

MISKANAWAH
ANNUAL REPORT
2024-2025

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Fireside with: Elder Patrick Daigneault: Old Camp, Current Camp, Future Camp (33:55)

Elder Patrick Daigneault shares a powerful teaching rooted in the concept of Old Camp, Current Camp, and Future Camp—a framework that guides understanding of where we come from, where we are, and where we are going as individuals, families, and communities.

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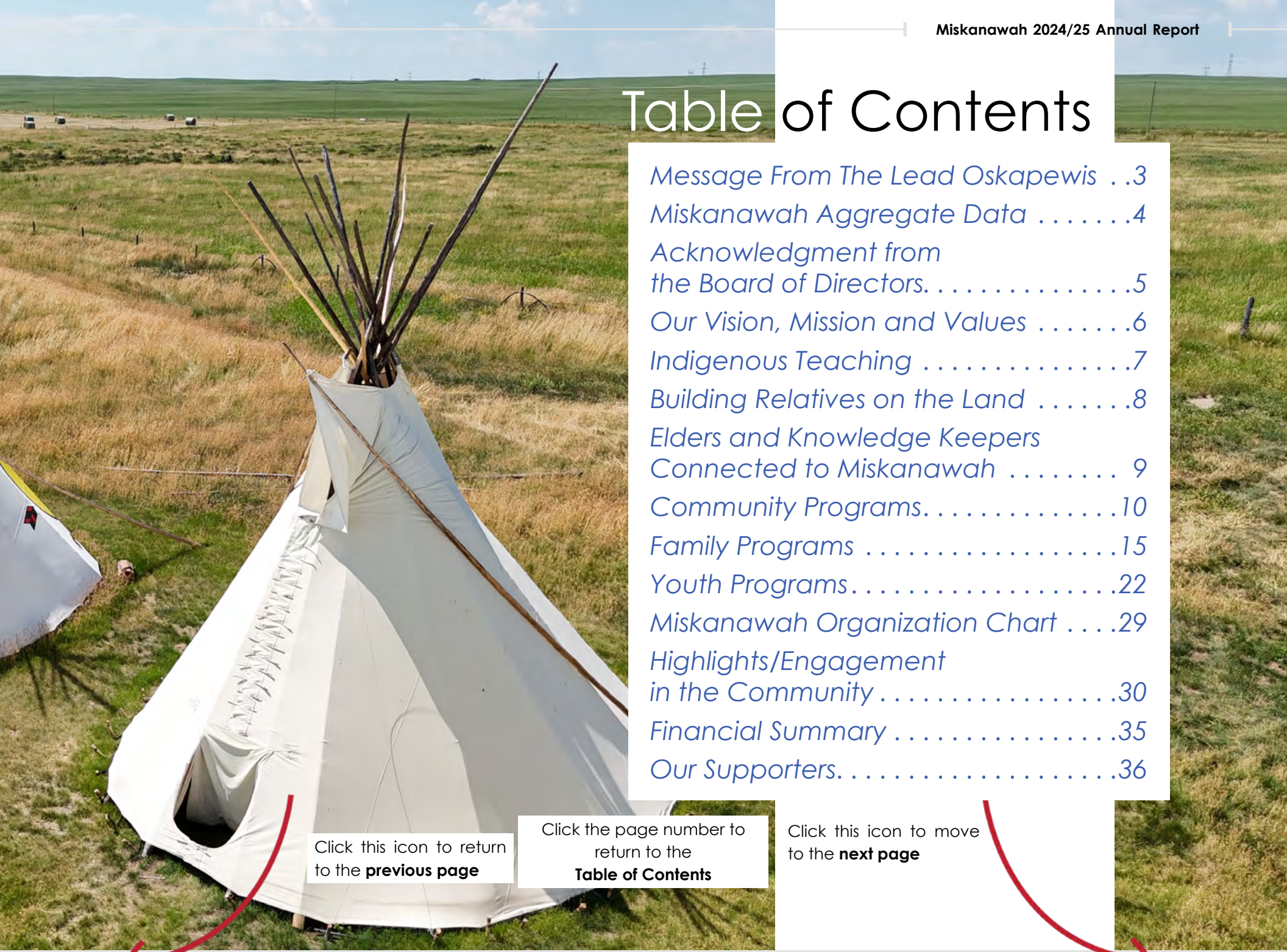


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Message from the Lead Oskapewis (CEO)



askiy-pimatsiwin: Land Gives Life - Kirby RedWood 2025 (07:14)

Miskanawah's Lead Oskâpêwis, Kirby Redwood, shares how connecting to the land and living in alignment with natural laws can be a powerful path to healing for Indigenous people. This is why Miskanwah's landbase, Askity-Pimatisiwin, has become a core offering in our support of Indigenous children, youth, and families.

Miskanawah Creation Story - Elder Patrick Daigneault (02:48)

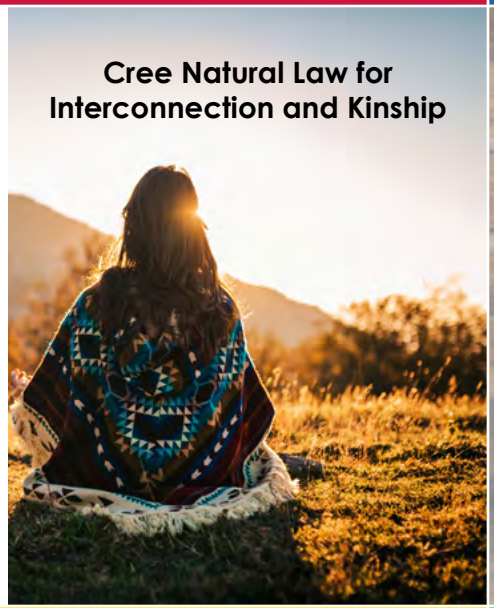
Listen, as Elder Patrick Daigneault shares how Miskanawah was born from a vision to support Indigenous children, youth, and families in reclaiming their identities and restoring balance in their lives. It began as understanding that healing comes through reconnecting with culture, community, and spirit.

Wahkotiwin
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4,787
Families & Individuals Served Across Programs

1,300
Children & Youth Served Across Programs

515
Parents & Caregivers Served Across Programs



Setoskatowin
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163
Community Partnerships

140
Community Engagements

200+
Volunteers

Miyo-Pimatsiwin
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280
Land-based Offerings



Nagatohke
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3,491
Contacts

535
Community Referrals

Acknowledgment from the Board of Directors

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Tansi/Oki/Aanii/ Danit'ada/ Aba-wath-tech/Hello/Salut

Tansi, Oki, Edlanete,

As we reflect on the past year, the Board Co-Chairs of Miskanawah extends our deepest gratitude to the incredible team that continues to make our work possible. Miskanawah's journey is one rooted in resilience, community, and cultural strength- and this past year has reaffirmed just how powerfully those values are embodied by our staff.

Through every challenge, whether expected or unforeseen, Miskanawah's staff has demonstrated unwavering commitment and determination. Their ability to meet adversity with compassion, creativity, and a tireless work ethic has ensured that families remain supported, connected, and empowered through culturally grounded programming.

We would also like to recognize the steadfast leadership of our CEO, whose vision and guidance have been instrumental in navigating uncertain times while continuing to build a strong, sustainable foundation for the future. The clarity, purpose, and humility with which our CEO leads is a source of inspiration to us all.

The Board sees, hears, and deeply appreciates the hard work that goes into each day at Miskanawah. It is because of this collective effort—staff, leadership, and community—that Miskanawah continues to grow, thrive, and serve as a beacon of cultural strength and community care.

Thank you for your dedication. We are honoured to walk alongside you on this path.

Ekosi. With respect and gratitude,

Board Co-Chairs
Lana Garcelon
Bob Grier



Our Vision, Mission and Values

Vision: Children, youth and families thrive within a culturally responsive community.

Mission: Guided by Indigenous teachings, Miskanawah offers culturally-based, supportive services to people in the Calgary area as they strengthen their circles of self, family, community, and culture.

