# Traditional Decision-Making Processes



## What are Traditional Decision-Making Processes (TDMs)?

TDMs are meetings where families, social workers, and other support people participate in Indigenous nations' decision-making practices. TDMs generally focus on bringing together community and restoring balance. They can also be combined with other processes.



### What are the benefits of TDMs?



Plan with family and other support people



Connect with family and community members



Work with traditional Indigenous practices and principles



Reduce time in court



Create a plan to move forward





#### When can TDMs be used?



- · Anytime during a child welfare matter
- Helpful for families who benefit from connecting to their Indigenous communities

#### How much do TDMs cost?



- Free for all participants
- Extra costs (e.g., childcare, transportation, technology) may be covered by the social worker

## How do you start a TDM?



#### You can:

- Tell a representative from your nation that you're interested in a TDM
- Tell your social worker you're interested
- Ask a support person or lawyer for assistance
- Contact a Navigator at Mediate BC at 1-877-656-1300 ext. 104 or navigator@mediatebc.com

