

NORTHWEST INTER-NATION
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES SOCIETY

Roots program

Mission Statement

To provide community based and community driven child and family care services that protect and preserve the unique cultural identity of every child and family in the bands we serve.

Vision Statement

Healthy children & families

**NIFCS provides support
to the following communities:**



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The Northwest Inter-Nation Family & Community Services (NIFCS) is a non-profit society incorporated January 20, 1999.

The Roots Program offers services including, but not limited to:

- Assist in creating family trees and genograms
- Complete Family Finding - to connect each child with family, in the hopes that every child has lifelong connections with family and community
- Assist in determining whether a child is entitled to be registered (Indian Act, Metis, or Inuit)
- Assist increasing connections with extended family, First Nations community and Nation
- Assist in increasing connections with culture - which may include gathering the child's Aboriginal community's history, traditional foods, spiritual practices, family photos and genealogy
- Assist in youth transition planning

Do the children and youth on your caseload know the following information about themselves?

Who am I?

Who are my people?

Where do my people come from?

Where do I belong?

Who are my family and ancestors?

Where is my community and Nation?

What clan do I belong to?

Who can I talk to in order to find out?

The Roots Program

The purpose of this program is to ensure that each First Nation's child or youth in care of the Director has a permanency plan that is culturally relevant to their individual heritage, and promotes the best interest of the child and/or youth.



It is intended that the ROOTS program will have many positive outcomes for First Nations children and youth in care, as well as their families and communities.