Values:



CULTURE

Miskanawah is firmly grounded in Indigenous cultures and strives to strengthen cultural identity for Indigenous people in the greater Calgary community by inviting the community to join us in Indigenous traditions ceremony and celebration. Miskanawah recognizes people are influenced by a variety of cultures every day and that culture is a fundamental part of our daily lives. As such, Miskanawah works to create an inclusive and supportive environment where people feel safe to learn, explore, and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our staff and persons served.



RESPECT

Miskanawah practices respect by honouring staff and client knowledge of themselves, encouraging the practice of honest and non-judgmental listening, and making space for cultural protocols from diverse backgrounds.



COMMUNITY

Miskanawah centers its practice in the establishment of community as a means of creating natural supports both as supplement to and when transitioning out of formal/professional supports. Staff work to create community by sharing resources, creating partnerships, and participating in gatherings, celebrations, and ceremony.



TRUST

Miskanawah understands the responsibility of working with vulnerable populations, and seeks to meet and exceed that responsibility. Staff create and nurture trust by being reliable, responsive, and consistent with their colleagues and clients. Staff at all levels are encouraged to be innovative, express their ideas, and provide open and honest feedback.

Indigenous Teachings

wahkotiwin: Youth Perspective (02:41)

Our youth share what wahkotiwin means to them and how the teachings impact their lives in a positive way.

Honouring the Teachings: A Journey Through Miskanawah (06:54)

This story illustrates how the teachings of **wahkotiwin**, **setoskatowin**, **miyo-pimatsiwin**, and **nagatohke** are embedded into the day-to-day work we do here at Miskanawah.

Four Core Teachings:

Miyo-pimatsiwin - Elizabeth Nadolnick (5:11)

Living a good life in a balanced way so that you can help yourself and others.

Siim'ohksin Wahkotiwin - Elder Reggie Crowshoe (4:06)

Blackfoot and Cree Natural Law for living in relationship. Founded on the principles of Respect, Responsibility, Accountability, and Discipline.

Nagatohke - Elder Patrick Daigneault (2:32)

Be careful; be safe.

Setoskatowin - Chantel Large (3:26)

We are all well together, I will help you, you will help me.

All videos can be found on our website:
www.miskanawah.ca/teachings

Building Relatives on the Land

Our language emanates from the land. And if we are to reconnect to our culture—our Indigenous ways of knowing and being—in a truly meaningful way, we need that spiritual and physical connection to Mother Earth, the land." - Miskanawah Elder

askiy-pimatsiwin (Earth Gives Life)
Miskanawah Land Stewardship

Building Relatives through ReconciliACTION

Today, Miskanawah's community and cultural offerings have grown beyond a Miskanawah specific strategy, to embody a Building Relatives strategy, where Miskanawah's cultural resources, teachings and practices are relied upon heavily by our non-indigenous allies. Miskanawah has a strong reputation for being collaborators and leading a way that naturally creates ethical space between Indigenous and Western knowledge systems. We understand that true Reconciliation involves learning and engagement by all communities, in an environment that welcomes collaboration, intergenerational knowledge sharing, and relational accountability.

Miskanawah welcomes relatives from diverse backgrounds to miskamaso (discover for yourselves) how we can walk alongside each other to enhance cultural connections, cultural understandings and Reconciliation within Moh'kinsstis. As a charitable organization, Miskanawah invites your support to ensure that these core healing opportunities are available for children, youth, and families for generations to come.

In the spirit of building relations on
askiy-pimatswin, kinanaskomitin
(we thank you).

askiy-pimatsiwin- Earth is life; Earth gives life (05:06)

Miskanawah's landbase, askiy-pimatsiwin, plays a vital role in supporting children, youth, and families by providing a safe, culturally grounded space for healing, learning, and reconnection. Rooted in traditional Indigenous worldviews, the land is not just a physical place, it is a teacher, a relative, and a source of strength.

For full Miskanawah Land Stewardship book, please click for scan the Qr code.

Elders and Knowledge Keepers Connected to Miskanawah

Adrian Goulet	Cree/Metis – Horse Lake First Nation, AB
Alycia Two Bears	Mistawasis First Nation, SK
Anita Crowshoe	Blackfoot/Kainai, AB
Anita Eagle Bear	Blackfoot/Kainai, AB
Anne Kokak	Inuit
Berna Dean Holland	
Bertha Twin	Cree – Sawridge First Nation, AB
Brenda Roland	Red River Metis
Bryan Ernest	Cree – Waterhen First Nation, SK
Carolyn Powder	
Casey Eagle Speaker	Kainai (Bloods)
Cathy Kostincer	Cree – Cowessess First Nation, SK
Chantal Chagnon	
Charlie Goforth	
Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes	Cree/Metis – Muskeg Lake First Nation, SK
Clarence (Skip) Wolf Leg Jr.	Blackfoot/Siksika
Clarence Wolfleg	Siksika
Daniel Moss Wildman	Morley, AB
Darryl & Linda Brass	Cree-Ojibwe (Mide-wiwin)
DerRic Starlight	Dene – Tsuut'ina, AB
Desi Lindstrom	Anishinaabe, MB
Diane Eaglespeaker	Kainai
Duane Mistaken Chief	Blackfoot/Kainai
Dwight Farahat	Blackfoot – Siksika, AB
Edmee Comstock	Metis
Eileen Black	Blackfoot/Siksika
Elizabeth Nadolnick	Flying Dust First Nation, SK
Emil Starlight	Dene – Tsuut'ina Nation, AB
Emile Ward	Drift Pile FN (Plains Cree)
Florence Alexson	Ojibwe
Francis & Ruth Scalplock	Siksika AB
Geraldine Paul	Inuit and Mi'kmaq ancestry
Hal Eagletail	Dene/TsuuT'ina
Jackie Bromley	Siksika AB
Jessica Smith	
John Chief Moon Jr	Blood Tribe
Jonathan Red Gun	Siksika
Karen Worrell	
Kerrie Moore	Cree-Metis
Loretta Tuttuak	Cree/Metis, AB
Lou Dempsey	Blackfoot – Kainai, AB
Marion Lerat	Cree
Monica Chief Moon	Blood tribe/Kainia AB
Myra LaFrance	Siksika/ Maskwacis -Cree/Blackfoot, AB
Natalie Wynn Dempsey	
Pablo Russel	Blackfoot/Kainai
Patrick & Patricia Daigneault	Cree-Metis, Sask
Paul Daniels	Morley
Peter Daniels	Dene
Reg & Rose Crowshoe	Blackfoot/Piikani, AB
Samaria Nancy Cardinal	Blackfoot and Metis
Tim Mintuck	Anishinaabe, MB
Vinnia Van Oerdyk	Ojibwe-Cree
Violet March	Dene/Cold Lake First Nations
Wallace Alexson	Ojibwe
Winston (Cory) Wadsworth Jr.	Kainai

Click the names below to show location of each Band region:

- Blackfoot
- Cree
- Dene
- Haudenosaunee
- Inuit
- Metis
- Ojibwe
- Stoney



Community Programs

FRN Resource Bank: Honoring Indigenous Families

The **Honoring Indigenous Families Resource Bank** at Miskanawah is a dedicated two-year grant initiative supporting Southern Alberta Family Resource Networks (FRNs). Our focus is on early intervention and prevention, offering cultural experiences, ceremonies, and learning opportunities rooted in Indigenous knowledge. Through ongoing collaborations with our northern counterpart Bent Arrow, as well as Elders and Knowledge Keepers, we foster decolonized practices and create accessible resources for agencies serving Indigenous families. This includes cultural events, land-based teachings, workshops, book discussions, and the development of tools that integrate Indigenous worldviews into family support services. By bridging gaps in understanding and providing tangible supports, we empower FRN teams to walk alongside Indigenous families with respect, humility, and cultural alignment.

6
Land-based Offerings
(including ALIGN Conference, TRC Bringing Them Home and support of Partnership Sweat Lodges)

12
Cultural & Ceremonial Offerings

11
Community Partners

112
Participants Engaged in Program Offerings

"I feel deeply honored to have spent the day on the land yesterday, engaging in experiential learning to explore the role of culture in healing and reflect on how these insights can shape our work in supporting Indigenous families. The experience touched my spirit in unexpected ways and truly took my breath away. My heartfelt thanks to Miskanawah for this powerful day of learning. It's inspiring to see the extraordinary and meaningful partnerships emerging within our sector. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared in this journey." *(Executive Director, FRN Agency)*

Honoring Our Lost Spirits

Honoring Our Lost Spirits provides culturally-based community supports to the survivors, families and loved ones of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, men, boys and two-spirit people (MMIWGMB2S), on their path to healing.

