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# MÉTIS FAMILY CONNECTIONS

PROGRAM

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*"Helping families build a network of support."*



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The **Métis Family Connections program** is a program developed by Métis Nation British Columbia for Métis families with children birth to 8 years. The goal of the Métis Family Connections program is to connect Métis families to their community and culture and link them to early years programs and services in their community.



## Métis Family Connections Navigators

Navigators are located throughout the province and are reaching out to families with children birth to 8 and enrolling them in the Métis Family Connections Program.

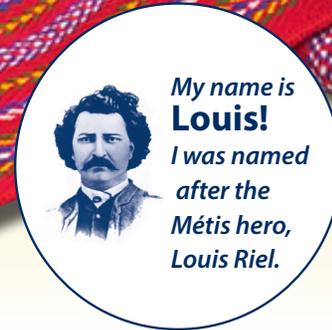
## Why should you enroll your child in the Métis Family Connections Program?

- To learn more about your Métis identity and the Métis Nation.
- To be up to date on what early years services are available in your community and how to access them.
- To meet and be connected to other Métis families.
- To have support for your child through each stage of their development.
- Opportunities to attend Métis Family Gathering camps with your children.
- Early years advocacy & support if needed.
- We will send you Métis cultural resources.

It is becoming more understood, not only through research, but by families, that the early years are important! What happens during the early years of a child's life is critical to brain development and all other growth; which lays the foundation for the rest of a child's life long learning and success.

During this crucial time, it is essential that families have the support they need when they need it, in order to thrive, grow and succeed. Traditionally Métis families lived

in close knit communities where everyone played a role raising the children. Today, we understand that community and life looks much different for families. It is important that all Métis children and their parents have access to family and community supports, as well as quality early years programs that are inclusive of Métis culture, language, beliefs and values. This will help our Métis children to grow up with a strong sense of self and cultural pride.



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## Network of Support for Families

The Métis Family Connections Program is focused on helping families build a network of support that provides your child with great opportunities for healthy learning and development. The Métis Family Connections Navigators can help families to know where to go, who to connect with and what programs are available in your community.