



GIISHKAANDAGO'IKWE

HEALTH SERVICES

SERVICE REPORT QUARTER 02

APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2023

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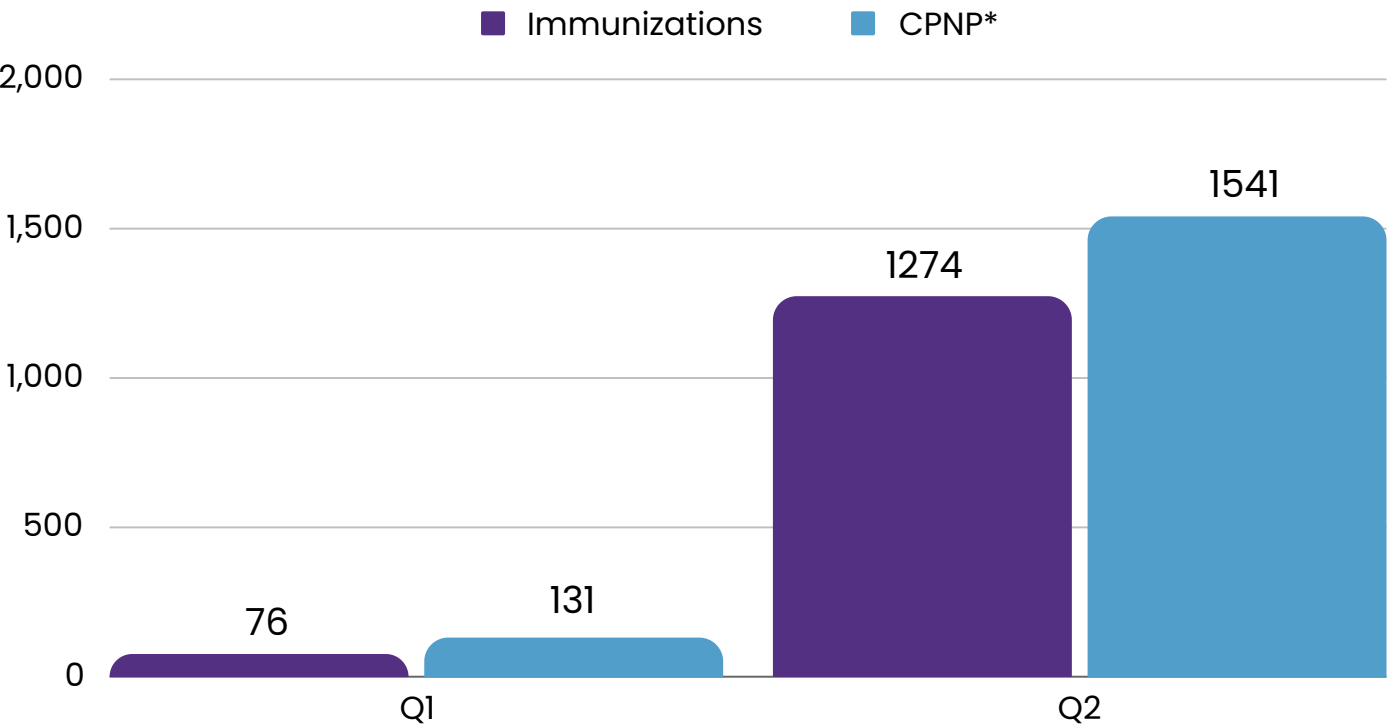
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COMMUNITY HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

- Community Health Nurses attended mandatory education sessions for this year’s universal influenza immunization program and on COVID-19 vaccine guidance updates for Fall 2023
 - This is in preparation for administering and correlating influenza and COVID-19 immunization clinics.
- Collaboration with internal and external partners with the implementation of an Addiction Summit.
- School immunizations are now underway to continue catching up students.
- Influenza and COVID-19 immunization clinic planning in all communities.