25
Community Engagement Sessions Offered

Participant Engagement:

10-12
Adults Served

7-9
Children & Youth Served

"To honor our lost spirit
Is to reconnect to our culture
To learn our ways of being
How to heal
How to love
How to live

Growing with our sisters
Just as lost as we are
Just as helpful as we are
For the connection to our souls

To sit amongst our knowledge keepers
Hear the stories from our elders
And come together as a community
Come together as one

Singing
Drumming
Growing
Building
Creating
And finally living."
(Program Participant)

Ka-pe-kiwehtahat (ka-pi-kiwih-ta-hat)

Cree for "bringing them home."

Through culturally grounded housing support services, Ka-pe-kiwehtahat seeks to support access to safe, affordable housing options and prevent housing breakdown for Indigenous people in the Calgary community.



Metis Community Resource Sharing Gathering

309
Individuals/Families Supported

76
Individuals/ Families Rehoused

233
Diversion Supports Provided

1,797 Cultural Attendances:

8
Sharing Circles

4
Medicine Picking Ceremonies

20
Pow Wow Dance sessions made accessible to children and families

4
Oral Truthing Ceremonies

12
Land-based Offerings
(Nipsisak program specific sweat lodges)

2
Song transfer Circles
(Nipsisak received a program specific song)

21
Pi-micosochk
(feast gatherings)

11
Sewing & Beading Workshops

My name is ___, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share my journey with you. A series of unexpected events led to me seeking the support provided by the Ka-pe Kiwehtahat program.

In August 2023, I underwent planned surgery, but shortly after my hospital discharge, I was involved in a serious car accident. This accident significantly delayed my recovery, causing me to miss an extended period of work and resulting in a dramatic reduction in my income.

In February 2024, I was diagnosed with a severe, life-threatening complication following the surgery, during which my heart stopped. As a result, I had to take additional leave from work. As a single mother working two jobs, I had already been struggling to make ends meet, and my financial situation was further devastated.

By April, I had begun recovering and started a new job at the hospital, which brought some hope. However, on May 2, I underwent emergency surgery for a separate complication, once again requiring time off work. This caused me to lose both my full-time job and my part-time job, which could not accommodate my need for retraining after my extended absence.

By October, I had used all my savings to pay for car repairs necessary to get to work, as well as rent for August and September. My financial situation had become critical, and I was unable to cover any bills. I managed to secure a full-time position starting November 25, but by then, I was far behind on payments and feared eviction as I faced further financial difficulties in December. With no family to turn to, my children and I had previously lived in a shelter for three years, which caused emotional strain, especially for my youngest, who suffers from PTSD. To add to the difficulty, both of my children's birthdays fall in December. At this point, I felt hopeless and overwhelmed.

*When my landlord went on leave and was replaced by another individual, I was advised to reach out to the Ka-pe Kiwehtahat program for assistance. *** from the program worked closely with me and helped ensure my bills were paid, allowing me to get through December. With this support, I was able to celebrate my children's birthdays at home, prepare special dinners, and decorate for Christmas. In January, I managed to pay my rent in full, and by March 6, I will have caught up on all outstanding bills.*

The support provided by the program not only kept my family in our home but also helped me hold onto hope during an incredibly challenging time. Though the next couple of months will still be financially tight, I now have a stable job, my health is manageable, and I am recovering and adjusting to my condition. I am hopeful for the future and confident that things will improve. (Program Participant)

Nanatawiho Kamik (na-taw-i-haw ka-mik)

Cree for "healing lodge."

Nanâtawiho Kamik in Cree, offers culturally grounded mental health and addiction recovery supports for Indigenous people in Calgary and the surrounding area. Fostering a holistic approach to healing and wellbeing, Nanâtawiho Kamik connects individuals, youth, and families to traditional healing practices as well as western therapeutic supports, as requested. This approach acknowledges the interconnection of wellbeing with community, ceremony, connection to Elders and Mother Earth, with an emphasis on land-based healing and wellness practices.

331
People Served

860
Counselling Sessions

530
Contacts

40%
of participants involved in the program (n=119) were new to Miskanawah and had no previous involvement in past programs or services.

57
Addiction Recovery Referrals
(Bidirectional referral pathways with Indigenous Mental Health (Recovery Alberta) and Sunrise Healing Lodge, ensuring seamless access to services.)

17
Mental Health Providers (10 providers identify as FNMI; all providers have extensive experience serving the Indigenous community.)

303
Indigenous-identifying participants

&

over 83
unique nations, territories, and settlements represented among participants.

"My personal experience has been that Miskanawah has consistently shown up as the mortar in my life. I have been able to bring together the bricks of my life: accepted into Oxford House, working the 12 steps, starting a career as an arborist. It is Miskanawah that has held that together. They supported me with my damage deposit, counselling, and most recently trauma therapy. All the pieces that have helped me not only keep going, but to build a foundation that is stable and secure. I am continuing to grow in wonderful ways thanks to the Healing Lodge, and I am continuing to heal more deeply from the strains of generational trauma. Thank you! Miskanawah has been a huge gift to me." (*Program Participant*)

"I went out to reception to greet a client this week and was told that he was in the main room eating! This client suffers from severe social anxiety, and he was seated with his soup while children, moms, and staff were visiting following a family program. As we walked to our appointment, he shared that he hadn't eaten all day and was so grateful for the food. He added that there had a been a kid climbing all over him! And reminisced with me about how he used to enjoy babysitting his cousins when they were younger. There is something so special about what Miskanawah offers to the community—clients have expressed feeling warmly welcomed, safe, and best of all—fed!" (*Healing Lodge Counselor*)

12 *Wellness Circles* **&** **7** *Land-based Offerings*

20+
referral partnerships in the service areas of health care, education, and justice.

Land-based Healing

Miskanawah's Land-based Healing ceremonies and activities focus on protecting the smudge, healing the spirit and Building Relatives by engaging with traditional languages, songs, stories, and teachings within the natural surroundings of Mother Earth.

97
Miskanawah Sweat Lodges

2110
Sweat Lodge Participants

625
Pipe Ceremony Participants

1685
Community Sweat Lodge Participants

72
Community Sweat Lodges

425
Private and Team Sweat Lodge Participants

25
Private and Team Sweat Lodges

35
Community Pipe Ceremonies

2
Ceremonial 4-Day Fasts

14
Ceremonial 4-Day Fast Participants

When we gather together, whether it be through formal business partnerships, sharing our Truth in a safe manner, engaging in Sacred Ceremony, or just enjoying the company of one another by sharing a meal, the story becomes one of possibility. What emerges are new connections, powerful perspectives, and countless opportunities no one saw before. We become BETTER ... TOGETHER.

In whatever capacity we gather together, Miskanawah has taught us (myself and others) to be thankful for both the challenging opportunities, as well as the solutions. Typically, this is the great deficiency of the whole philanthropic exercise—often, we are all so focused on solutions that we forget to think about the problem. We become human 'doings', rather than what we are: human 'beings'.

Since I began participating in Ceremony and walking side-by-side with others, I have learned that there are no easy solutions when working to address complex community needs that impact us all. It takes time to wholly understand what we are working on, opening ourselves up to all perspectives and staying in long enough to see the opportunities.

[Click here for full testimonial....]



