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The Institute is a member
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Saskatchewan First Nations Family & Community Institute Inc.

VISION

Excellence in Child and Family Services based on First Nations Culture, Traditions, and Knowledge.

MISSION

The Institute will conduct research, deliver training and develop policies and best practice standards to support First Nations Child & Family Services Agencies in Saskatchewan.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The research department has developed a draft **ethics framework** for conducting research at the Institute. The document provides guidance to Institute research projects that are grounded in First Nations community values and the OCAP Principles, Ownership, Control, Access, Possession.

This summer the Institute is conducting a project on **cultural competence**; the project will engage each First Nation child welfare organization to discuss their understanding of cultural competence within their respective programs. A report will be completed by September with recommendations for further directions for the Institute in Cultural Competence in First Nations Child Welfare in Saskatchewan.

The Institute has just completed the **Continuum of Care Project and the Training Plan Project**. Thank you to all those that participated. More details will be available as the report is reviewed.

The Institute is co-developing an article with the Institute Research Advisory Committee to further understand **engagement and readiness in research in the First Nations child welfare** field. The group is hoping to complete the article by the Fall 2013.

Thank you to the **Research Advisory Committee** for the commitment: Elder A J Felix; Executive Director Montreal Lake, Warren Seesequasis; University of Regina Social Work, Dr. Monty Montgomery; and University of Saskatchewan Education Department, Dr. Maggie Kovach.

CARF ACCREDITATION:

The Institute continues to support Agencies and Group Homes interested in accreditation. More information sessions are being planned soon. Contact Dean Weenie if interested in participating at 306-373-2874 ext.223.

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Finance Standards Policy Forum 2

- Finance, ED's, Managers
- June 4, 2013. 10am – 4pm
- Travelodge, Saskatoon

SDM Information Session

- Agency Supervisors & ED's
- June 6, 2013. 10am – 4pm
- Travelodge, Saskatoon

HR Standards Policy Forum 1

- HR, Benefits, ED's, Managers & Supervisors
- September 18, 2013. 10 am – 4pm
- Travelodge, Saskatoon

Basic Board Training

- Board of Directors of Agencies & Group Homes
- Tentative: September 10 – 12, 2013
- TBD

Advanced Board Training

- Board of Directors of Agencies & Group Homes
- Tentative: October 1 – 3, 2013
- TBD

TCI Training

- Group Home Workers
- TBD (possibly November 2013)
- TBD

For information & to register for training contact: dean.weenie@firstnationsfamilyinstitute.ca

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Institute would like to congratulate the First Nations Family Support Working Group on a successful "Empowering our Caregivers" training gathering. Great job to all of the organizers, volunteers and participants!

FEAST NOTIFICATION:

The Institute will be hosting its annual feast on June 20, 2013. For more information contact Karen Chamakese at 306-373-2874 ext.221.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Institute will be closed on Friday, June 21, 2013 for the National Aboriginal Day holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, June 24, 2013.

INSTITUTE BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, June 18, 2013.

INSTITUTE AGM: Tentatively set for Thursday, August 29, 2013.