QUARTERLY SERVICE PROVIDED

998 of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter: Total 1563



ENCOUNTERS PER QUARTER

COMMUNITY HEALTH : DETAILS

334 of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter. Total: 602		
Encounter	Q1	Q2
CPNP Clients	49	46*
School Visits	31	4
Communicable Disease Follow Up**	18	11
Sexual Health Services	9	8
External Referrals	13	15
Internal Referrals	15	19
Naloxone Intranasal Kits	0	44

*42 under age of 2 & 4 prenatal

**STI testing, education, animal bite follow up

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

- Team had been receiving and reviewing all Colilert water test results from the 10 First Nation communities and completing data entry in ISC shared water software database.
- All laboratory results from our team's sampling were also received and reviewed.
- Continued to provide supplies to the 10 First Nations community water operators for water testing.
- Our team participated in 7 community project meetings.
- EPHO participated in weekly "In-Season Fire Situation Update for Indigenous Partners" meetings and MNR briefings on the fire hazard situation and active wild land fires.
- Our team continued to monitor daily the air quality health index in our region and the ground level particulate smoke pollution.
- Continued to notify all 10 First Nation communities about 119 Food, Health Products and Health Hazard Customer Recalls.
- Our team is in process of emailing annual water quality reports for each of 10 First Nations communities.

# of Community Events & # of Participants		
Events	Q1	Q2
Community Project Meetings	5	7
Notified Food, Health Products & Health Hazard Customer Recalls	87	119
Air Quality Alert Memos	4	0

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

# of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter		
Service	Q1	Q2
Community Visits	41	46

# of Direct Encounters per Quarter		
Encounters	Q1	Q2
Community Consultations	37	54
Bacterial Analysis Samples	108	120
Boil Water Advisories Issued	3	6
Boil Water Advisories Lifted	3	6
Lead in Drinking Water Samples	82	11
Additional Water Samples	98	18
Investigation of Animal Bites	6	11
Quarterly Chemistry Water Samples	72	77

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

HCC, FOOT CARE & DIABETES HIGHLIGHTS

- We have been able to provide 17 respite visits to 5 clients.
- The HCC team provided education to the Community Health and Foot Care Teams on the use of the SWIFT Wound Care Documentation App.
 - These teams now have access to this app in order to improve cross program communication on the health care needs of clients suffering from wounds to ensure clients receive appropriate care and for early identification of limb threatening concerns.
- Two of our nurses have started advanced wound care/ostomy training.
- HCC has provided 1871 encounters in the home, with foot care providing 527 and diabetes 221 (this is not accumulative).
- Respite Care:
 - Support offered to care givers of individuals who need 24 hour care to lessen the burden of keeping their loved ones at home.
 - This is offered on a prescheduled basis Monday – Friday morning, afternoon or evening. No overnight visits are available at this time.
- The employees participated and supported events including strawberry teaching, ribbon skirt making, sage picking/teachings, and beading circle.



HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

ENCOUNTERS PER QUARTER AT HCC, FOOT CARE & DIABETES: DETAILS

# of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter		
Encounter	Q1	Q2
Wound Care Assessments (HCC)	462	510
Healed Wounds (HCC)	72	35
Debridement (FC)	118	118
# of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter		
Service	Q1	Q2
Home and Community Care	199	210
Foot Care	288	249
Diabetes	105	98

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

CHILDRENS ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- The COHI program hosted its second annual “Screenings & Cleanings” event throughout the months of July and August.
- 53 children participated in the event and each child that participated was entered into the summer giveaway.
- Prizes included A Philips 32” Roku TV; 2 Electric Toothbrush Packages (child and adult); Fitbit Ace 3 Activity Tracker and A Walmart gift card.
- Participation in the Ojibway’s of Onigaming Health Services Summer Wind-up Family Fun Day.
- The COHI team is pleased to share that Indigenous Services Canada approved additional funding that will be allocated towards the Group Dental Funding ensuring that all children can continue to access oral health services when needed.
- To date, support has been provided to 18 children, who have either received or are waiting for dental services.
- We welcomed a new COHI Assistant to the COHI team.
- The COHI team supported Ojibway’s of Onigaming Health Services Summer Wind-up Family Fun Day



Jolie Morrison



Amber Leigh Morrison

of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter

Encounter	Q1	Q2
Screenings	122	49
Temporary Filings	1	12
Flouride Varnish Applications	113	65
Silver Diamine Fluoride Applications	15	1
Dental Sealants	11	0
Dental Referrals	45	21

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

CHILD'S FIRST INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Staff provided services at many locations throughout the district offering Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech/Language Therapy, Behaviour Supports, Infant Child Development, Nutrition Supports, Children's Mental Health Therapy, and Family Navigation/Case Management.
- Community events that were supported by the CFI team included Big Island's Fun Day (August 3), Mitaanjigamiing Play Groups (weekly in August), Seine River Community Family Fun Day (August 16), Cooking with Kids (weekly in July and August in Seine River), Back to School snacks and lunches (August 29 in Rainy River First Nation), Stay and Play (Onigaming August 29) and Mikinaak School OT and SLP Groups (September).