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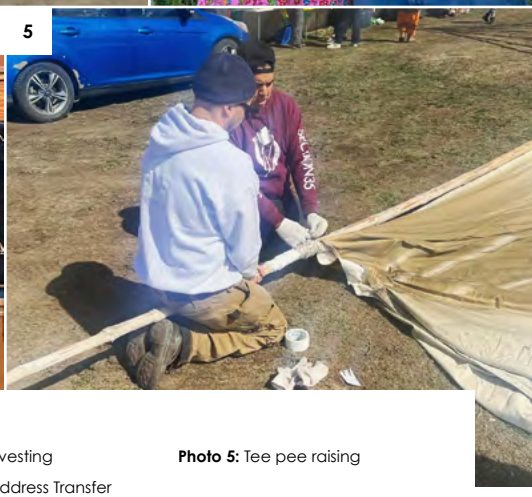


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Land-based Healing Photos

Photo 1: Elder's camp
Photo 2: Elder's camp kitchen
Photo 3: Sage harvesting
Photo 4: Ruth Headdress Transfer
Photo 5: Tee pee raising



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15 16



17 18





Land-based Healing Photos

Photo 6: Men's healing camp

Photos 7, 9 & 16: Tee pee raising

Photos 8 & 13: Elder's camp

Photo 10: Culture team making Indigenous tacos

Photos 11, 17 & 18 : askiy-pimatsiwin site clean-up

Photo 12: Sage harvesting

Photo 14: Tee pee by Chase

Photo 15: Windy tee pee raising

Family Programs

Tawaw Family Resource Networks (ta-wow)

Cree for "welcome, we've made space for you here."

THE TAWAW EAST & WEST FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORKS use a hub-and-spoke model of service delivery to offer a range of early intervention and prevention services that are grounded in Indigenous Culture and Teachings.

634 *Referrals to Spokes*

128 *Community Partners*

6 *Community Events Attended*

12 *Land-based Offerings*

"A father walked into the office, overwhelmed and desperate for help. He had a two-month-old baby and had left them with his daughter to visit his wife in the hospital, where she was struggling with postpartum depression. The hospital asked him to take the baby home and care for them, but he was at a loss—unsure how to manage childcare, work, and bills all at once. Seeing that he was at his breaking point, the Care Connector reassured him, sending him home to focus on his children, have a meal, and rest while she sought resources. She quickly connected with the Children's Cottage, which agreed to provide two weeks of crisis nursery care. This allowed him to continue working and stabilize his household while his wife remained in the hospital. Throughout the evening, the Care Connector checked in with him and remained involved, providing updates and support. He continues to stay in touch and is now doing well—a testament to the power of compassionate intervention and strong community connections." (*FRN Staff Member*)

Miywasin Nohkom (Indigenous Home Visitation)

HOME VISITATION provides in-home supports to help strengthen family connections through a cultural lens.

104 *Families Served*

1131 *Home Visits*

287 *Information Referrals*

134 *Children Supported*

187 *Supporting Referrals*

"A relative who has been involved with Miskanawah for the past two years is a single mother raising four children, ranging in age from 2 to 10. Since joining the program, she has made remarkable progress in her personal and family life. The family actively participates in a variety of Miskanawah's programming. Over the past year, they attended a family picnic where the family fully engaged in the activities, and took part in multiple cultural ceremonies hosted by the agency. The mother also attended several parenting workshops, expressing her gratitude for the valuable insights into positive parenting she gained through these opportunities. Her children have shared their excitement about Miskanawah hosted events and their enthusiasm for learning more about their cultural roots." (*Home Visitation Staff Member*)

Aawaaksi Towata (Indigenous Early Intervention)

EARLY INTERVENTION provides cultural programs for family and youth rooted in community and connection.

Programs include:

1. Little Wonders with Miss Natalie
2. Filling in your Medicine Pouch: Journey to Wellness
3. Ohpimatsiwiwin (Giver of life)
4. Nurturing our Spirit
5. Mikiwahp Pimâtisiwin (Tipi Life)
6. Tawaw Family Art
7. Global Rhythms Family Drumming
8. Family Traditional Dance
9. Family Story Time
10. Family Drumming
11. Coffee & Connect
12. Wellness Circle
13. Youth Connections

Pop-Up Community Connections:

- Summer Fun Park Days

"This program was remarkable! The kids and I looked forward to it each week and were gutted on the days we had to stay home sick. I especially loved to watch my kids become mesmerized with Miss Natalie's drumming and when we got to participate in the smudging. I am very grateful to have found this community and look forward to participating in future programs." (*Program Participant*)

528
Children & Youth Accessed Programing

463
Parents/Caregivers Accessed Programming

40
Youth Attendances

246
Hours of Youth Connections

420
Hours of Family Focussed Programming

Indigenous Cultural Supports

CULTURAL: Programs directly connected to local Elders & Knowledge Keepers designed to share culture with community relatives.

Programs include:

1. Cree Language Classes (Beginner & Intermediate)
2. Blackfoot Language Classes (Conversational)
3. Elder Connections
4. Drumming & Singing Circles (Cree)
5. Drumming & Singing Circles (Blackfoot)
6. Drum Making
7. Drumstick Making
8. Ribbon Skirt Making
9. Rattle Making

"The beginning of 2025 marks two years since we started our Cree language classes over Zoom, and I'm still amazed at how far we've come and the impact it has had on our lives. Watching my two-year-old son makes it even more meaningful—he's learning English and flourishing in Cree at the same time. Every single day, he fills my heart when he asks, "Mommy, how do you say this in Cree?" His curiosity has become my biggest motivation to keep learning, especially in those moments when he stumps me, and I don't know the Cree word he's asking for. At this pace, he'll be the one teaching me! I've been so proud of my growing confidence in speaking aloud, and I've seen the same growth in him. He's always chattering away in the background during class, eagerly answering questions meant for others. I couldn't be prouder or inspired. We are deeply grateful to our Elders, who guide us with kindness, support, and encouragement. I can't wait to continue this journey of learning and growth." (*Program Participant*)

1082
Relatives Accessed Cultural Supports & Programs

224
Relatives Accessed Cree Language Classes

728
Hours in Culture-Focused Programs

81
Relatives Accessed Blackfoot Language Classes

624
Hours of Elder Connections

FRN Spoke Partnerships

1. **Rapid Access Counselling** (Tawaw East & Tawaw West)
1. **Grandmother Turtle** (Tawaw East)
1. **Culturally Informed Youth Well-Being Program** (Tawaw East)
1. **Ke Mama Nnanik - "Our Mother Earth" Parent and Child Development Program** (Tawaw West)

"A mother attending Early Intervention programming arrived early, visibly upset and distressed. The receptionist immediately connected her with a Care Connector, who provided support and assessed the situation. Sensing urgency, the Care Connector offered a referral to the Healing Lodge, but the mother was uncomfortable speaking with a male. Recognizing her distress, the Care Connector contacted the mother's adult son, who arrived to care for her young child. The Care Connector then encouraged the mother to seek medical help at the hospital. Though hesitant, the mother agreed to go with the Care Connector's support. They spent 10 hours at the hospital, where, although she wasn't admitted, a safety plan was established. The Care Connector ensured her transportation home and followed up with the Miskanawah program the next morning for continued support. This incident highlights the dedication, compassion, and far-reaching impact of our Care Connectors, who go above and beyond to support those in crisis." (*FRN Staff Member*)

"During this period a single mother achieved her long-term goal of establishing an Indigenous art business and took the first steps towards establishing a land-based healing program. She chose this route to ensure she was present with her child during the crucial years of his development. The agency supported her in this journey by offering space in community programs, providing parenting, and cultural supports. She utilized various services in the agency to receive holistic support. She is now aware of her son's developmental stages and needs. Her son is a gifted child and she is able to provide a mentally and emotionally nurturing environment for him to thrive." (*Home Visitation Staff Member*)



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FRN Photos

Photo 1: Team photo
Photo 2: Youth drumming with Skip
Photo 3: Ribbon shirt making
Photo 4: Youth painting
Photo 5: Park days

"When this youth first arrived at Youth Connections, they were quite reserved and shy—often choosing to observe rather than actively participate. In those early days, they kept to themselves, quietly taking in the group dynamic. However, as time went on, they began to feel more comfortable, gradually opening up and forming meaningful connections with their peers, Elders, and staff. Now, they've built strong friendships with several youth in the group, which has played a key role in helping them grow their confidence and step outside of their comfort zone. They're now actively participating in cultural activities and using their voice more during programming—clear signs that Youth Connections has become a safe and supportive space for their personal growth. A particularly impactful moment in their journey came when Elder Vinnia visited and shared a heartfelt message with the group. She reminded the youth that this circle, and the people within it, are here to support them—that this is a place where they can safely express themselves, try new things, and build the confidence to connect with others. That message seemed to truly resonate with this youth and marked a turning point in their engagement and self-assurance." (*Youth Connections Staff Member*)

