

focused on helping families build a network of support that provides their children with great opportunities for development and early learning. The Métis Family Connections Navigators can assist families in obtaining the supports and services that are available to them.

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# Métis Family Connections

## PROGRAM



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### Métis For Seven Generations

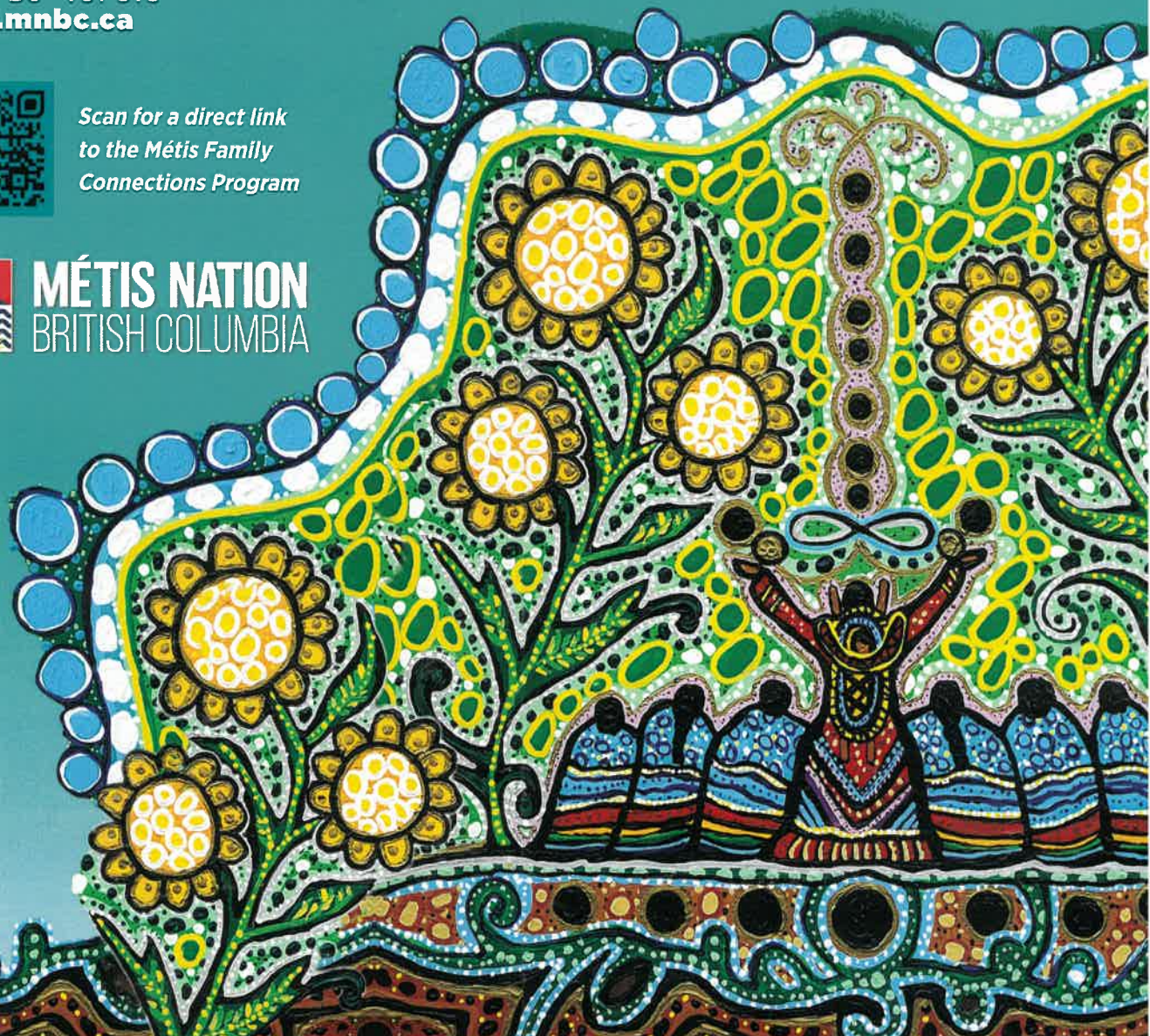
(2021) By Artist Leah Marie Dorion

This cover painting represents the “Seven Generations Teaching” from a Métis point of view whereby we are taught to consider how all our choices and actions impact the next seven generations of Métis children. This painting symbolizes giving our Métis children a bright and positive future that both elevates them and grounds them to Earth in a balanced manner. The sunflowers represent our role as caregivers in supporting our children today and well into the future by giving them warmth, nurturing, and guidance. There are seven children—six beside the mother and the seventh is a little baby safely swaddled in the cradleboard on the mother’s back. There are seven black circles below the figures representing the importance of grounding our children to the land, and seven upper circles to lift our children towards their higher purpose. The spring colour scheme features yellows and greens to emphasize

the importance of  
“Growing our Children  
Together.”



Paintings: Leah Dorion  
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### **Métis Family Connections**

is a program developed by Métis Nation BC for Métis families with children birth to 8 years. The goal of the Métis Family Connections program is to connect Métis families to their community and culture and to link them to early years programs and services in their community.

### **Métis Family Connections Navigators**

Navigators are located throughout the province and are reaching out to families with children birth to 8 to help with enrolling in the Métis Family Connections Program.



### **Why should you enroll your child in the Métis Family Connections Program?**

- \* To learn more about your Métis identity and the Métis Nation.
- \* To be up to date on what early years services are available in your community and how to access them.
- \* To meet and be connected to other Métis families.
- \* To have support for your children through each stage of their development.
- \* To attend Métis family gatherings and events with your children.
- \* To receive Métis cultural resources.

### **The Early Years Are Important!**

What happens during the early years of a child's life is critical to brain development and growth, and lays the foundation for the rest of a child's lifelong learning and success. It is essential that families have the support they need in order to thrive, grow, and succeed. Traditionally, Métis families lived in close-knit communities where everyone played a role in raising the children. Today, we understand that community and life looks much different for families. It is important that all Métis families have access to family and community supports, as well as to quality early years programs that are inclusive of Métis culture, language, beliefs, and values. This will help our Métis children grow up with a strong sense of self and cultural pride.

