



## **Announcement:**

The Metis Commission for Children and Families of BC and Metis Nation of BC with the support and funding from the Ministry of Children and Family of BC has come together to jointly carry out a 4 Year Project to develop a “Provincial Metis Child and Family Services Framework”.

The intent of the Metis Commission for Children and Families of BC and the Metis Nation of BC are to research, develop, implement and evaluate a Provincial Metis Service Delivery Model that is based on Traditional Metis values, practices and ways of knowing. While it will complement the Ministry of Children and Families Aboriginal Services Delivery Change Conceptual Framework Principles of Self-Determination, culture, language, Holistic Approach, Structural Interventions, and non-Discrimination; the model will be founded on Metis values that speak to self-reliance, resiliency, responsibility, emancipation and collectivity. The scope of the Provincial Metis Service Delivery Model Initiative spans over a four-year period and encompassed four distinct stages:

1. Year One: Research Project
2. Year Two: Development Plan
3. Implementation Plan
4. Evaluation

### **Regional Engagement Session:**

The Metis Commission of Children and Families of BC and the Metis Nation of BC will collaborate on a series of Community-Based consultation and research gatherings, to be followed up by a Provincial Metis-specific visioning session with key stakeholders from the Metis communities, Metis Child and Family Service Providers, Metis parents, Foster Parents of Metis Children and other key informants

We are in year one of the project and this first year entails holding 14 focus groups throughout the Province. These focus groups will be conducted over the months of October and November 2010. The schedule for Provincial focus groups will be posted on the Metis Nation website along with registrations for your region.

We are proud of the joint project we have come together to be part of and would like everyone that is interested to join us on the journey towards building a Metis Specific Child and Family Services Framework for BC!

