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INVITATION TO PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CHILDREN, YOUTH, FOSTER PARENTS & CAREGIVERS:

PLEASE COME TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS FOR “MADE IN HUU-AY-AHT” SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday January 15/2017 12-5PM & Monday January 16/2017 9:30-5PM

Port Alberni - Cedar Wood Lodge, 5895 River Rd.

- Huu-ay-aht wishes to develop “made in Huu-ay-aht” solutions that will help keep our children safe, happy, healthy and connected with their Huu-ay-aht families and culture.
- An independent 4-member Panel has been appointed by Huu-ay-aht Executive Council to explore and recommend changes and improvements that can be made under our Treaty to child and family services for Huu-ay-aht families.

The Panel has respectfully requested that ***Huu-ay-aht families, community members, foster parents, children & youth who have experience around child protection, kinship caring, fostering & adoption*** meet with the Panel to share our stories and experiences. The Panel needs to hear and learn from our people and from those who are caregivers for our children ***to understand what is working and what is not working for Huu-ay-aht children and families***. The Panel wishes to hear from us about:

- Your or your family’s experiences with child and family services
- Stories you have been told that guide or anchor a Huu-ay-aht way of caring for children and families
- Your thoughts and ideas about how to bring our children home and keep them safe, happy, healthy and connected to our Huu-ay-aht culture

PLEASE COME, AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE REAL CHANGE FOR OUR CHILDREN’S FUTURE.

Panel members:

Kim Baird: Elected Chief of Tsawwassen First Nation (1999-2012), Order of Canada

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Lydia Hwitsum: Elected Chief of Cowichan Tribes (1997-2001 and 2007-11), Chair of First Nations Health Authority Board of Directors (2012-present)

Dr. Myles Blank: Psychiatrist working with indigenous children, adults and families

Maegen Giltrow: Lawyer with experience in Huu-ay-aht Treaty Implementation

AGENDA

Sunday January 15

12:00: Welcoming

12:30 – 2:00: Community Circle

- How to Create Strong Family & Community Connections for Huu-ay-aht Children
- Community Strengths, Solutions, Challenges

2:00 – 2:30: Coffee & Nutrition Break

2:30 – 5:00: Small Group or Family Discussions with Panel Members

Monday January 16

9:30: Welcoming

10:00 – 11:30: Community Circle

- How to Create Strong Family & Community Connections for Huu-ay-aht Children
- Community Strengths, Solutions, Challenges

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch Break

1:00 – 4:00: Small Group or Family Discussions with Panel Members

RSVP not required for community circles, but **please contact the Panel if you intend to come**, or with any questions, or if you wish to arrange another time to meet with the Panel: hfnpanel@gmail.com.