children.

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**Siksika Children's Services**

**Creating Healthy Lifestyles for all Siksika Children**

## **Siksika Culture in Action**

# **SIKSIKA**



## **Children's Services**



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# Siksika Children's Services - *Creating healthy lifestyles for all Siksika children*



## VISION

Siksika culture in action

## MISSION

Siksika culture, traditions, values and community resources and partnerships are utilized to support and strengthen children, youth and families.

## OUR VALUES

We at Siksika Children's Services are guided by the following values. We firmly believe that by putting them into practice we will create long-term benefits for Siksika:

- Siksika cultural content in all service delivery
- Engagement with community partners to provide support to our clients
- Empower families to be more self-sufficient

SIKSIKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES is a part of the SIKSIKA FAMILY SERVICES CORPORATION



## SERVICES OFFERED:

### Child Protection

At Siksika Children's Services we believe in taking a holistic approach to ensure the well being of all Siksika children.

To achieve this, we offer intervention services designed to protect children from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse and neglect.

Families can become involved with Siksika Child Protection Services through a variety of circumstances. When we receive a report that a child may be at risk, Siksika Children's Services will:

- Investigate the reported abuse/neglect
- Collaborate with the family to identify unique and individualized supports and services that will help address and heal any issues the family may be facing

There are some extreme situations where the child or children cannot remain in the home because their safety is at risk. A Child Protection worker will:

- Arrange for children to live with extended family (kin), foster families, or in a group home facility

### SIKSIKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES Facts:

- ◆ History: Alberta's first formal commitment to the delivery of Aboriginal child intervention services by First Nation agencies came with the signing of the 1973 Blackfoot (Siksika)-Canada-Alberta Child Welfare agreement
- ◆ Siksika is the only First Nation that can offer these services to Siksika Members off-reserve in a major city (Calgary).
- ◆ Siksika is the only First Nation that has an After-Hours Unit - ALL calls are taken and addressed by Siksika Children's Services staff directly.

## Placement Resources

A Siksika Kinship Caregiver can be any person who has had a significant relationship with the Siksika child or their family.

If a child is unable to remain with their immediate or extended family, we seek quality and committed caregivers in the Siksika community.

Siksika Children's Services works in collaboration with Caregivers to enhance their skill level via training programs and professional supports that meet the individual needs of Siksika children in care.

Bringing our Children Home is our first priority in considering placement for Siksika children in care. Only when there are no family or community options available, will we consider Foster or Group Care options. It is our primary goal to exhaust every means possible to maintain our children's connection to family and community before placing in alternate care.

Siksika Caregivers are expected to meet the day-to-day physical, spiritual, intellectual and emotional needs of a Siksika child in care.

Siksika Caregivers take on a special and important role for our children. They are required to participate in our mandatory cultural training and specialized training that meet the needs of our Siksika children in care.

### SIKSIKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES Facts:

- ◆ Siksika is the only First Nation that can open and license it's own Caregiver homes.
- ◆ Siksika Placement Resources offers caregiver training focused on Siksika Culture and Identity.
- ◆ Siksika Placement Resources is currently at 92% Kinship Homes, 4% Foster Care Homes, and 4% 'other' such as Group Care, Medical Fragile, etc.

***\*\*92% of our Caregivers are Family/Kinship to Siksika children in care\*\****