"When this youth first joined Youth Connections, they had limited knowledge of drumming and the cultural teachings. Over time, and through meaningful participation in drumming days led by Tim Mintuck, they developed a deep and growing passion for the drum. They've since learned the names of many traditional songs, can sing significant portions of them, and have even begun practicing warrior cries with enthusiasm and pride. A standout moment in their journey was taking part in a drum circle with Skip Wolf Leg at the Miskanawah Feast—an experience that was both powerful and deeply meaningful to them. Beyond their growth in cultural knowledge, this youth has also shown impressive development in their leadership skills. Their growth has not gone unnoticed—Knowledge Keeper Tim Mintuck has observed their progress and recognized their emerging leadership within the group. They are often among the first to spark conversations with both youth and staff, helping to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Their presence encourages connection, inclusion, and community among all participants." (*Youth Connections Staff Member*)


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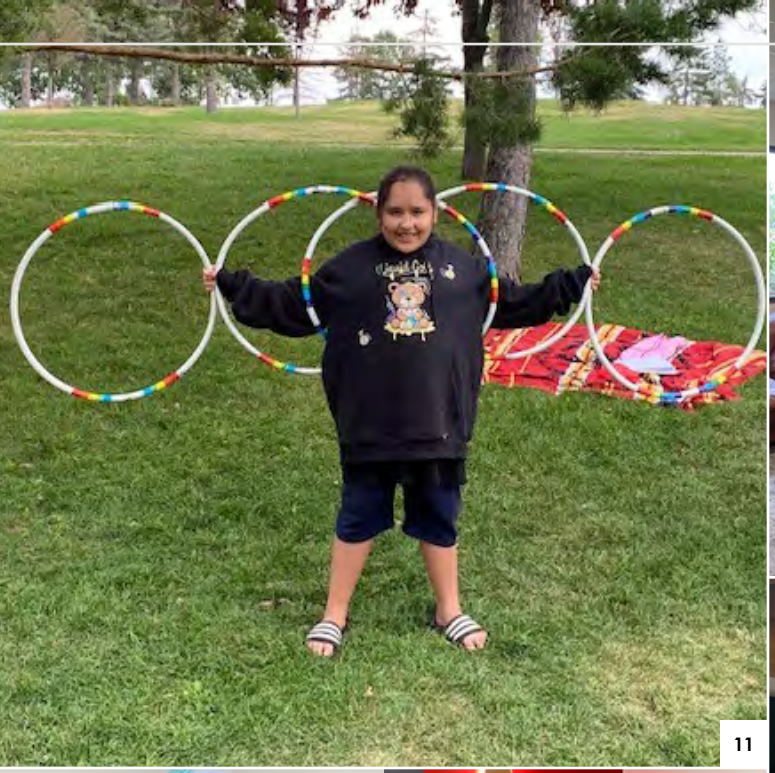

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FRN Photos

Photo 6: Ribbon shirt making
Photo 7: Drumming
Photo 8: Youth playing Jepardy
Photo 9: Crafting dreamcaters
Photo 10: Youth streching



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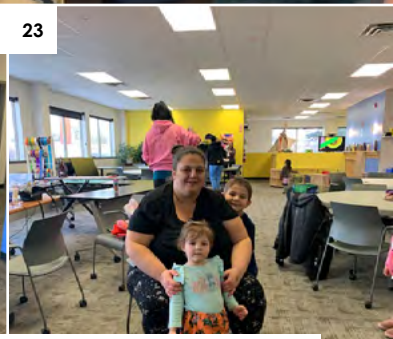


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FRN Photos

Photo 11: Park days

Photo 12: Family dance

Photo 13: Garden program

Photo 14: Youth drumming

Photo 15: Little one drumming

Photo 16: Crafting spirit dolls

Photo 17: Crafting dreamcatchers

Photo 18 & 19: Team smiles

Photo 20: Mommy and baby

Photo 21: Family drumming

Photos 22 & 23: Ribbon skirt making

Nitsanak Mamawintowak (nit-sa-nak-mama-win-to-wak)

Cree for "families coming together."

Nitsanak Mamawintowak provides parents, babies and their young children with **home-based parenting** support and education from Indigenous and western perspectives. The program includes facilitated groups, created with participant contribution, to help families learn about parenting, resources, and culture while creating natural supports and building community.

47 *Families*

52 *Parents/Caregivers*

121 *Children*

Community-based Offerings:

Sisters in Circle

89 *participants for Life Skills Circles* **&** **71** *participants for Cultural Ceremony and Circles*

Deadly Aunties Walking Group

56 *participants* **in** **9** *Walking Groups*

Sisters that Cook

32 *Families attended* **over** **4** *Circles*

Helped Families access Food

93 *Occasions supporting approximately* **131** *Adults and Children*

This mom's journey began with the Nitsanak Program as a single mother with a 2-week-old baby, staying in a shelter with limited support. She was seeking help with parenting, learning about child development, finding community resources, and securing stable housing. Over time, she faced ongoing challenges such as periods of homelessness, struggles with addiction, and difficult relationships with family and friends. Despite these obstacles, she attended many parenting, wellness, and cultural circles, and began to feel like part of a supportive community, with her son thriving along the way.

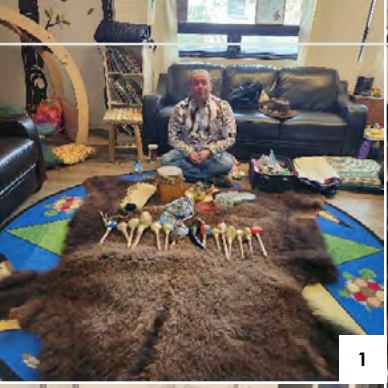
However, earlier this year, she shared that the weight of her trauma had led her to cope with increased substance use. She found herself without funds from a recent distribution, and her mother took custody of her son until she was able to care for herself. In the past, she had tried traditional Western treatment programs but didn't feel they helped her heal, so she left early. Recognizing the need for culturally relevant support, the Nitsanak team referred her to an Indigenous treatment center, where she began her healing journey. After four months of treatment, she graduated in October.

Since returning from treatment, she has focused on self-care and set new goals for her future, including plans to pursue education and a career. Working with her support worker and a University liaison, she created an academic plan to upgrade her skills and apply for school in September 2025. In February, she was thrilled to learn that she had been accepted into her university program and is excited to begin her academic journey.

Through her continued work with her support worker, she has expressed deep gratitude for the skills and confidence she's gained from group sessions and in-home support. She feels more connected to her child and the community, and is now able to apply these skills in her everyday life. She shared, "The supports with Nitsanak have helped me build resilience and confidence to move forward with my life in a good way." (*Nitsanak Mamawintowak Staff Member*)

Land-based Offerings:

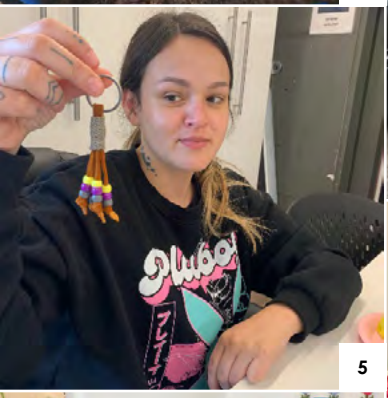
2 Sage Picking offerings with **15** Families **&** **37** Participants


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Nitsanak Mamawintowak Photos

Photos 1 & 2: Elder Darryl Brass joined us to lead a Pipe Ceremony. During his time with us, he passed along teachings about the Creation Story and his Water Drum.

Photos 3 & 4: Joined with the YWCA to hold cooking circles. Sharing with one another how to make nutritious meals on a budget, while also utilizing the items from the Food Bank and Good Food Box, minimizing waste.

Photos 5, 6 & 7: We come together and built relationships around both Cultural and Western crafts: moccasin making, beaded keychains and finger crochet.

Photo 8: Feast with Elder Ruth Scalplock after she blessed a women's Pipe Ceremony.

Photos 9 & 10: Medicine picking in the beautiful Foothills and the Deadly Nitsanak Steppers Walking Group in the Summer months.

Photo 11: Working on future goals with vision boards

Photo 12: Fancy Dancing with Shania Morin. **Video**- Shania Morin Fancy Dance. Click here to view video.

