



A Message From Jane

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter!

This first issue gives a brief overview of the Collaborative and its Communities of Action (CoA's). Expect a newsletter quarterly. We will experiment with formats. Feedback is welcome. System change is all about people and building relationships, so each issue will highlight a participant. We start with Elder Maria Reed, who has helped us start many Collaborative events in good ways, setting a positive tone for mutual exploration of complex issues.



Jane Morley KC,
Collaborative Lead

So what exactly is the TFJS Collaborative? Here are 5 key things to know about us:

- #1 We address a public health issue – the immediate, long-term and intergenerational impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences experienced by families with family justice issues.
- #2 Our primary strategy is to transform the family justice system by centring children, youth and families, seeing the system from their perspective, and focusing on family well-being.
- #3 We align efforts across justice & other sectors to objectives in our [TFJS strategy map](#).
- #4 Led by [Access to Justice BC](#), we have many diverse volunteer participants working with us.
- #5 We are guided by 8 principles: Equitable, Strengths-based, Emphasizing Relationships, Child-centred, Supportive of agency, Holistic, Preventative, & Trauma-informed.

The chrysalis represents a transitional state & space during which renewal & rebirth can happen.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead



Participant Perspectives

Elder Maria Reed



Boozhoo, aniin, waabekekek ikway niin nindizinikaaz, nindizinikaaz Maria Reed. (Hello, welcome, my spirit name is White Hawk Woman, my English name is Maria Reed).

I am an Anishinaabe Elder. Anishinaabe on my Father's Side, from the Batchwana Band, on the Garden River Territory in Ontario. Both my grandparents on my Mother's Side are from a small town in Sweden where our cousins the Sami People, the indigenous people of Sweden, live.

I am honoured and excited to be part of a wonderful group of like-minded people, who are working in unity, from their holistic selves, to de-colonize two of the biggest, most powerful systems in the world. One heart, one mind, one people.

Our Communities of Action (CoAs)

The Collaborative works through action-oriented groups of champions focused on specific transforming objectives. They identify, generate and incubate innovative ideas. Together they learn, reflect and advocate.

Child & Youth Meaningful Participation



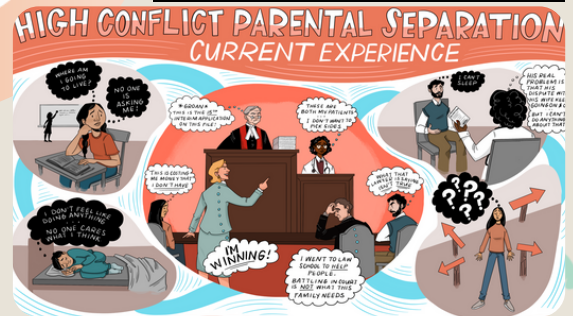
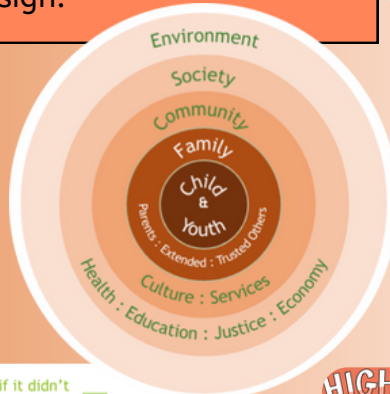
This CoA champions children & youth meaningful involvement in decisions that affect their well-being. It involves young people in family justice system change and process design.

Intersectoral Family Justice

This CoA champions overcoming barriers and implementing a preventative, intersectoral approach to supporting families with family justice (including child protection) issues. It promotes a shift from centralized silos to integrated services at the community level.

Support Finder

This CoA champions connecting families to the supports they need. It seeks to leverage technology to reduce stress and maximize the opportunities for early, appropriate and holistic resolution.



Upcoming Events

- June 14th, 4:30-6pm - Collaborative's First Birthday - [Register here](#).
- June 16th, 10am-12pm - Support Finder CoA Meeting
- June 22nd, 1-3pm - Child & Youth Meaningful Participation CoA Meeting
- Sept. 23rd, 9am-5pm - Child and Youth Led Conference - [Register here](#).

We acknowledge the ancestral & unceded territories of many Indigenous Peoples that our participants gather on. We are committed to engaging with Indigenous Peoples and applying Indigenous legal principles in our work.