

MA MAWI WI CHI ITATA CENTRE INC.

We all work together to help one another.



ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We celebrate another incredible year of building on our strengths and values that come natural to us as Indigenous peoples. This past year, we have many examples of our accomplishments such as completing the Family Group Conference Evaluation that validates the power of Indigenous Knowledge, strengthening community partnerships, Sacred 7 Youth Council and watching Windy Hill- come to life again.

It has been incredibly powerful to see honouring Indigenous knowledge in action throughout all our services. We nurture our Spirit through meaningful relationships with our community, sister organizations, funding partners and newly found friends and allies.

This is all made possible due to heart medicine work of our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors. We are sincerely grateful to our funding partners and donors for supporting our work.

In Friendship,

Diane Redsky, Executive Director

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It is a great honour and privilege to acknowledge the heart medicine work of the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre this past year. Honouring Indigenous Knowledge is this year's theme since this best reflects how we use our culture, language and values to care for one another.

We have embarked on renewing our commitment to the community and started our consultations with our community, staff, board, youth, Elders, sister organizations, funders and other collaterals. We hope to complete and celebrate the launch of our renewed five-year strategic plan by the winter season.

Thank you very much to our staff, volunteers, donors, funding partners and sister organizations for their on-going encouragement and support to the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre. We look forward to another year of working together to help one another.

Respectfully,

Dodie Jordaan, Chairperson

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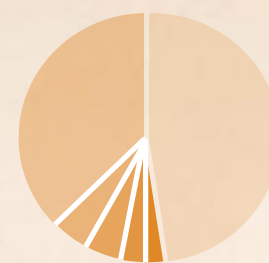
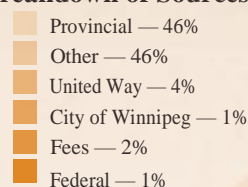
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REVENUES & EXPENSES

Breakdown of Sources



HIGHLIGHTS IN 2019-2020

- Family Group Conference Indigenous-led Evaluation is first of its kind internationally and concluded: empowering families works to reduce and prevent children in care: 263 children returned to family, 98% reunification rate resulting in \$9,222,090 Annual Savings to the child welfare system.
- Windy Hill finalized design and construction complete by December 2020.
- Our sister organization network renamed Aboriginal Vision for the North End to Indigenous Vision for the North End.
- Increased our partnerships with CFS agencies and launched a unique Emergency Placement Resource (EPR) with All Nations Coordinated Response Network (ANCR) and a specialized reunification resource for Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services (DOCFS).
- Social enterprise planning of Windy Hill, King Street Gathering Place for Truth and Reconciliation and our Training Centre.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OUR VISION

A safe, healthy, happy and interdependent community



OUR MISSION

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, sixteen (16) sites, 250+ Indigenous staff and 850 Indigenous volunteers, we provide a valued local presence in key neighbourhoods where our community lives.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Community of Caring DIRECTIONS

COMMUNITY VOICE

Honouring the voices of Neighbourhood Councils, Youth Councils, Board of Directors to inform and guide our services.

RELATIONSHIPS

A Community of Caring requires partnerships. We value partnerships in the community by building, working with and maintaining relationships; and ensuring strong internal relations.

OPPORTUNITIES

More community capacity for self-care. Increased skills and knowledge. Building on strengths. Being value based.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Fostering leadership opportunities. Affecting positive change in how the 'systems' delivers to families and community (the Ma Mawi way).

CODE OF HONOUR

- WE TELL THE TRUTH
- We SEEK *only peace*
- We keep OUR WORD
- We STAND UP for *what is right*
- We treat each other with RESPECT
- We LISTEN with our heart, then speak from OUR HEART
- We SUPPORT *one another to follow the code*

Community of Caring SERVICES



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

Honours 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 Support Workshops: PASS
- Future is Yours – employment readiness
- Summer programming and camps
- Rites of Passage for girls and boys
- Youth Leadership Development opportunities
- Youth Mental Health Workshops
- 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