



Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre volunteer board and operations is led by our Indigenous Matriarchs and is a primarily indigenous staffed organization. Our decision- making process is informed by consensus reflecting Traditional Coast Salish protocol and guided by the ‘lived experience’ of those we serve within a context of Indigenous Ways of Knowing.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Cultural Inclusivity is and has been the mission of Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre since 1965 offering a holistic approach to Traditional Knowledge promoting Justice, Fairness and Equality for Nanaimo’s urban based Indigenous people in all our programming and services

#### **MANDATE**

Tillicum Lelum has a Federal Government mandate to provide essential services to the urban (off-reserve) Indigenous population of Nanaimo and the Regional District.

Over the years, our centre has grown from a coffee drop-in to an agency which offers; **Educational and Training Programs, Health & Counselling Services, Social Service Programs** and a wide variety of special cultural events and activities in the community.

## **OUR GOALS**

Tillicum Lelum Indigenous Friendship Centre strives to improve the quality of life for Indigenous people living in an urban environment using Indigenous teachings as a guideline in our work as Helpers.

We work together as a team both internally and externally with other community partners.

At Tillicum Lelum we believe that through modeling healthy lifestyles and creating balance, we can establish an environment of trust and respect for those who access our services.

## **Tillicum Lelum Programs and Services**

Indigenous Elder - The Indigenous Elder will lead and facilitate cultural groups that will directly connect Indigenous offenders to cultural teachings and activities.

Indigenous Community Outreach Worker

Indigenous Liaison Nurse

Indigenous Prison Liaison Worker

Indigenous Youth and Leadership Training Program/Youth Employment Counsellor

Adult Basic Education

After School Program

Building Better Babies Program

Children's Wellness Program

Child and Youth Therapist

Christmas Hamper Program

Community Health Nursing

Creating Healthy Families Program

Culture and Recreation Programs

Employment & Training Program

Family Connections Program

Father's Circle of Friends

Friendship Lelum – Indigenous Youth Safe House

Indigenous Housing Navigator

Indigenous Intensive Family Service Workers (IIFSW)

Into the Circle- HIV/AIDS & STI Support Program

Island Treasure Box Early Literacy Program

Men's Wellness Program

Neutral Zone – Indigenous Youth Drop-In Centre

Qeq College Program

Salish Lelum Affordable Housing

Substance Abuse Counselling

Summer Camp Program

Supervised Access Program

Thi Lelum Smuneem Childcare Centre

Traditional Family Night

Walking with Elders

Women's Group

Young Indigenous Mother's Transitional Housing

Uxwin Mimne Daycare Centre