

To: Our valued community partners

July 1, 2024

I am writing this letter to update that due to our very long waitlist in our L,KI,L Program (Child and Youth Mental Health) we will not be accepting new referrals until further notice. We will review and update in January 2025. We have been maintaining a waitlist of over 80 children and youth for over 2 years and feel is it not ethical or responsible to continue to take referrals that may not gain access to our program within a 2-year period.

Currently, we have been providing information on other possible services in the Victoria area for counselling for the referrals we receive as well as placing those children and youth on our waitlist. We have also tried applying for more funding to hire more counsellors to meet this important need but have not be successful to date. We continue to look and apply for more funding to help in this area.

We want to thank our community partners for your understanding and the work we all do to support children and youth in our community. We will reach out again in January 2025 with an update about our waitlist.

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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 WSÁNEĆ (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.