

Indigenous Programs Update

September 2022 – March 2023



RIGHT TO PLAY

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT:

Right To Play, in partnership with 75 Indigenous communities and urban organizations across the country, works to provide culturally-responsive and community-led opportunities for Indigenous children and youth to connect with their culture, learn through play, and build positive health and well-being life-skills. Currently in year three of a five-year strategic plan, Indigenous Programs offers support through four strategic priority areas: Promoting Life Skills in Aboriginal Youth (PLAY), Youth Leadership, Quality Education and Responding to Crisis.

This report represents a snapshot of the impact of Indigenous Programs from September 2022 to March 2023.

2665

Children and youth reached through in-person and virtual programming from Sept '22 to March '23

87

Community Mentors Trained from Sept '22 to March '23

46%

of Community Mentors are female or non-binary

Yukon

17 Youth
1 CMs

New Brunswick

208 Youth
2 CMs

British Columbia

566 Youth
24 CMs

Alberta

219 Youth
11 CMs

Saskatchewan

218 Youth
5 CMs

Manitoba

194 Youth
4 CMs

Ontario

1230 Youth
40 CMs

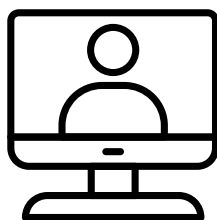
PROGRAM SNAPSHOT CON'T:

Since September 2022, Indigenous Programs has provided the following training opportunities:



2

in person week-long trainings in Ontario and British Columbia on community ownership & feedback, disability inclusion, play-based learning and more.



5

virtual sessions on trauma-informed practice, grant writing, building healthy relationships and more.



1

in person week-long training in partnership with the Edmonton Oilers on physical literacy and hockey coaching & skills.

YOUTH-LED INITIATIVES:



18

Youth-Led Initiatives were hosted



2338

number of children and youth attendees



2663

number of adult attendees

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS:



61

Intergenerational events were hosted



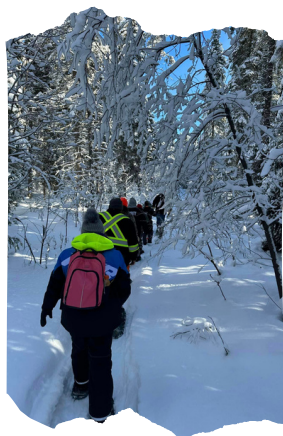
4737

number of attendees



1789

number of adult attendees



Children and youth in Pic Mobert First Nation's PLAY program get out on the land and take part in ice fishing and snaring in January 2023, led by their Community Mentor Josh Hamilton. Pic Mobert First Nation is an Indigenous Programs partner in Northwestern Ontario.

Youth Strengthens Her Leadership Skills Through Hockey

I want to start by introducing myself in Ojibwe.

Aanii, Ogimaa Kwe ndiznikaaz. Mgizi ndodem. Anishinaabe Kwe ndow.

*Hello, my name is Chief Woman (*Stephanie). I'm from the Eagle Clan.
I'm an Ojibwe woman.*

If you ask about me in my community in northwestern Ontario, they will tell you that I am known for my voice. I sang at my elementary school graduation for a crowd and I always take the mic at talent shows. Sometimes, I even sing before I get out on the ice and play hockey!

As you can see, I am confident and comfortable in front of people. I am a singer and a hockey player. So, when my community hosted a hockey clinic with MLSE and Right To Play in December 2022, I couldn't wait to practice my hockey skills and play with other youth from my community and nearby communities.

At the three-day clinic, I loved experiencing different coaching styles and learning from female coaches. I didn't feel uncomfortable trying new skills or embarrassed if I messed up. Stick handling is not my strong suit, but I worked on it and improved!

With my confidence on the ice, I encouraged and supported others. After everyone's turn doing stick handling drills, I patted each person on the back to make sure they didn't feel embarrassed or self-conscious with all eyes on them. Teamwork is a part of everything; you need to be good with others to succeed!

I am excited to share the skills I learned with my house league teammates and coaches and continue growing as an encouraging leader. When I am older, I hope to be a voice coach to help people sing.



*name has been changed.