#### Journeys of the Heart

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and

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\*\*Transportation and Bus Tickets available if needed.

1:00 to 3:30 PM

School



Hulitan Family and Community Services Society respects the connectedness between First Nations people and the land. It is with great humility that we carry out our work with Indigenous families on the traditional territories of the Lkwungen (Esquimalt and Songhees), Malahat, Scia'new, T'Sou-ke and W□SÁNEĆ (Pauquachin, Tsartlip, Tsawout, Tseycum) peoples. It is our intention to provide support for families with integrity and to practice in a way that honours the ancestors who came before us.

RECONNECTING THE GENERATIONS "Honoring our Elders & our Children"

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Cultural Learning Program



**Hulitan** Family & Community Services Society Do you have Indigenous Children aged 2 to 5 in your care?

Would you like them to participate in a program that builds up cultural identity?

Would you like them to learn the skills necessary for success in school?



Journeys of the Heart has incorporated the Seeds of Empathy program to foster the development of empathy and emotional literacy,

to build social and emotional understanding, and to develop positive attitudes towards early literacy.

Moe the Mouse is an innovative early speech and language resource that uses Indigenous toys and stories to enhance language development in children ages 2 to 5. These activities helps children develop:

- social language use
- comprehension of spoken words
- ability to pronounce speech sounds
- vocabulary
- the ability to express feelings and ideas



# JOURNEYS OF THE HEART

Culture is present in every aspect of the program

WING CHIEF WELCOMING CEREMONY "Learning how to be a good leader"



The Journey's of the Heart Program:

- Is a free 10 month cultural learning program for Indigenous children aged 2-5 years old and their families
- Nurtures a child's cultural identity while preparing them for the public education system
- Provides children and their caregivers with skills and tools to promote a positive transition into the public education system

will be provided



FIELD TRIPS "Connecting to our Mother Earth"



CURRICULUM TIME "Preparing for success in school"

Curriculum books have been designed specifically for the Journeys of the Heart cultural learning program. Each booklet is broken up into age and seasons, honoring traditional practices and local languages.



### **Mission Statement**

Hulitan preserves, unifies and advocates for Indigenous families by supporting healing and fostering resilience through culturally rooted programs, services and collaboration with community partners.

## Vision

Hulitan empowers Indigenous families and future generations, walking alongside them and using the cultural principles of Respect, Honour, Connectedness, Humility and Integrity.

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