

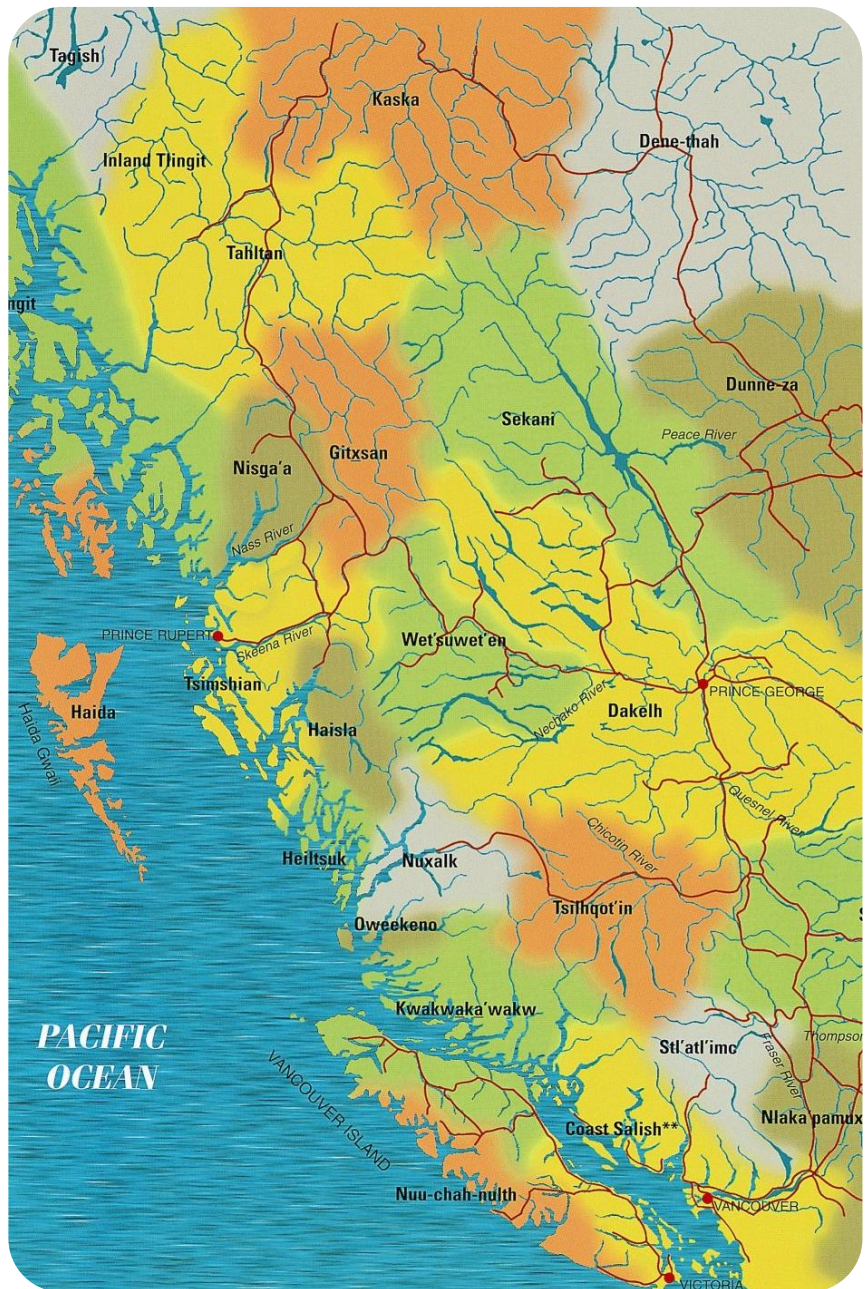


Transforming BC's Child & Family Service System

Community and Social Service Partners

Ministry of Children and Family Development

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We gratefully acknowledge the diverse traditional territories that we are joining this meeting from.

*We give thanks to the **Songhees and Esquimalt Nations** in Victoria, the **We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah Nations** in Campbell River, and the **Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt, and Tsawwassen Nations** in Surrey; and all territories and Nations from where you are joining us today.*

We also gratefully acknowledge our Inuit and Métis partners across the province.



What does the
system look like if it's
working well?



