

PROVINCIAL RESOURCES

Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC)

Location: British Columbia

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MetisWomenBC>

Métis

Overview: This group is intended to be an online gathering place where the organization, Métis Women British Columbia, a governance arm of the Métis Nation British Columbia, can interact with our members, share ideas, and share information.

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

National Association of Friendship Centres

Location: Victoria, BC

Phone: 250-388-5522

- Not connected to a particular First Nation
- **Mission:** BC Friendship Centres work to promote, develop and deliver accessible programs and services that support Indigenous peoples living in urban areas and away from home to achieve their vision of health, wellness and prosperity.
- **Overview:** The BCAAFC is the umbrella organization for the Friendship Centres

REGIONAL RESOURCES

Cariboo Friendship Society

Affiliated with BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (interior)

Location: Williams Lake, BC

Email: admin@cfswl.ca

Phone: (250) 398-6831

Website: <http://cariboofriendshipsociety.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Overview: The Society has been active in the community of Williams Lake since 1967 and was registered in 1969. Membership is drawn from the people in the city and

surrounding areas and while membership is open to all, the Constitution requires that two-thirds of the Board of Directors be of Native descent.

Topics Covered: Chiwid Transition House, P.E.A.C.E. Program for Children and Youth Experiencing Violence, Shelter Services, Mental Health Liaison, Aboriginal Addictions and Mental Health Outreach, Pregnancy Outreach Program, Early Childhood Development, Aboriginal Supported Child Development, Aboriginal Infant Development, Little Moccasins Learning Centre / Aboriginal Head Start Program, Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health Program, Family Ties Supervised Visitation Program, Elder's Circle of Care Program

The Society has been active in the community of Williams Lake since 1967 and was registered in 1969.

Conayt Friendship Society

Affiliated with BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (interior)

Location: Merritt, BC

Email: executiveassistant@conayt.com

Phone: (250) 378-8501

Website: <https://www.conayt.com/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Overview: The term Conayt originates from Nlaka:pamux or Ntlakyapamuk, the Thompson language. Conayt means “helping others” and it is at the heart of our mission. We work to holistically improve the quality of life and cultural distinctiveness, and to strengthen friendship and cooperation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members in our community.

Topics covered: Merritt Moms and Families, Youth and Family Support, Nurse Practitioner, Elders, Drug and Alcohol Services, Housing.

Founded in 1986

Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society

Affiliated with BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

Location: Kamloops, BC

Phone: 250-376-1296 / 250-376-1617

Website: <https://kafs.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: To Provide and Promote Culturally based, Inclusive programs, supports and activities, to enhance holistic well-being and pride in Urban Aboriginal People

Topics covered: Early Childhood Development, Family Preservation and Youth Services, Elders & Cultural Services, Health Services, Mental Health Clinician, Outreach, Youth & Education, Mini Storage Units

Founded in 1972

Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society

Affiliated with BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

Location: Kelowna, BC

Phone: 250-763-4905

Website: <http://www.kfs.bc.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: The Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society will provide for the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being of all peoples through the development of community-based services, while encouraging the community to preserve, share and promote Aboriginal cultural distinctiveness.

Topics covered: Housing, Health and Wellness, Employment Services, English Language Services, Outreach Services, Community Computer Lab, Disability Tax Aid, Healing Circles and Support Group, Child Development and Preschool, Elders and Youth Services

Founded in 1974

Lillooet Friendship Centre Society

Affiliated with BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (interior)

Location: Lillooet, BC

Email: info@lfcs.ca

Phone: (250) 256-4146

Website: <http://www.lfcs.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: The Lillooet Friendship Centre Society is an Indigenous organization that supports individual, family, and community empowerment through culturally sensitive programs and services offered in a respectful, friendly environment to all who come through our doors.

Overview: All of the Lillooet Friendship Centre Programs and Services are provided free of charge by a dynamic team of dedicated professionals.

Topics Covered: Navigational Support Worke, Juniper Room – Daytime Wellness Recovery Centre, Engaging Community for Positive Change (ECPC), Community Counselling & Mental Health and Addictions, Community Cares Food Bank and Shelter Worker, Engaging Youth for Positive Change, LINK, Stopping the Violence and SAFE HOME, Community Cares Homeless Shelter & Extreme Weather Shelter, PEACE

North Okanagan Friendship Center

Affiliated with BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

Location: Vernon, BC

Email: info@nofcs.ca

Phone: 250-542-1247

Website: <http://www.vernonfirstnationsfriendshipcentre.com/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: To provide culturally appropriate health and social programs and services for the North Okanagan community.

Overview: The North Okanagan Friendship Center Society (NOFCS) has been in existence for 38 years since its inception in 1977 as the United Native Nations Friendship Society. NOFCS has grown from humble beginnings into a recognized and credible organization in the effective delivery of a range of social services for urban Aboriginal people.

Topics covered: Health and Wellness, Employment and Training, Children, Youth and Family Services

Founded in 1977

Other information: The Center is a place where people can meet for social, recreational, cultural and education activities. There are diverse programs that offer support and many opportunities for prevention, counselling, prenatal care, early

childhood development, youth and elder programs, housing for young people (19 – 30 years), and employment and training programs.

Ooknakane Friendship Centre

Affiliated with BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

Location: Penticton, BC

Email: reception@friendshipcentre.ca

Matthew Baran executivedirector@friendshipcentre.ca

Phone: 250-490-3504

Website: <https://www.friendshipcentre.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: The Ooknakane Friendship Centre is an Aboriginal Not-For-Profit society that is committed to providing holistic, culturally-driven programs and services designed to support, educate and strengthen people of all nations.

Topics covered: Family and Youth, Adult Wellness, Homeless Housing, Eldercare

The Quesnel Tillicum Society - Native Friendship Centre

Affiliated with BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

Location: Quesnel, BC

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Phone: 250-992-8347

Website: <https://www.quesnefriendshipcentre.com/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: To improve the quality of life and meet the needs of First Nations and other people who are faced with adjusting to the social, economic, and cultural lifestyle of the community.

Overview: Quesnel Tillicum Society/ Native Friendship Centres are committed community partners dedicated to encouraging healthy lifestyles and restoring balance to relationships. We offer a variety of different programs to help individuals, couples, or families.

Topics covered: Family support, employment support, drug and alcohol counselling, cultural programming, family law and poverty law advocacy, moms' recovery, mental health support, kith and kin family finder.

LIST OF INDIGENOUS CHURCHES

Lillooet

Lillooet Gospel Chapel

1147 Main St, V0K 1V0

(250) 256-7655

Lillooet

St'at'imc Christian Fellowship

(250) 256-7709

Post Office Box 1963, V0K1V0

Mark and Babe Smith

<https://www.naim.ca/donation/mark-babe-smith/>

McBride

Mountain Chapel

Box 92 V0J 2E0

778-258-0351