# of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter		
Encounter	Q1	Q2
Direct client contacts at school/home/daycare etc	1395	903
# of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter		
Service	Q1	Q2
# clients receiving CFI Services	384	352

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY HIGHLIGHTS

- Elaine Ross, Anishinaabe Elder Midwife, started providing contracted Midwifery services to Anishinaabe families and communities in Southern Treaty #3 in August 2023.
- In partnership with the Community Health Program, Elaine has started to meet community members through engagement sessions and share about the program.
- Community events included engagement sessions in Lac La Croix, Seine River and Rainy River First Nations.

MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLORS AND THERAPIST HIGHLIGHTS

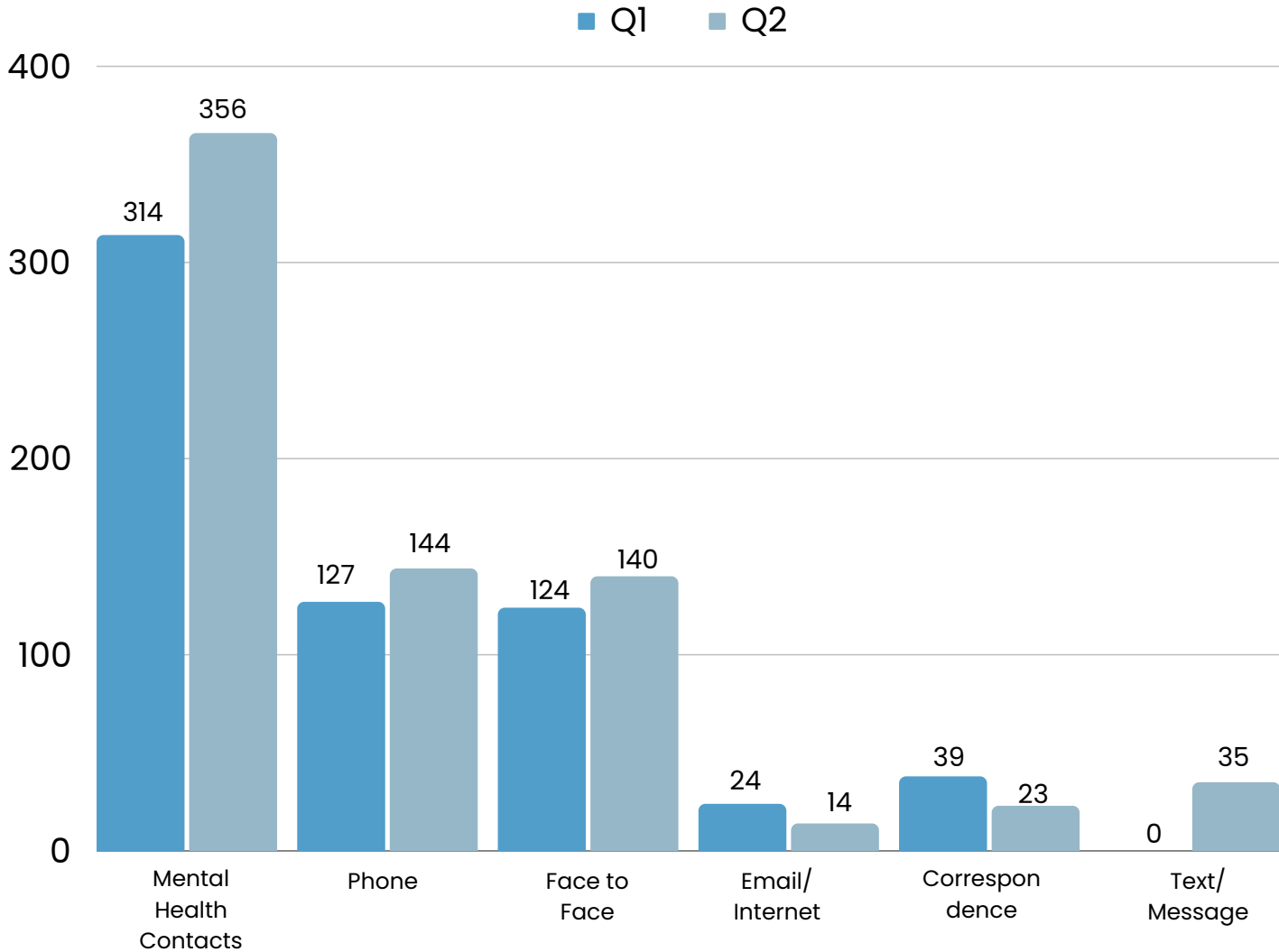
- Mental Health Counsellors and Therapist have maintained full caseloads that service the 10 nations with ongoing waitlists.
 - 150 mental health counselling clients received services.
- Broader community engagement included participation in supporting the July 31st Stop Human Trafficking event led by Social Emergencies, and the inter agency September 29th Orange Shirt Day Walk.
- The Sunrise Ceremony on September 30th was supported by the Manager of Mental Health Services. Interrelated, to promote programming of services our Intake Coordinator (with MATW RAAM Nurse) also attended the Two Eyed Seeing Conference from September 26th to 28th.
- In addition, specific community engagement at the request of the Anishinaabeg communities served included:
 - Rainy River First Nations Sharing Circles
 - Gakijiwanong Nation Drop In Grief Support Groups
 - Couchiching Special Service Request
 - The Mental Health Services team has also provided additional supports in collaboration with the Social Emergencies team to attend community crisis requests.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLORS AND
THERAPIST HIGHLIGHTS