Photos 13 & 14: End of the year bingo party – bringing families and community together.

Youth Programs

Diamond Willow Youth Lodge

Diamond Willow Youth Lodge (DWYL) is a youth hub that serves as a safe, culturally grounded space for Indigenous youth to gather, access resources, and connect with their culture and community. Diamond Willow Youth Lodge provides a safe, welcoming space where young people can connect with peers, engage in cultural practices, and access holistic supports for healing and personal growth.

310 *Unique Youth*

1386 *Total Visits*

94 *Cultural Support Visits*

22 *Two Spirit Circles*

148 *Facilitators/Elders/ Knowledge Keepers*

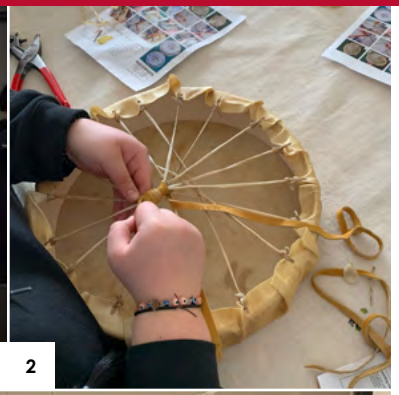
4 *Land-based Offerings*

130 *Participants identify as Indigenous*

**DWYL participants identify with diverse groups across Turtle Island*



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DWYL Photos

Photo 1: 2S+ Circle

Photo 2: Drum making with Albert Goulet

Photo 3: Drumming with Skip

Photo 4: 2S+ Youth Circle Birthday

"From the moment I set foot in Diamond Willow Youth Lodge (DWYL), I've felt a sense of welcoming and belonging that is rare to find as a 2-spirit, queer Indigenous person in Alberta." *(DWYL Youth)*

"I love coming here, it feels like home and I really like the people because they are so welcoming and feel like family." *(DWYL Youth)*

"We are so happy that our kids will have a place like Diamond Willow Youth Lodge in their lives. The opportunity to participate in ceremonies and connect with elders has completely changed my life in these past few months and being able to offer that to my daughter is something I will forever be grateful for."

(Parent of DWYL Youth)

"Finding Diamond Willow has helped me feel like I belong. Connecting with other Indigenous youth and participating in cultural activities has played a big role in making me feel at home in Calgary." *(DWYL Youth)*



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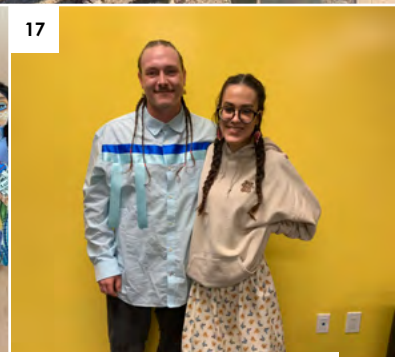


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DWYL Photos

Photos 5&6: Drumming with Skip

Photo 7: DIY bookmarks

Photo 8: Beaded Loom Bracelets

Photo 9: Pottery with Corry Pepper

Photos10: Naming Ceremony

Photo 11: Crochet Workshop

Photo 12: Fire at Bowness Park

Photo 13: Finished ribbon skirt & shirt

Photo 14: Healing Bracelet Workshop

Photo 15: Hide Camp with Winston Wadsworth

Photo 16: Spirit Dolls

Photo 17: Finished ribbon skirt & shirt

Oskâpêwis (oska-pe-wis)

Cree for "Elder's helper, helper at ceremonies."

Oskapewis supports Indigenous youth who may be at-risk of involvement with the criminal justice system through connection to culture, ceremony, and land-based teachings.

30
Youth Served

12
Volunteers

10
New Participants

512
Volunteer Hours

140
Number of Contacts

9

*Land-based Offerings (**5 Sweat Lodges**; **1 Day-on-the-Land** to harvest branches for rattle handles; **1 Overnight Camp** at askiy-pimatsiwin; **1 Sage Harvesting** at Ann and Sandy Cross)*

"I am the Mum of adoptive children. They have lived with me since their birth. My children are Indigenous and since I have been their Mum, I have tried to instill their culture into their lives. I'm not Indigenous and so I had to find people and programs that would be able to provide what they needed. It was not an easy task and many roads led to dead ends and disappointment. Then we found Miskanawah and the Oskapewis Project. It has been life changing for my children, no exaggeration there. They provide connection, support and teachings in all aspects of the Indigenous ways for the children. The program youth leaders are so dedicated to the youth and make them feel truly seen. This program has definitely been a life line to my children and their continued journey in finding who they are. Thank you for your commitment and dedication." (Parent of Oskapewis Program Youth)



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Oskâpêwis Photos

Photo 1: Sewing with Bertha

Photo 2: Sage harvesting

Photos 3, 4 & 5: Big drum teachings

Oskapewis - Practice is Ceremony

Oskapewis - Practice is Ceremony was created to provide culturally informed programming and services to gang-involved youth in partnership with Elizabeth Fry. Youth are provided with one-to-one mentorship, cultural programming and activities, land-based ceremony opportunities, traditional medicines and regular access to Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

30
Youth Served

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Land-based Offerings

4
Community Referrals

3
Volunteers

3
Volunteer Hours

24
Knowledge Keepers/Elders who supported the program

"A youth that has been deeply imbedded in the gang life confided in staff that he was ready to walk away, but was afraid of being killed. This youth showed up every Monday evening for program and was building trust and connections with other youth and staff. This staff, who has had lived experience, was able to support youth in leaving the gang life in a safe way. The youth has not gone back into the gang life, is engaging in cultural experiences and has grown so much." (*Program Staff*)

"A youth who has a physical disability and, in a wheelchair, attended program where there were teachings on protocols provided for attending a Sweat Lodge. He was very much wanting to attend, but was concerned that his disability would not allow for him getting into the lodge. Staff assured him that there would be people available to assist and support. This youth was able to attend ceremony and was assisted by others in and out of the lodge. The youth was very grateful for this opportunity." (*Program Staff*)









Nipisis

Cree for "young willow."

Nipisis is a specialized Indigenous foster care program designed to meet the individualized needs of Indigenous youth in a variety of family based homes. The program provides culturally grounded, family-based placements for Indigenous children and youth aged 0–17 who are involved with Child and Family Services.

609
Average Length of Days Stayed

17
Goals Achieved

17
Land-based Offerings

8
Youth Served

23
Personal Goals Set

"We have had the privilege of working with Nipisis for over eight years, supporting multiple youth throughout this time. Over the years, we have experienced many ups and downs, but through it all, we have always felt 100% supported. This unwavering support has strengthened our own resilience, allowing us to better nurture and build family with the youth in our care.

Nipisis stands out for its unique approach—fostering close, individual relationships with each youth. This connection provides young people with a true sense of being heard, a trusted sounding board, and a meaningful link to culture and community. As one of our youth said about their support worker: "She matches my vibe."

Thank you for everything you do! With gratitude" (*Mentor Parents*)

Oskipmatsahk

Cree for "the process of becoming an adult."

Oskipmatsahk provides services to young people who have transitioned out of the Nipisis foster care program and could benefit from continued **one-to-one support**.

8
Youth Served

10
Goals Achieved

17
Personal Goals Set


Team smiles


Youth being youth


More team smiles


Dancing and drumming


Team sage picking


Youth drumming

Re:Vision
Youth Employment

re:Vision is an employment program for Indigenous youth who are not currently working or in school. The program aims to bridge the gap between Indigenous youth and inclusive employers by fostering meaningful employment opportunities and promoting cultural understanding in the workplace.

28 *Youth Engaged*

14 *Employers Engaged*

73 *Youth Served*

(support includes: information exchange, resume support, interview preparation, connection to other supports within Miskanawah etc.)

"I think this is a great program that helps connect people and builds better understanding of Indigenous history. It is a great opportunity to learn and grow. In general, the training was very informative and I enjoyed my time. I felt that the elders made the space very safe." *(Employer Feedback)*

"The authenticity and vulnerability of everyone in the room and in the videos. The discussion isn't easy but everyone approached it with heart and openness that was very inspiring."(*Employer Feedback*)







RAYS
Regional After-Hours Youth Support

RAYS helps children and youth in crisis during evening and weekend hours. The Child Intervention Intake and Response Team deploys our support workers as needed to provide intervention, one-to-one support, and crisis services.

