



Doulas for Aboriginal Families Grant Program | DAFGP

The Doulas for Aboriginal Families Grant Program, delivered by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, provides Indigenous families living in BC up to **\$1,200.00** (maximum) of coverage for doula services with each pregnancy.

What is a doula? A doula is a non-medical professional who provides supportive care to parents and their families through pregnancy, labour, and afterbirth experiences.

Why a doula? Doulas contribute to empowering birthing parents to feel more in control and secure about their birth experience, which promotes a stronger bond between parent(s) and newborn. Doula support can improve health outcomes for Indigenous families by bringing the birthing process closer to home.

What can a doula do? Doulas offer a variety of services and support. It is important to talk to your doula about what best fits your unique needs, this could include:

- Provide hands-on emotional, physical, and spiritual support during pregnancy, labour and after birth
- Advocate for your right to make decisions about your body and baby
- Help with developing a birth plan and answering questions
- Provide pain management techniques and comfort measures during labour
- Offer assistance with feeding and caring for newborns

Who's eligible? To qualify for the grant, applicants must:

1. Be of Indigenous descent (First Nation (status or non-status), Métis, and/or Inuit). Either the birthing person or their partner (if applicable).
2. Reside in BC (both on or off reserve)

For more information visit www.bcaafc.com/DAFGP or contact us at:

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Family Application Form

Prior to receiving doula services through the DAFGP families must be approved by submitting this completed form. All fields are fillable online. If there are any fields that are not applicable, please put "N/A" instead of leaving it blank. Once you have completed your portion, you will be prompted to email the form directly to your doula to complete their portions, then it will be submitted to the doula program for processing. Please allow up to two weeks for approval. You will be notified via email once your application has been approved.

Application Date:	Due Date:	or Birth Date:
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Applicant Information

Surname:	First name:
Preferred name:	Preferred pronoun:
Birth parent (mother) identity: <input type="checkbox"/> First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Birth parent (mother) age range: <input type="checkbox"/> 19 or under <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 <input type="checkbox"/> 40 or over	
Co-parent (partner) identity: <input type="checkbox"/> First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

Contact Information (Please inform us of any changes to the information given.)

Address: (home or support organization)	Living: Off Reserve On Reserve, reserve name:
City/community:	Province: BC Postal code:
Phone: Alternate:	Email:

Support Organization/ Program (i.e. midwife, social worker, other organization, hospital resources)

Name of contact person:	Organization:
Phone:	Email:

Doula Information

Do you have a doula? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, please visit the following webpage to find a doula in your area: bcaafc.com/DAFGP
If yes, full name of doula:
Phone: Email:

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Please work with your doula to complete the table below. This table is an estimation to help you plan your doula care and gain clarity on the services you are interested in.

Estimated Financial Information for Doula Services			
Service(s)	Description of Proposed Services	Hours/Duration	Fees
Prenatal visit(s)			
Labour and birth support			
Post-partum visit(s)			
Other (please identify)			
Estimated Total:			

The DAFGP can cover up to \$1,200 per pregnancy.

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Your feedback helps to evaluate the success of the program, support the need for doula services, and identify areas for improvement. Identifying information is kept confidential. Thank you for your support.

Survey

How did you hear about this program?

Have you received doula services before?

Have you accessed this program for a previous pregnancy?

Why are you seeking the support of a doula?

Did you have trouble finding a doula in your area? If yes, please specify.

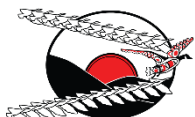
What support are you looking for in your doula? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Emotional support (i.e. listening, affirming, encouraging)
- ☐ Cultural support (i.e. incorporating Indigenous worldviews into the birth experience)
- ☐ Physical comforts (i.e. hot water bottle, massage, acupressure)
- ☐ Health information (i.e. about physical activity, infant feeding, coping skills)
- ☐ Traditional medicine (i.e. foods, herbs, teas, ointments)
- ☐ Referrals to other programs, resources, and services for support
- ☐ Encouragement of partner/ family during pregnancy/postpartum
- ☐ Birth planning and assistance with implementing birth plan

Anticipated location of birth: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Home birth
- ☐ Hospital birth
- ☐ Other, please specify
- ☐ Will travel less than one hour to give birth
- ☐ Will travel more than one hour to give birth
- ☐ Will have to leave community ahead of time to give birth

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Information Release Form

I, _____, *(print name of birth parent)*, authorize the Doulas for Aboriginal Families Grant Program the right to use any form of information in relation to the program [birth summaries/highlights, photographs (if provided), etc.] All identifying information will remain confidential.

Information can be provided and submitted by multiple representatives (doula, family, and/or support organization) provided that such use is for non-commercial purposes and only used for promotion of the program.

I understand that the information may be used in publications, reporting, or other forms of communication. Photos will not be used without explicit permission.

All personal information collected is retained only as long as required to complete the describe purpose of the collection. All material is stored securely and access is restricted.

I understand that the Doulas for Aboriginal Families Grant Program Coordinator may contact me in relation to my experience with the program.

I have read and understand this release form.

I release and hold harmless the Doulas for Aboriginal Families Grant Program and their employees, officials, representatives and contractors from liability of any kind.

I, _____, *(print name of birth parent)*, **authorize** the release of the above information. **OR**

I, _____, *(print name of birth parent)*, **do not authorize** the release of any (non-identifying) information for reporting purposes.

Printed name of birth parent.

Signed name of birth parent.



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Application Checklist

- ☐ All sections (pages 1-5) are filled out correctly. Please note all pages are mandatory.
- ☐ Breakdown of doula services completed with selected doula (page 2).
- ☐ Client has completed survey (page 3).
- ☐ Client has signed information release form (page 4).

Please send to:

Doula Program Coordinator
BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
551 Chatham Street, Victoria, BC V8T 1E1
Phone: (250) 388-5522 ext. 267
Fax: (250) 388-5502
Email: doulaprogram@bcaafc.com

Signatures

- ☐ I certify that this form is complete and, to the best of my knowledge, all information in this application is correct and in accordance with the criteria of the Doulas for Aboriginal Families Grant Program. I agree to inform the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres of any changes to the information given.

Name of applicant (please print):

Signature:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

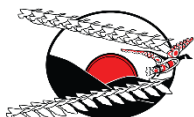
Name of doula (please print):

Signature:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

Please ensure that handwritten copies of document are clear.

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