Henry Willie (Seine River)
fire keeping at BHS

of Direct Client
Encounters per Quarter



SPECIFIC COMMUNITY REFERRALS FOR SERVICES

8

Rainy River First Nations 1 Mental Health Counsellor (when not available Land Based Counsellor and/or staff from SE covered) - August 14, 28, Sept 11

2

Gakijiwanong Anishinaabeg Nation Drop In Grief Support Groups - September 19, 26

1

Couchiching First Nation Special Service Request



July 31 Stop Human Trafficking: Mental Health Counsellor Stephanie Legree with Fire Keeper Henry Willie at Behavioural Health Services



September 30 photo before start of Sunrise Ceremony taken by Manager of Mental Health Services (term) Kirsten Mikkelsen with Fire Keeper Henry Willie in background

LAND BASED COUNSELLORS HIGHLIGHTS

- Land Based Program has delivered land based programming within communities, at Behavioural Health Services, as well as collaborated to support services at the Mino Ayaa Ta Win Healing Centre clients during treatment and with after care planning and support services.
- The Land Based Counsellors have worked to support Cultural Community Support Worker led initiatives and broader agency initiatives.
- The Land Based Counsellors have responded to specific community requests to deliver programming in community such as:
 - Canoe Support, Land-Based Wellness Walks, CFN Canoe Training, RRFNS 150th Celebration Canoe Trip, Community Networking, Community Networking, Overdose Awareness Walk, Manoomin Harvest (Ricing), Smoked Tea Gatherings, Hunting (workers only)/Gathering and Cedar Bath Ceremonies (September 18, 19).
- At Behavioural Health Services, Land Based Counsellors supported Full Moon Ceremonies, Women's Drumming, Men's Drumming and supported preparation for the Sweat Lodge Ceremonies coordinated by the Cultural Community Support Worker.
- Both Land Based Counsellors Supported the Let's Talk Recovery Gagizhebaa Wiisinidaa Breakfast Buddies Program delivered July, August, and September.



Let's Talk Recovery!
Gagizhebaa Wiisinidaa July



Manoomin Roast Prep for Land Based Community Event: Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton, Councillor Dorothy J. Calder-Huitikka, Land Based Counsellor Adam Ali, Josh Councillor (Mental Wellness Worker, Social Emergencies) and Ruth Anne McGinnis



Let's Talk Recovery!
Gagizhebaa Wiisinidaa July
Carla Sutherland,
Land Based Counsellor



Manoomin –Where the Food Grows on Water
(part of Rainy Lake)

LAND BASED COUNSELLORS DATA

of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter

Land Based Counsellors have provided these Services in Q1

- Maple Syrup Processing 6
- Men's Drumming 56
- Women's Drumming 41
- Full Moon 36
- Breakfast Buddies 42
- Outreach BBQ 0