Child & Family Services - Background

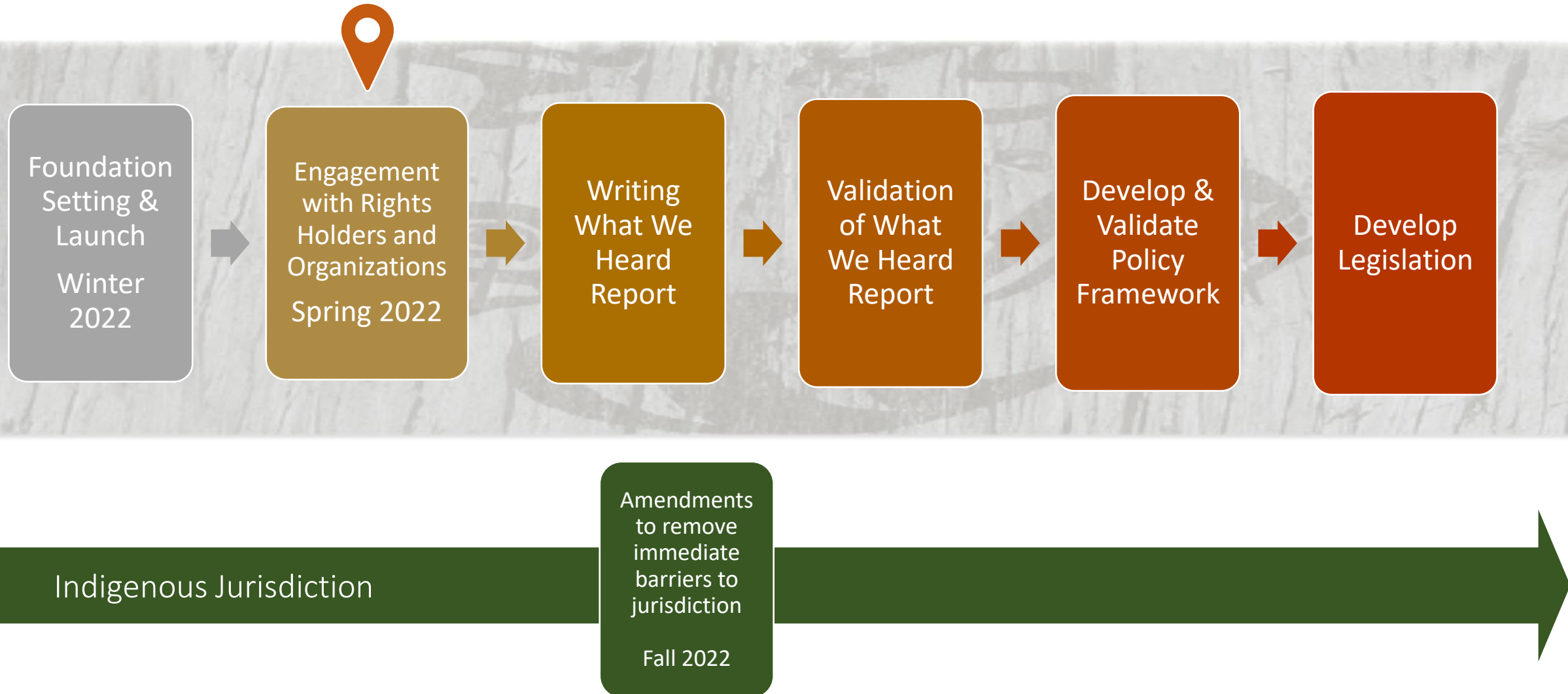
Child and Family Services in BC are:

- Guided by legislation including the *Child, Family and Community Services Act* and the *Adoptions Act*
- Delivered by MCFD, Indigenous Child and Family Service agencies, and community-based service providers

Child & Family Services – Current State

- The current system is colonial and perpetuates a legacy of racism
- Oriented towards removing children from their family, culture and communities
- Acts like prevention and family supports are ‘nice to haves’ rather than the true foundation of our work
- Does not uphold the individual and collective rights of Indigenous people
- Does not make space for the multi-jurisdictional model where Indigenous Peoples exercise their pre-existing and inherent right to exercise jurisdiction over child and family services for their citizens

Child and Family Services Legislative Reform





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Honouring Past Wisdom

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Honouring Past Wisdom

This report outlines knowledge and wisdom gathered and shared in past reports and engagements and summarizes approximately 950 critiques and recommendations gathered from more than 50 First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and non-Indigenous sources.

Key themes identified in the Honouring Past Wisdom report







Thank you!

Go to our website to complete a survey, submit written feedback, and register for additional sessions

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