



Frequently Asked Questions

Income Assistance Engagement Reform Project 2018

What is the **Engagement Project**?

The Saskatchewan First Nations Family and Community Institute (SFNFCI) is conducting research throughout Saskatchewan to learn more about the Income Assistance programs. Information is being collected by: surveys, one on one interviews, and focus groups. Any information you provide will be used to inform options for reform to the Income Assistance Program to better meet the need of Income Assistance clients living on reserve.

The SFNFCI Project team is working with the self-selected advisory group to schedule visits to their communities to speak with Income Assistance Administrators, Income Assistance Clients, and Leadership, youth (PES clients) elders, and different community departments and resources within the data collection period.

What does that mean **for you**?

This is the chance to have your voice heard! We want to hear how the program is working for you, what it means to you and how what are some possible solutions to that would better the Income Assistance Program in your community! Now is the time to talk, now is the time to reform.

Who is involved in the **research project**?

Saskatchewan First Nations Family and Community Institute was approved for funding to conduct a research project on informing options for change to the On-Reserve Income Assistance Programs in October 2018. The research project has an advisory committee of self-selected regionally specific Income Assistance Representatives, Administrators and Case Workers, as well as, An Income Assistance Regional Advisor from ISC.

What are the **ethics** of the research project?

Your participation is anonymous and confidential. Names will not be used in the final draft so please voice your opinions and ideas freely. Ethics for the research project are aligned with the SFNFCI mission, vision, values and principles and the OCAP principles of research including Ownership, Control, Access and Possession.

What happens to all the **research information**?

All the research information will be analyzed and reported to the Income Assistance Advisory Committee. During the research project, the data is kept in secure storage on SFNFCI office computer systems accessible only to the research team and supervisor.

The final report will be reviewed by the Income Assistance Advisory Committee. The report will then be forwarded to the ISC Regional Program Advisor, who would then review and submit it to the ISC Working Group.

How do I **participate** in the research project?

Participation in this research project is completely voluntary. Each person can participate by:

1. Filling out a survey, found on our website.
2. Attending a focus group or interview in your region. Contact Lacey Kaysaywaysemat for dates and events in your area.

For more information on the project, please contact:

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