Men's Drumming

Land Based Counsellors have provided these Services in Q2

- Full Moon Ceremony July 4, Aug 2, Aug 30, Sept 28 28
- Women's Hand Drumming Sept 11 & 25 19
- Men's Drumming 55
- Canoeing 32
- Breakfast Buddies 40
- Cedar Bath Ceremony 7
- Gathering 12
- Manoomin Harvest (Ricing) 100
- Smoked Tea Gathering 20
- Land Based Wellness Walks 28
- RRFNS 150th Celebration Canoe Trip 24
- Overdose Awareness Walk 120
- Community Networking 38



Manoomin Harvest
Sticks for Ricing

MENTAL HEALTH CARE

CULTURAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER HIGHLIGHTS

- There were 6 Men's Drumming sessions and 6 open Sweat Lodge Ceremonies held at Behavioural Health Services.
 - Additional Sweat Lodge ceremonies included ceremonies for Lakehead University and The Ministry of Natural Resources.
- Many Sweat Lodge requests were accommodated and help was given. The ceremonies in community were in Couchiching First Nation at their two lodges:
 - Frog Creek and 5 Mile for their Couchiching Care Program.
- A Teaching Lodge was put up at an Elders home of Couchiching First Nation.
- A new Sweat Lodge was put up at Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation.
- The Cultural Community Support Worker attended several Orange Shirt Day events, flag raising ceremony, and sunrise ceremony at the St Marguerite memorial site on Agency One.
- Attended several walks for drug and overdose awareness.
 - Walks took place in Couchiching First Nation and Rainy River First Nation.
- Gagizhebaa Wiisinadaa Let's Talk Recovery Breakfast Buddies program is held on fourth Thursday of each month for supportive gathering and to promote our programs we offer at Behavioural Health Services.
- Community events that were supported included School Pow Wows and Events, Drumming, Sweats, Building Sweat Lodges, Building Teaching Lodges, and Men's Teachings.



Building of Teaching Lodge at Elders Home



Visiting Drum for Men's Night



The Build of Sweat Lodge Gakijiwanong Nation



Cultural Community Support Worker Dwayne Morrison at Gagizhebaa Wiisinadaa Let's Talk Recovery Breakfast Buddies program

MENTAL HEALTH CARE

CULTURAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER DATA

# of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter		
Encounters	Q1	Q2
Face to Face Contacts	714	1565
# of Sweat Lodge Ceremony Sessions	9	16
# of Drumming Sessions	6	6
# of Building Teaching Lodges	1	1
# of Building Sweat Lodges	3	0
# of Crisis Support - Cultural	4	1
# of Drumming at MATW Treatment Center	8	0
# of Pow Wows and other events	5	9

# of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter		
Service	Q1	Q2
Direct Clients Receiving Services	148	407



Treaty 3 Gathering, Remember the Signing of the Treaty 150 years

MINO AYAA TA WIN HEALING CENTRE

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- During the second quarter of 2023, the Mino Ayaa Ta Win healing centre completed 3 residential treatment groups, staff continued to provide 24/7 care to the program participants.
- During this time, staff supported clients in the following land-based activities in addition to delivery of the daily treatment curriculum:
 - 9 sweatlodge ceremonies, Fishing, Visits to Kay Nah Chi Wah Nung, Facilitating group out on the land, Drum making, Skirt/shirt making, Wild rice harvesting, processing, cooking/serving, Canoeing, Hiking
- Cultural Opportunities included:
 - Medicine picking/Elder teachings, Wild Rice harvesting/processing, Ribbon Skirt workshop, Overdose Awareness Walk
- Professional Development:
 - ORCKA, ASIST, Mental Health First Aid

of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter

Direct client contact

Quarter 01 : **513** Quarter 02 : **1904**

TOTAL
2417

of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter

Completed residential treatment

Quarter 01 : **11** Quarter 02 : **17**

TOTAL
28

Discharged prior to completion

Quarter 01 : **4** Quarter 02 : **1**

TOTAL
5

Started prior to June 30 (in progress)

Quarter 01 : **6** Quarter 02 : **0**

TOTAL
6

WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

- WMS Staff continued to provide 24/7 care for all clients accessing WMS
- Cultural Opportunities:
 - Medicine picking/Elder teachings, Wild Rice Harvesting/Processing, Ribbon Skirt workshop, Overdose Awareness Walk
- Professional Development:
 - META-PHI Conference, ASIST, Mental Health First Aid

