



## Natasha Phillips

Natasha Phillips was born and raised in Whitehorse, Yukon on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. A graduate of Simon Fraser University's Criminology program, Natasha's passion for improving access to justice and public safety policy shifted to a deep and personal interest in improving access and equity in health care system upon the birth of her and her husband's son just over 10 years ago.

Born with a rare condition that remained undiagnosed for almost 6 years led Natasha to embark on a journey that found her starting and co-facilitating the Rare Disease Foundation's Yukon chapter of the Parent to Parent Resource group that supports families living with rare conditions, as well as a career shift into health policy. The family continues to live and play in the Yukon while managing the demanding physical and emotional health needs of their child. The family has experienced many challenges and learning opportunities as they have undergone this health system journey, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, which Natasha looks forward to sharing during the CAGC 2022 conference.