277 *Families Served*

4419 *Hours of Support Provided*



Strengthening Home Fires

Strengthening Home Fires is a culturally-grounded housing program that supports Indigenous youth to identify, access, secure, and maintain housing.

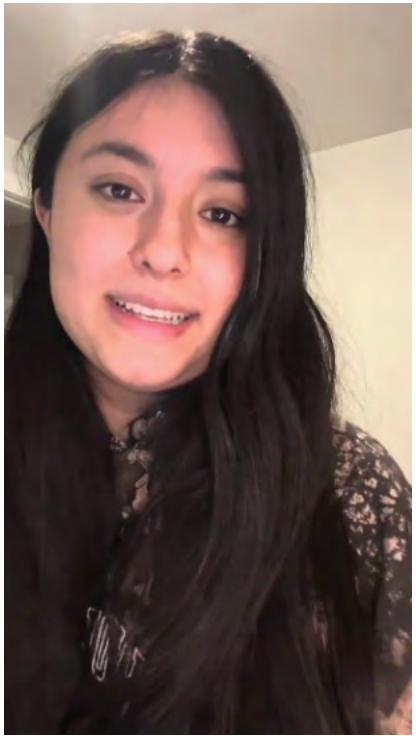
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Oral Truthing Ceremonies

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Sweat Lodges offered

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Youth Served

over 80%
Youth Housed

249
Cultural Attendances





Indigenous Handgames Tournament

Youth Testimonial (03:10)

A young person in the Strengthening Home Fires program shares how stable housing, along with the program's embedded culture and community, gave her the foundation to pursue her future goals.

Planet Youth

Planet Youth is a long-term, upstream approach originating in Iceland in 1996, to support environmental change and reduce substance misuse for youth in their community. During the development of the Planet Youth Calgary model, the Indigenous Parallel has been engaging with youth, Elders and community agencies to incorporate Indigenous protocols, processes and youth voice into services for youth.

801
Youth Connections

109
Community Engagements

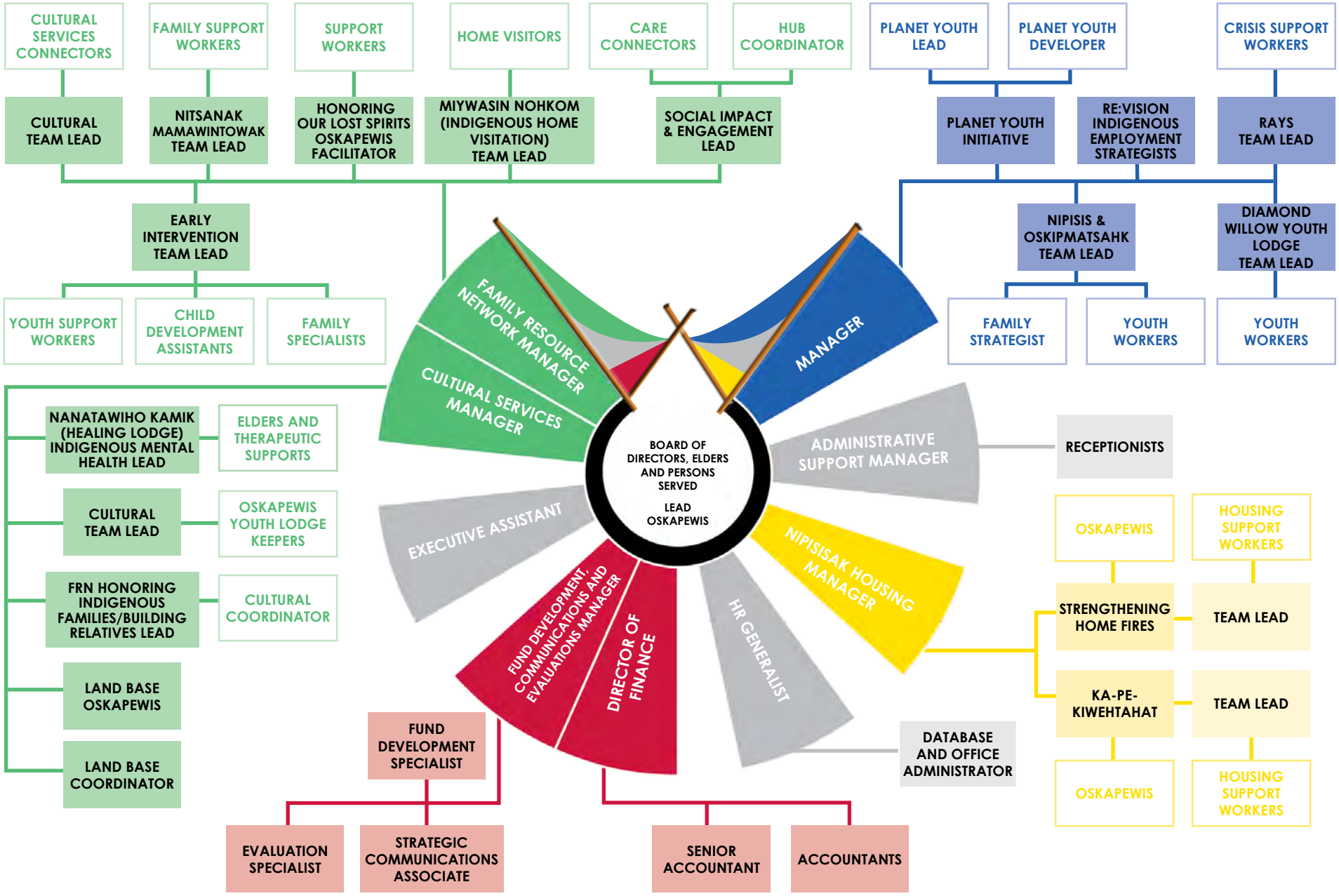
Impact & Support Opportunities:

- The on-going development of the Planet Youth Indigenous Parallel Invites Indigenous youth to contribute to meaningful change in their communities, alongside Youth Elders and Knowledge Keepers for long term change.
- Honoring the unique skills and knowledge Indigenous youth have in navigating hard times, by creating opportunities for them to contribute to meaningful change in their lives and communities for generations to come.
- Recognizing the diversity of Indigenous youths' experiences and exploring leadership values through storytelling practices, by connecting with youth in their communities.

Miskanawah Organization Chart

Elders tell us that the bottom of the tipi is the protective skirt, which is Mother Earth. So everything inside is about protection & shelter. The fire represents our life, our warmth and the fire inside, and the flap represent our grandfathers arms reaching up, with the smoke carrying our prayers to Creator.

Each pole has a significance and many teachings. The poles teach and remind us that no matter where we come from, Creator acknowledges us all as children, even though our beliefs may point in a different direction. One might say people are like these poles, each one pointing in a different direction and while we all need the support and strength of family and community, we accept that we all have different journeys and must choose our own paths.



Highlights/Engagement in the Community

(CREE FOR) APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2024

AYIKI PISIM, OPINAWEW PISIM, OPASKAHO PISIM

- Kirby Redwood's Blackfoot Naming Ceremony
- Cooking Group in collaboration with YWCA
- Siksika Nation Pow wow
- Sharing circle - Sundial Drop In (City of Calgary)
- ALIGN Walking the Children Home Together Summit
- Nitsanak Deadly Steppers
- Elder Ruth Scalplock's Headdress Transfer Ceremony and 50 years of Sobriety Celebration
- Cooking Group in Collab with YWCA
- Miskanawah's Oral Truthing Ceremony

(CREE FOR) JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2024

OPASKOWI PISIM, OHPAHOW PISIM, ONOCIHITOW PISIM

- Calgary Stampede Pow Wow
- Back to Batoche Days
- Nitsanak Deadly Steppers
- Granary Road Field Trip
- Family CPR Class
- Medicine Teachings and Sage Harvesting with Oskapewis Youth
- Calgary Police Services' Summer Camp and Boot Camp
- Trellis Youth Camp
- Treaty 7 Elders Camp & Cultural Celebration
- Indigenous Handgames Tournament
- Otipemisiwak Metis Government annual citizens gathering
- Oskapewis Overnight Camp at Askiy-pimatsiwin
- Rocky Mountain Recovery Day
- Good Food Box Program
- Men's Healing Camp