# of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter		
Encounter	Q1	Q2
Direct Client Contact	2298	2797
# of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter		
Service	Q1	Q2
Client Services Received	35	38

MINO AYAA TA WIN HEALING CENTRE

RAPID ACCESS ADDICTIONS CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Community Addictions/RAAM staff continued to provide RAAM services in communities and RAAM Clinic in Fort Frances.
- Set up educational information booths at a 3 different community events.
- Presentations: International Overdose Awareness Day and NNADAP Meeting.
- Cultural/Organizational:
 - 2 day Medicine Picking Trip, Wild Rice Harvesting/Processing, Ribbon Skirt Workshop, AGM, All-staff meetings, Overdose Awareness Walk, National Day for TRC Event, Staff Appreciation Paint Night
- Professional Development:
 - META-PHI Conference, Two-Eyed Seeing Conference

# of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter		
Encounter	Q1	Q2
Community Addictions & RAAM*	739	616
# of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter		
Service	Q1	Q2
Completed Residential Treatment	11	17
Community Addictions/RAAM Clients**	197	205

*Doctor or NP assessment, RAAM referral, RAAM intake, RAAM follow up, RAAM inquiry, RAAM Walk-in, one to one support, sublocade injection, specimen collection etc.

**receiving services between July 01 – Sept 30

SOCIAL EMERGENCIES

MENTAL WELLNESS HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth Golf Camp: The Mental Wellness Team held a youth golf camp which engaged participants aged of 11-15.
 - The golf camp gave participants an opportunity to learn the fundamentals, socialize with peers, develop tools to deal with adversity using critical thinking skills and most important of all have FUN!
- Golf for Wellness: 100 participants: Mental Wellness provided 50 golf passes at two local golf courses for community members.
 - The goal was to get families out to enjoy time together in the outdoors enjoying an activity that is not easily accessible because of the cost to play;
 - All passes were distributed within the first week of starting the initiative.
- Canadian Firearms Safety Course: 12 participants gained their Canadian Firearms Safety Course Certification.
 - This course was for community members to learn the basics and safe handling of firearms to encourage them to get back to their roots and utilize their rights to hunt and provide food from the land for their families/communities safely.
- Truth & Reconciliation Walk: Mental Wellness attended the Truth & Reconciliation walk in support of those who were affected and those who never made it home from residential school.
- Community Manoomin Processing: Mental Wellness attended multiple communities to show participants the process of harvesting Manoomin (Wild Rice).
- Events that were supported and/or participated in included Community Sharing Circles, Mental Wellness Team Capacity Building Training, Community Based Youth Workshop/ Education, Fort Frances High School Support/ Programming and Community Based Youth Wellness Activity.



Manoomin (Wild Rice)
Processing in Community



Koby Mainville at the
Youth Golf Camp

SOCIAL EMERGENCIES

MENTAL WELLNESS HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach Supply Bags
(filled with resources, personal
hygiene items and food items)

Joshua Councillor &
Ruthann McGinnis



of Direct Client Encounters per Quarter

Encounter	Q1	Q2
Face to Face Client Contact	17	12
Community Crisis Response	49	21
Mental Health Direct Line Coverage	78	90

of Clients Receiving Service per Quarter

Service	Q1	Q2
Caseload	23	15

SOCIAL EMERGENCIES

MEMENGWAAWAG ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING HIGHLIGHTS

- Awareness Walk and Barbeque: The Memengwaawag Program hosted an awareness walk and barbeque in recognition of World Human Trafficking Day
 - This event was attended by over 80 people throughout the day
- Community Outreach: supports and resources were offered at two local locations that are known to have a high traffic of vulnerable and at-risk individuals
- Personal Hygiene Supplies, Food and Human Trafficking Resources were provided to over 20 current and/or potential service users
- Youth Specific Presentation Development: a presentation was developed that was geared towards youth which included social media and sexual exploitation education
- Development of Supportive Documentation: A Human Trafficking Screener and Safety Plan was developed
 - Training was provided to a number of community organizations as well as internal Mental Wellness and Social Emergency Program employees.
- Events supported and participated in included Human Trafficking Awareness Events, Labour Trafficking Training, Human Trafficking Lunch and Learn, Be The Voice Committee Meeting, Community Based Youth Human Trafficking Presentation, Community Based Adult Human Trafficking Presentations, and Outreach Support.

