

# **“Welcome” Cheryl Billy**

## **NHSS Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor**



### **The Nlaka`pamux Bands that will receive services:**

Kanaka Bar	Lytton	Ashcroft	Coldwater
Siska	Nicomen	Oregon Jack Creek	Nooaitch
Skuppah	Cooks Ferry	Lower Nicola	Shackan

- ◆ A member of the Nlaka`pamux Nation
- ◆ The daughter of (late) Margaret Rose Spence & the (late) George Harold Billy.
- ◆ The mother of 2 boys (Kristian, Tuff) and 1 daughter (Jada).
- ◆ Social Work degree, TRU.
- ◆ Child & Youth Care Diploma & Social Services Certificate TRU
- ◆ Continuing Education in Indigenous Leadership, Governance, Law and Management



I possess a bachelor's degree in social work from Thompson Rivers University. I have been in the field for 13 years. I have worked within a variety of settings with diverse individuals providing me with numerous and valuable experiences. My career has given me the ability to independently conduct assessments and provide help to a wide variety of individuals from various socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, educational, and other diversified backgrounds.

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My earlier work experience has allowed me to complete a range of advanced social work methods with families, individuals, and groups, as a school counsellor, in Lillooet BC. I was also involved in the Lillooet Hockey skills academy, as a coach/teacher, on and off the ice. During my time, I was successful on the Nike proposal, to receive full hockey gear for 12 individuals between the ages of 8-17 years of age.



I moved on to work as a family support worker & men's drop in facilitator for Han Knakst Tsitxw House of Helping Hands, in Lytton BC. I spent two years with an amazing group of coworkers, who helped develop many programs, which include, but are not limited to the HKTS reaching out center, the annual "walk to end violence against women" and the women/men's wellness day.

Prior to accepting this position, my most recent experience was with Secwepemc Child & Family Services, as the Wellness Practitioner. In this position I provided one to one, group & family counselling, pre & post services, monitored assessment and treatment plans, for the seven surrounding Secwepemc bands.

On a personal note, I enjoy being a mother of three, hunting, fishing, hockey, fastball, camping, ice fishing, traditional gathering & preservation, and self-healing.

I am honored to return to the Nlaka'pamux Nation and look forward to reconnecting with my people.

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