KASKATINOW PISIM, IYIKOPIWI PISIM, PAWAHCHAKINASIS PISIM

- Bringing Them Home: 4-day Sacred Fire Ceremony - askiy-pimatsiwin
- Nipsisak Pow Wow Dance
- Alberta Mentoring Partnership Summit, Edmonton
- M.I. Friends Facilitation
- United Way Tipi Transfer Ceremony
- Resource Sharing Gathering - Connecting people to where it matters
- Metis Community Resource Sharing Gathering
- National Planet Youth Conference
- Pipe Ceremony and Creation Story with Elder Darryl Brass
- Nitsanak Family Christmas Bingo Party
- Men's Ribbon Shirt Making & Mental Health Talks with Bowden Institution

(CREE FOR) OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2024

KISE PISIM, MIKISIW PISIM, NISKI PISIM

- ALIGN Conference - Strengthening today, building tomorrow
- Eagle Feather Teaching with Elder Elizabeth
- Reclaiming Our Children Gathering (Otipemisiwak Metis Nation of Alberta/Metis child & family services)
- Buffalo Tracks
- 19th Annual Friendship Round Dance
- Disability Tax Credit and Benefits Workshop with Momentum
- Children Ceremony Circle with Elder Elizabeth
- Kindred/Families Matter Private Sweat Lodge
- Rattle Making with Elder Patrick
- Métis Matriarchs
- Aboriginal Friendship Centre Symposium
- Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary
- Little Red Reading House Field Trip
- Indigenous Rising Youth Conference, Edmonton
- Camping at Camp Cadicasu
- Dreaming Forward: Exploring Pathways to Child Welfare Jurisdiction

(CREE FOR) JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2025

ALIGN

Walking the Children Home Together Summit

May 30, 2024

On May 30, 2024, we gathered together at Miskanawah's Land-based healing site- askiy-pimatsiwin (Cree for "Earth gives Life") to celebrate new and old relationships, the collaborative work of ALIGN, the agencies who care for children and their families, and the First Nation and Metis communities whose children we are working for. The Summit focused on the federal Act: Respecting First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Children, Youth and Families finding a way together to support the change that children and youth will experience as Nations move forward with their jurisdiction. We invited Elders and Knowledge Keepers to come and celebrate our work to date, talk about next steps in our journey, and begin to work closer together recognizing and affirming Indigenous sovereignty.



Honoring Our Connection to the Land (14:52)

Connecting to the land has a deeply positive and transformative impact on people because the land is viewed not just as a physical place, but as a living relative, a teacher, and a source of healing. Land-based experiences help people reclaim cultural identity that may have been lost due to colonization or disconnection from traditional ways. By participating in ceremonies, teachings, and seasonal practices on the land, they gain a sense of belonging, pride, and purpose.



Bringing Them Home: 4-day Sacred Fire Ceremony - askiy-pimatsiwin

October 1- 4, 2024

Bringing Them Home is a dedicated commemoration gathering to honor and take care of our Elders, the survivors, and the children who never made it home. Bringing Them Home recognizes the child within our survivors, who also never made it home, and were disconnected from their home communities, traditional teachings, language, culture, families and way of life. Embodying Wahkotiwin (Cree Natural Law for interconnection and kinship), connecting our Elders, survivors and the spirits of those who never made it home to the land and sacred fire is at the heart of this offering.

Bringing Them Home provides a sacred space for our Elders to replenish their spirits, find solace, and support them in their own healing journey. A special occasion for the Elders, who often place the community's needs before their own, are the recipients of collective care and intentional healing. This becomes a humble way for our community to express gratitude and give back by supporting our Elders and Knowledge Keepers in strengthening their own Home Fires.



Truth and Reconciliation: Bringing Them Home 2024 (12:55)

Participants share how Miskanawah's "Bringing Them Home" four-day Sacred Fire event has made a profound impact on Elders, survivors, and the wider community through a combination of ceremony, support, and connection to the land.



Pskwawimostos Kahesik (Buffalo Tracks Youth Conference) – Strengthening Home Fires

February 21 & 22, 2025

On February 21 and 22, 2025, Miskanawah hosted the 3rd annual Pskwawimostos Kahesik (Buffalo Tracks) youth conference for youth aged 15-24, supported by the Calgary Homeless Foundation. This was a two-day offering that invited youth to come and engage with Elders, Keynote speakers and other youth about how self-care, movement, music, culture, and community contribute to mental health and well-being. This year's theme was "**FINDING THE RED ROAD**."

























19th Friendship Round Dance

March 8, 2025

On March 8, 2025, Miskanawah hosted our 19th Annual Friendship Round Dance. With nearly **2,700 guests in attendance**, the venue permeated with drumming, singing, dancing and collective energy from the community. Miskanawah is grateful for the opportunity to come together and celebrate with you all.





Miskanawah 19th Annual Friendship Round Dance (01:54)

Miskanawah's Annual Friendship Round Dance is a vibrant and meaningful cultural celebration that brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members in a spirit of unity, healing, and reconciliation. Rooted in traditional Cree and Plains Indigenous practices, the round dance honors relationships, celebrates community, and provides a space for cultural sharing and intergenerational connection.



Financial Summary

MISKANAWAH COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

REVENUE

Government of Alberta - Children and Family Services contracts	$3,639,739	42%
Stoney Nakoda - Tsuut'ina Tribal Council (G4)	1,367,029	16%
Calgary Homeless Foundation	844,459	10%
United Way of Calgary and Area	755,063	9%
City of Calgary - Connect the Dots!	373,181	4%
City of Calgary - Family and Community Support Services	329,631	4%
City of Calgary - Building Safer Communities Fund	240,931	3%
Government of Alberta - Children & Family Services fee for service	184,998	2%
City of Calgary - Crime Prevention & Investment Plan	173,458	2%
Donations and other contributions	155,842	2%
Government of Alberta - Indigenous Relations	140,022	2%
Collaborative Funders' Table	102,176	1%
Interest and other revenue	95,042	1%
Calgary Foundation	92,240	1%
Government of Canada - Community Foundations of Canada	58,777	< 1%
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	57,472	< 1%
Donner Canadian Foundation	37,500	< 1%
National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation	25,000	< 1%
Silver Gummy Foundation	15,000	< 1%
City of Calgary - Home Program	12,600	< 1%
Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission	8,035	< 1%
Government of Canada - Canadian Heritage	8,000	< 1%
Burns Memorial Fund	1,000	< 1%
Total Revenue	**$8,717,195**	**100%**

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries, benefits and elder services	$ 6,009,953	69%
Direct Client and Program	1,668,667	19%
Facility	482,414	6%
Administration	424,756	5%
Amortization Property & Equipment	96,379	1%
Vehicles	23,830	< 1%
Total Functional Expenses	**$ 8,705,999**	**100%**

PROGRAM EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

Tawaw Family Resource Networks	$2,177,396	25%
Ka-pe-kiwehtahat	1,367,029	16%
Strengthening Home Fires	839,459	10%
Nipisis	838,228	10%
Regional After-Hours Youth Support (RAYS)	398,490	5%
Nanatawiho Kamik	373,181	4%
Administration & Other	370,288	4%
Nitsanak Mamawintowak	332,830	4%
Planet Youth Initiative	270,574	3%
Land-based Healing & Cultural Offerings	267,644	3%
Diamond Willow Youth Lodge	255,796	3%
Oskâpêwis- Practice is Ceremony	240,931	3%
Honouring Indigenous Families	226,025	3%
Oskipmatsahk & RAYS Fee for Service	176,518	2%
Oskâpêwis	173,458	2%
Honouring Our Lost Spirits	115,022	1%
re:VISION Youth Employment	107,830	1%
Friendship Round Dance	69,979	1%
Bringing Them Home	52,645	1%
Walking the Children Home Together	24,986	< 1%
DWYL: Two Spirit Circle	15,000	< 1%
Indigenous Housing Development Strategy	12,600	< 1%
Building Relatives: ReconciliACTION	90	< 1%
Total Expenses	**$8,705,999**	**100%**
Surplus	**$11,196**	

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