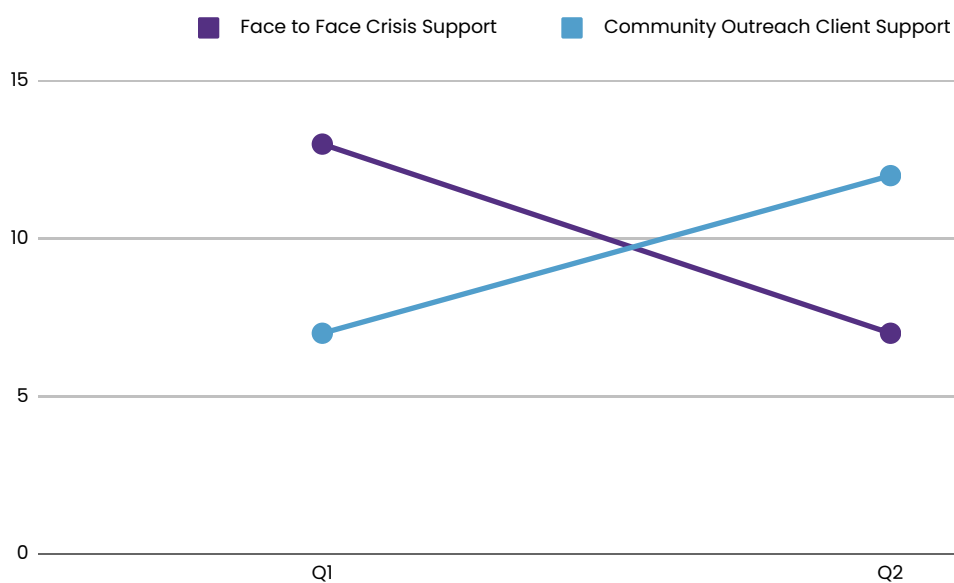


Ribbon Skirt

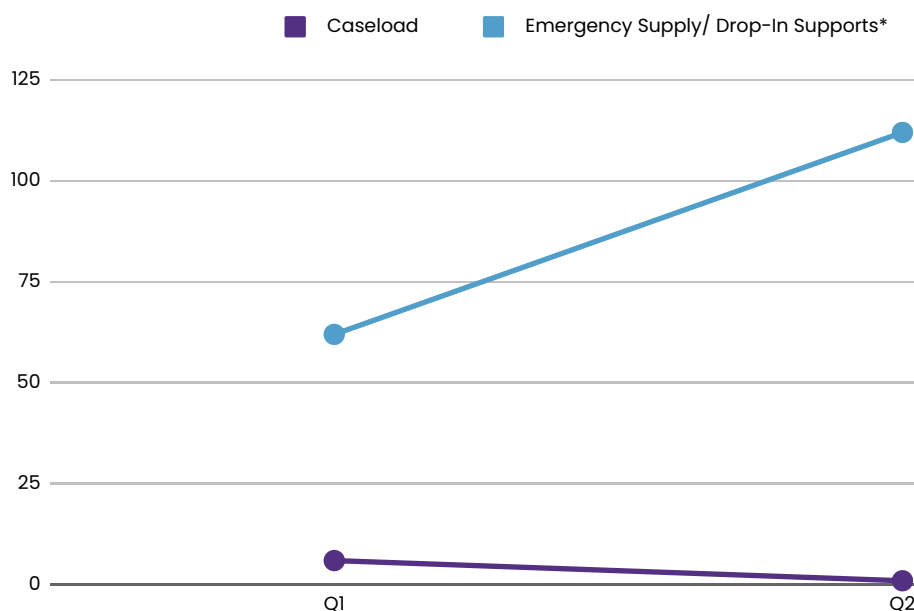


Human Trafficking Awareness Walk & BBQ
Left to Right: Katie Sadewasser,
Joshua Stevens, and Brandis Oliver

MEMENGWAAWAG ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING: DATA



**# of Direct Client
Encounters per
Quarter**



**# of Clients
Receiving Service
per Quarter**

*Including food bank, clothing assistance, personal hygiene items & vouchers

MIIGWECH!



REFERRALS OR INQUIRE

To make a referral or to further inquire about any of the Giishkaandago'ikwe Health Services programs or services, please contact:

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