



Dadzi Wellness Center

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Fort St. James BC

About us

Welcome to the Dadzi Wellness Centre, governed by the Dakelh First Nations Primary Care Society. We are a groundbreaking, standalone First Nations primary care facility located in Fort St. James in North Central British Columbia. This Centre serves in the Dakelh region of the Nak'azdli Whut'en, Binche Whut'en and Tl'az'ten First Nation. Fort St James is located on Stuart Lake in close proximity of five First Nations communities with a population of 5000 diverse community members. It is a vast and remote area, known for its natural beauty and rich natural resources.

[Dakelh Language Resources and Stats \(fbcc.ca\)](https://www.fbcc.ca)

The region includes the following districts cities, towns, and villages:

- Fort St James

Lists of First Nations Communities Served:

Nak'azdli Whut'en

Binche Whut'en

Tl'az'ten First Nations

- Other First Nations Communities:

Middle River

Takla First Nations

Yekooche First Nations

North British Columbia is a stunning region known for its vast wilderness, majestic mountains, and pristine lakes and rivers. It's an ideal destination for outdoor enthusiasts, with plenty of opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing, and wildlife viewing. [Our Community - Relationship Building & Reconciliation | Fort St James District – historic and resourceful!](#)

About the role

The Family Physician will be the most responsible provider for a patient panel but is expected to collaborate in team based care for patients, and support the practice of Western and Traditional Wellness approaches to patient health. A minimum panel size is typically expected to reach 650 per 1.0 FTE by year 3 and will be confirmed in the clinical service contract.

Compensation is detailed within the contract and aligns with the Interim 2024-25 Service Contract Rate viewable at <https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/advocacy-policy/negotiations/agreements-contracts/alternative-payments>. **Family Physicians are not required to make a contribution towards overhead.** Typically a renewable contract will be negotiated.

Responsibilities

The Family Physician (GP) will be responsible for practicing with cultural humility, to provide primary care in a culturally safe, team-based environment that recognizes the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of the client (and family) to provide whole person care, in compliance with policies and procedures of acceptable BC health and wellness regulations and standards.



About you

- You are passionate about supporting First Nations individuals and families on their health and wellness journeys;
- You have an active practicing license in good standing with the College of Physicians of BC (CPSBC);
- You have training in Cultural Safety & Humility or are willing to take this training;
- Ideally you have experience working with First Nations people and communities and providing culturally safe care.
- Current valid driving license and willingness to travel throughout the region.

About our Centre:

The DFNPCS will offer culturally safe, trauma-informed primary care services to the Nak'azdli Whut'en , Binche Whut'en and Tl'azt'en Nation people and their families. The First Nations-led primary care centres will offer Traditional and western care providers working together in a team-based approach to meet the health care needs of the Dakelh people. Elders, Sacred Knowledge Keepers and Traditional Wellness Practitioners are key members of the primary care and work in close collaboration with western medicine practitioners.

Mobile Clinic:

- Hub model clinics will be the main method of providing primary care while facility is under construction.
- GP
- NP
- LPN or RN
- Wellness Navigator
- Mental Health Clinician

We are immediately hiring for

Activities/Festivals/events in the region:

- Kispiox valley music festival <https://www.kvmfest.com/>
- Vanderhoof rodeo
- Tl'azt'en cultural days
- Nak'albun elementary school cultural week
- Sports: Hockey leagues (youth, adult), soccer tournaments, basketball events
- Winter activities: Skiing, cross-country skiing etc.
- [Fort St. James National Historic Site \(canada.ca\)](http://www.fortstjames.ca)
- [Lakeshore Realty Ltd. – Your Real Estate Experts in Fort St. James \(lkshore.ca\)](http://www.lakeshore.ca)
- [Home | Fort St James District – historic and resourceful!](http://www.fortstjames.ca)
- year-round outdoor activity: Hiking, fishing, camping, hunting, skiing

Why live in the Fort St James area:

Fort St James, British Columbia is a charming town with a rich history and culture, surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty. Here are some reasons why you might consider moving to Fort St James:

1. Unparalleled Natural Beauty: Fort St James is situated in the heart of the Nechako, surrounded by mountains, rivers, and lakes. Enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, fishing, and skiing in a stunning setting.



- 2. Rich Indigenous Culture:** Fort St James is home to the Carrier Dakelh First Nations, offering a unique opportunity to learn about and experience Indigenous culture and traditions.
- 3. Small-Town Charm:** With a population of around 3000, Fort St James offers a warm and welcoming community with a relaxed pace of life.
- 4. Outdoor Adventures:** Fort St James is a hub for outdoor enthusiasts, with easy access to world-class fishing, hunting, and skiing.
- 5. Affordable Living:** Compared to larger cities in British Columbia, Fort St James has a relatively low cost of living, making it an attractive option for those seeking a more affordable lifestyle.
- 6. Growing Economy:** Fort St James is experiencing economic growth, with new businesses and initiatives emerging in industries like tourism, forestry, and mining.
- 7. Rich History:** Fort St James has a fascinating history, with many museums, heritage sites, and cultural attractions to explore.
- 8. Community Events:** Fort St James hosts various festivals and events throughout the year, celebrating its Indigenous heritage, outdoor lifestyle, and community spirit.
- 9. Unbeatable Northern Lights:** Fort St James's location in the auroral zone makes it an ideal spot to witness the breathtaking beauty of the Northern Lights.
- 10. Be a part of something amazing:** The Dakelh Primary Care Centre is seeking Health Professionals that want to make change in groundbreaking and innovative Healthcare for First Nations people!

If you're looking for a peaceful, natural, and culturally rich environment, Hazelton might be the perfect place to call home!

Contact the First Nations Health Authority Medical Affairs at Medical.Affairs@fnha.ca to learn more about this opportunity!

Other links:

The community of Fort St James: <https://fortstjames.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/99454/?preview=99455>

Fort St. James Primary Care Society – Fort St. James Health Centre: Fort St James Health Centre, Fort St James BC [Fort St James Health Centre, Fort St James BC \(fsjamesmedicalclinic.com\)](http://fsjamesmedicalclinic.com)

Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project: [Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement - Fort St. James, BC](#) | [Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement - Fort St. James, BC](#) | [Let's Talk Northern Health](#)

Fort St. James – A Great Place to be [Why Fort St. James?](#) | [Fort St James District – historic and resourceful!](#)