

OUR VISION

A safe, healthy, happy and interdependent community



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Strengthening children, families and community.... investing in our future

Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre is a Grandmother in the Winnipeg family of community service providers. She was established in 1984 to reclaim Indigenous people's inherent role and responsibility as the caregivers for Indigenous children and families. We are a community directed, Indigenous-led family support service organization delivering community-based programs and services to Indigenous children, youth and families living in Winnipeg. The name Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata translates from Ojibway into the phrase "we all work together to help one another" and our programs and services are developed and operate within a philosophy that is embodied in our name. Today, with over fifty (50) programs, twelve (12) sites, 200+ Indigenous staff and 850 Indigenous volunteers, we provide a valued local presence in key neighbourhoods where our community lives.



COMMUNITY CARE

3 locations

Natural gathering places for Winnipeg's urban Indigenous community that are community driven, culturally relevant prevention and support-based programs that include drop-in, emergency services, workshops, training and volunteer opportunities.

PROGRAMS:

- ❖ Asset Builders Program
- ❖ Community Drop-In
- ❖ Short-term Emergency Services
- ❖ In-home Support Services
- ❖ Lunch Program *Winnipeg Harvest meal replacement*
- ❖ Parenting Program: *embracing the family spirit*
- ❖ Personal Growth and Development
- ❖ Referrals and Advocacy
- ❖ Senior and Youth programming
- ❖ Community Mobile Outreach
- ❖ Volunteer Program



CARING FOR OUR RELATIVES

3 care home programs, 5 youth care homes

Protect children and honour the sacred bond of families with their children by ensuring Indigenous children remain connected to their family and community. (*formerly named "children in care programs"*)

PROGRAMS:

- ❖ Care Homes (*also known as foster care*): Emergency placement, short and on-going Indigenous care homes
- ❖ Youth Care Homes (*also known as group care*): female and transgender 13 -17 and boys 11-14 years of age
- ❖ Family Group Conferencing (FGC)
- ❖ All Our Relations Lodge – visiting-reunification home resource
- ❖ Nicikwe/Niciwam – in-home support
- ❖ Youth Housing Programs (*also known as youth aging out*): Yellow Shawl Mentorship Housing, Youth Housing First Program and In-Home Mentorship Support.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

youth driven programs

Honors youth as the current and future generation of leaders through culture, education, recreation, empowerment, training, employment and leadership development opportunities.

PROGRAMS:

- ❖ Pow Wow Clubs: all ages
- ❖ Hunters and Gatherers: scouts program
- ❖ Positive Athletic Cultural Experiences: PACE
- ❖ Positive Adolescent Sexuality Workshops: PASS
- ❖ Future is Yours – employment readiness
- ❖ Summer programming and camps
- ❖ Rites of Passage for girls and boys
- ❖ Youth Leadership Development opportunities
- ❖ Sacred 7 Youth Council



INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

1 healing centre, 1 gathering place, 1 daycare

Returning to our **INDIGENOUS** values and practices for caring for one another. Specialized programs to lead truth and reconciliation initiatives and leadership role to support our strong sister organization network.

PROGRAMS:

- ❖ Windy Hill Cultural Training, Healing Learning Centre
- ❖ King Street Gathering Place for Truth and Reconciliation
- ❖ Family Group Conferencing (FGC)
- ❖ Spirit of Peace – *family violence prevention*
- ❖ Aboriginal Head Start – Little Red Spirit
- ❖ Child Development Centre - *daycare*
- ❖ Housing First for adults and youth
- ❖ Partnerships with sister organizations
- ❖ Training Centre for professional development

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Caring for Our Relatives

(formerly named “children in care programs”)

Honouring Indigenous Knowledge is how the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre has retained Indigenous traditional values and practices in caring for one another throughout our programs and services. **Indigenous Knowledge Keepers** emphasize returning to our **7-Sacred Teachings**: Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility and Truth to restore the balance within our families and our communities.

Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre’s **Caring for our Relatives** programs’ goal is to protect and strengthen families. Our **Buffalo Teachings** instill a strong sense of responsibility in protecting the vulnerable by placing them in the center of the circle surrounded by the stronger who are facing out to protect them from danger, only when safe to do so is the circle opened up to let them out knowing they are safe and protected. Our **Turtle Teachings** remind us of the past, present and future: restoring the sacred bond within families means we need to understand where we learned to become parents and how this affects us today but most importantly, how we embrace our role as caregivers in relation to our family and community from this point forward. The **Starblanket** theme for **Caring for our Relatives** represents the 7-sacred teachings, how all is interconnected and the ‘Creator’s eye’ that makes sacred whatever it covers and keeps safe forever. The uniqueness of each Starblanket represents how each Indigenous program within **Caring for our Relatives** achieves this.



INDIGENOUS CARE HOMES (foster care)

3 Care Home Programs (foster care)

- ❖ Eagle Horse Society (EPR): 25 - emergency beds for children under 10-years of age
- ❖ CLOUT (EPR): 22-emergency beds for children/siblings 0-8 years of age
- ❖ Ozosunon: 80-on going care beds for children of all ages

5 Youth Care Homes (group care)

- ❖ Isobel’s Place: 12-long-term beds for pregnant females 13-17 years of age; licensed day care centre
- ❖ Circle of Care: 10-short-term beds – female-transgender 13-17 years of age
- ❖ Honouring the Spirit of our Little Sisters: 6-bed specialized home for sexually exploited female-transgender 13-17 years of age
- ❖ Hands of Mother Earth: 6-bed rural healing lodge for sexually exploited female-transgender 13-17 years of age
- ❖ Luke’s Place: 6-bed long-term beds for boys 11-14 years of age



HONOURING THE SACRED BOND (family reunification)

Family Group Conference -

Indigenous-led family group decision making for the care and protection of children

All Our Relations Lodge – family reunification resource to support day and overnight weekend family visits

Nicikwe/Niciwam – in-home support program to launch in fall 2019



YOUTH HOUSING (youth aging out)

Yellow Shawl: mentorship housing for youth 16-21 years of age

Beaver Medicine Bundle – Housing First Program for youth leaving CFS care

In-home Youth Mentorship – home based crisis intervention program

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