

Secwepemc Child & Family Services



Foster Parent Appreciation

Date: **October 25, 2018** Time: **5:00 pm—8:30 pm** Where: **Hotel 540**

540 Victoria St.

Kamloops, BC



Guest Speaker: Monique Gray Smith

Monique Gray Smith is a mixed heritage woman of Cree, Lakota, and Scottish descent and is the proud Mom of fifteen year old twins. She is an award-winning, best-selling author and sought after consultant. Monique has been running her business, Little Drum Consulting since 1996. Her career has focused on fostering paradigm shifts that emphasize the strength and resiliency of the First Peoples in Canada. Monique's strong understanding of education has led her to work as the Executive Director for Aboriginal Head Start Association of BC, the National Aboriginal Advisor for Roots of Empathy. Monique's first published novel, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience* won the 2014 Burt Award for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Literature and her first children's book, *My Heart Fills with Happiness* recently won the 2017 Christie Harris BC Book Award for Children's Literature. Her latest release, *Speaking our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation* quickly became a Canadian Best Seller and is currently being used across the country as a tool to educate the hearts and minds of both young and not so young readers. Monique has been sober and involved in her healing journey for over 27 years and is well known for her storytelling, spirit of generosity and focus on resilience.

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