In the 2017 Huu-ay-aht First Nations Social Services Project Report "Safe, Healthy, and Connected: Bringing Huu-ay-aht Children Home", Recommendation 26 highlights the establishment of a Mother Centre, modelled after the Vancouver Aboriginal Mother Centre.

Centered around the Sacred Principles, the ʔumʔiiqsu Centre is a unique and culturally centered program designed to keep families together, protect mothers and children from gender-based and intimate partner violence, and to prevent Huu-ay-aht and other Nuu-chah-nulth children and youth, from going into foster care, and to ultimately strengthen families.

SERVICES

- **Supportive Housing**: 24 hours, 7 days per week, trauma-informed, supportive housing for up to 12 mothers and her children (prenatal – age12, with consideration given for older children) in private bedrooms and washrooms, and shared kitchens, living areas, playrooms and laundry facilities. Wrap-around programming will include cultural support (ceremonies, teachings, traditions) and in-home groups (life skills, strengthening parenting, managing emotions.

- **Transitional Housing**: 4 independent apartments will be available for mothers and children who are ready to transition from the Supportive Housing Program.

- **ʔumʔiiqsu Child Care Centre**: an integral part of services offered at ʔumʔiiqsu Centre, providing quality early childhood education experiences for the children and Mothers. We can accommodate 8 children aged newborn to 3 and 16 children aged 3 to 5. Our philosophy emphasizes respect, care, and interconnectedness, fostering a nurturing environment rooted in Indigenous principles of wisdom and reconciliation, ensuring our children grow up safe, healthy, and connected.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SERVICE

Women (including self identifying, transgender women, 2 spirited), and her children who:

- Are facing and/or have previously experienced intimate partner gender-based violence
- Are facing homelessness
- Are involved with USMA/MCFD or another Delegated Aboriginal Agency
- Other social determinates of health (poverty, unemployment, racism, education, food insecurity, etc.)
- Willing to participate in all aspects of programming to reach personal goals

Priority for intake will be given in the following order

1. Huu-ay-aht families ordinarily residing on Treaty Settlement Land (in Anacla)
2. Huu-ay-aht families ordinarily residing off Treaty Settlement Land (in Anacla)
3. Nuu-chah-nulth families
4. Other Indigenous families
5. Non-Indigenous families

TEAM & CONTACT INFORMATION

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ʔumʔiiqsu Centre Application Form

*We will be welcoming families as of January 1, 2025!

Applicant's traditional name: _____
Applicant's full legal name: _____
Preferred pronouns: _____ Date of birth: _____
Current address: _____
City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Indigenous Identity: ☐Status ☐Non-Status ☐Métis ☐Inuit
Registered Nation: _____ Status Number: _____
Do you have roots with other nations? _____
Languages Spoken: _____

Please circle your *preferred* form of communication from the numbers you provide below that are safe to reach you:

Phone number: _____ Is it safe to leave a message? ☐Yes ☐No
Email: _____ Is it safe to send you an email? ☐Yes ☐No
Text number: _____ Is it safe to text you? ☐Yes ☐No
Other contact number: _____ Is it safe to leave messages? ☐Yes ☐No

Family information

Household composition: List yourself on line 1, then list all the other people in your household who will be living with you.

Full name (surname first)	Birthdate DD/MM/YYYY	Age	Gender Identity	Relationship to applicant
1.				**Applicant**
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

If you require more space for children, please write the information down on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.

Reason for applying:

Please note our program is based on everyone's need for support. Please be specific in answering these questions.

Please tick the box or boxes that best describe your current circumstances:

☐ I received a Notice to End Tenancy ☐ I am staying in a Shelter ☐ I am homeless

☐ I am leaving an abusive situation ☐ I am staying with friends/family

☐ I recently completed a Recovery /Treatment Program

If yes, where? _____

☐ I have a social worker through USMA/MCFD/Other delegated aboriginal agency:

Agency: _____ Social worker: _____

☐ I am currently staying in a Transition House

☐ Other – please describe: _____

How long since you have had stable housing: Days____ Months: ____Years: _____

When would be hoping to come to the ʔumʔiiqsu Centre? _____

Please describe your reason for applying to ʔumʔiiqsu Centre (Please be specific):

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Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know?

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Application form completed by: _____

If this form was filled out by anyone other than the applicant, is the applicant aware of, and consenting to this application? ☐Yes ☐No

Date of application: _____ Referred by: _____

Referring agency contact information: _____

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Completed forms can be sent to the information below:
Email: oomiiqsumanager@huuayaht.org

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application form.
We will be in contact with you as soon as possible.