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# GIISHKAANDAGO'IKWE

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HEALTH SERVICES

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## SERVICE REPORT

### QUARTER 04

JANUARY 2026 - MARCH 2026

*Standing together and working toward a common goal.  
Mino Ayaawin for the Anishinaabeg.*



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## COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING: HIGHLIGHTS



On February 10, 2026, a Community Health Nurse hosted a **Heart Health Day Lunch and Learn in Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation**, educating participants on risk factors and guiding them through a screening tool to better understand and manage their heart health.



Attending the **Public Health Conference in Montreal** from March 11-13, 2026 provided a valuable opportunity for Community Health Nurses to enhance their knowledge and skills. The conference **highlighted current trends in health promotion, disease prevention and community based interventions.**

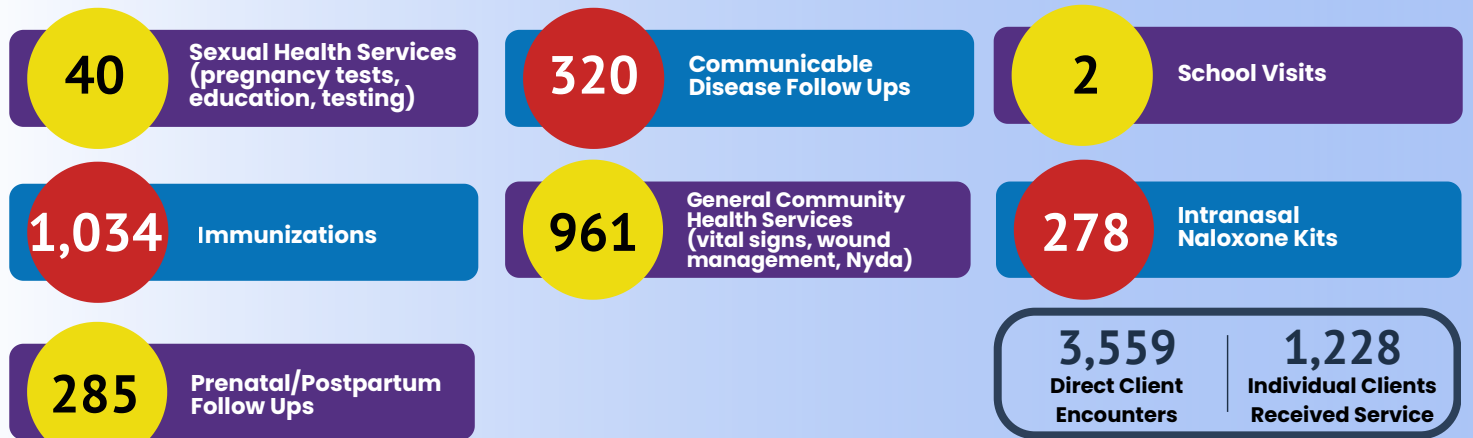


Participating in **strategic planning sessions with Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation** provided a meaningful opportunity to collaborate on strengthening community health initiatives, relationship building and supporting sustainable, effective health strategies.



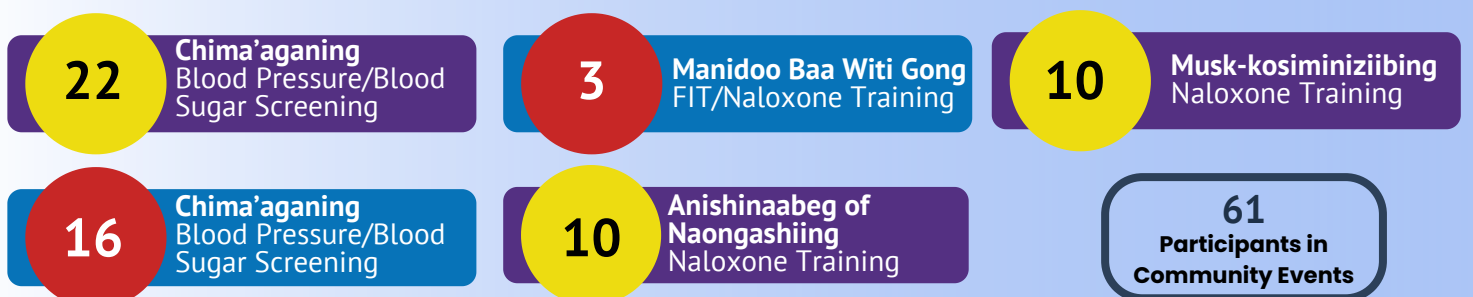
One of our Community Health Nurses recently **led a Moon Time training to approximately 15 young women.** The session focused on sharing traditional teachings about menstrual health, encouraging open conversation, restoring knowledge and reconnecting with cultural practices.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS



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## COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING: COMMUNITY EVENTS





## ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH: HIGHLIGHTS



The Environmental Health Team attended an **Environmental Gathering on February 10–11**, where they collaborated with professionals and community members to share knowledge, address challenges, strengthen partnerships, and gain insights to support healthier communities.



Our Environmental Public Health Officer **delivered 2025 Annual Water Quality reports to all 10 Anishinaabeg communities**, summarizing trends, identifying concerns, and supporting informed decisions, transparency, and actions to maintain or improve drinking water safety.



During this period, we **provided 92 community consultations** about various environmental public health issues and **made 60 visits to communities**.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

**60** Inspections: (premises, housing & septic installations)

**412** Bacteriological Analysis Samples

**386** Food, Health, & Important Consumer Recall Notices/Warnings

**10** Boil Water Advisories Issued

**258** Quarterly Chemistry Water Samples

**10** Boil Water Advisories Lifted

**44** Investigation of animal bite exposure to ensure no risk of rabies transmission

**109** Additional Water Samples Obtained

**200** Comprehensive Annual Sampling

**372** Community Consultations

**40** Lead in Drinking Water Samples

**1,901**  
Direct Client Encounters

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH: GROUP ACTIVITIES

### New Standpipe Project Meeting

Jan 28 – 20 Participants  
Mar 4 – 12 Participants

### Project Meeting

Feb 10 – 16 Participants  
Mar 16 – 15 Participants



### New Water Treatment Plant Progress Meeting

Jan 28 – 20 Participants  
Feb 4 – 15 Participants  
Mar 3 – 12 Participants

### Water Treatment Plant Construction Update Mtng

Jan 28 – 16 Participants  
Feb 4 – 16 Participants  
Feb 3 – 17 Participants



**Grand Council Treaty Three Environmental Gathering**  
Feb 10–11 – 80 Participants



## MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH: HIGHLIGHTS



**Building Our Birthwork Bundle:** We continued to focus on building capacity to support birth work in our Communities. Two recently trained Doulas, a Community Partner, Giishkaandago'lkwe management and our Elder from Ojibways of Onigaming learned more about midwifery and supporting birth work in Communities through **attendance at the Onkwehon:we Indigenous Midwifery Knowledge Sharing Conference hosted by Six Nations Maternal & Child Centre.** The conference was four inspiring days of learning, connection and celebration. Our sessions **bridged traditional wisdom and modern midwifery.** Together we honored ancestral teachings and celebrated resilience, paving the way for Indigenous Midwifery to grow and strengthen Communities for generations to come.



On March 3rd and 4th, 2026, we **hosted the National Council of Indigenous Midwives, "Watch Party"** which is an annual online forum. **This years' theme was "Body Sovereignty: Reclaiming Birth, Reclaiming Power"**. During the event, Elder Nancy Jones provided a Traditional Opening and shared a story and photo of her Tiikinagan that has been in her family for generations. Elder Shirley Atwell provided Teachings on Pregnancy, sharing that mother and child are interconnected and the importance of taking care of yourself during this sacred time. **Many topics were presented throughout the two day event including Reclaiming Birth from Evacuation Costs, Care and Indigenous Midwifery, Cowichan tribes Midwifery Education, Inuulitsivik Midwifery Program, Hide Tanning & Healing Through Land Based Practice, and a overview of the Native Sexual Youth Networks "You Are Made of Medicine" Two Spirit Peer Manual.** The event was attended by 23 people including Elders, Doula's, IHBHC Workers, Health Directors and staff from Giishkaandago'lkwe Health Services IMP, COHI, Community Health and Child's First programs.





## INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY: HIGHLIGHTS

\*Anishinaabe Elder Midwife supports were very limited in Q4.



Staff were invited to join the Indigenous Midwifery Program for a meaningful day of teachings and hands on creation as we learned to sew infant moccasins which will be gifted to new babies whose families access the program. 12 participants attended the event at the Maker Space at Seven Generations Educational Institute in Fort Frances on Tuesday, March 31st.

## INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

267 Phone/Text/Email

15 Home Visits

5 Hospital Visits

5 Births

8 Clinic/Office Visits

24 Women's Wellness  
Community Clinic Visits

3 Website Inquiries

327  
Direct Client  
Encounters

35  
Individual Clients  
Received Service

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## INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY: COMMUNITY EVENTS

12

12 Participants  
Infant Moccasin Making/Teachings  
Seven Generations Educational Institute



# MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH



## CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: HIGHLIGHTS



This fiscal year, the **Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI) team achieved record-breaking success, highlighted by a total of 317 dental screenings**—an increase of 54 over the previous year. Preventative interventions saw a significant uptick, with 508 fluoride varnish applications (up 56) and 14 additional dental sealants placed. Notably, **the team reported a decrease of 84 temporary fillings alongside 38 additional Silver Diamine Fluoride applications**; this shift **may indicate that decay is being detected at earlier stages** and suggests an overall improvement in decay rates among enrolled children. These outcomes are attributed to the tireless efforts of community COHI Aides, the strengthening of referral pathways with Community Health Nurses, and enhanced collaboration with the Child's First Initiative team.



In collaboration with local dentist Dr. McQuarrie, the COHI team **presented "The Tongue and Its Impact on Orofacial Development and Systemic Health" to medical providers at the Riverside Health Care Facilities Grand Rounds**. This presentation was designed to bring increased awareness to the critical links between oral rest posture, structural development, and overall systemic wellbeing.



The COHI team **launched a daily tooth-brushing pilot project at the Couchiching Child Care Centre**, with plans to expand the initiative to additional sites in the next fiscal year.

## CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

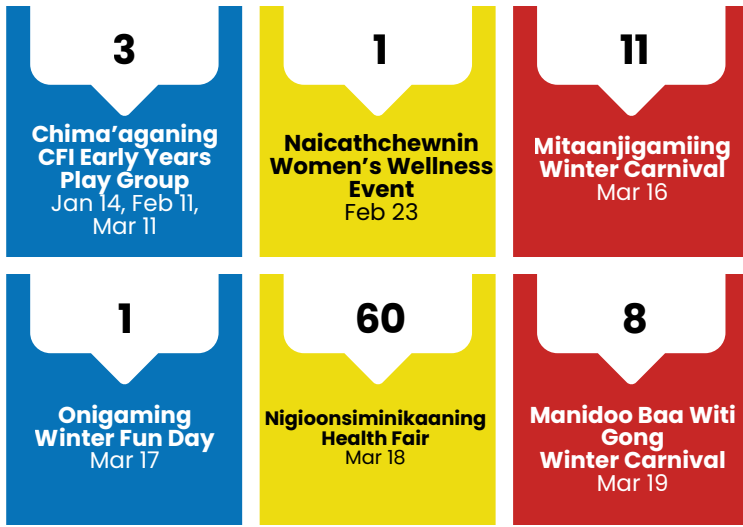


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# MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH



## CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: GROUP ACTIVITIES



**84**  
Participants in  
Community Events



## CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY EVENTS

**11** **Nigigoonsiminikaaning**  
COHI-CFI PA Day Playdate

## CANADA PRENATAL NUTRITION PROGRAM: HIGHLIGHTS

The Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP) **aims to improve the health of pregnant women, new mothers and their babies.** Through the CPNP, **milk coupons and nutrition vouchers are provided to eligible individuals** (those who are pregnant or who have children under two years old). Giishkaandago'lkwe Health Services Community Health Nurses administer the program in Musk-koziminiziibiing, Chima'aganing, Mitaanjigamiing, Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming, Manidoo Baa Witi Gong, and Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing.

Couchiching, Naicatchewenin, and Nigigoonsiminikaaning directly administer the CPNP.

We continue to focus on the provision of Nutrition Vouchers and Milk Coupons to support developmental and nutritional outcomes for pregnant women and children under the age of two years old.

**8,358** **Milk Coupons Distributed**

**2,196** **Nutrition Vouchers Distributed**

**135**  
Individual Clients  
Received Services



## CHILD'S FIRST INITIATIVE: HIGHLIGHTS



During this quarter, the team **supported children and families with school support, navigation in identifying needs, plans for service and intervention.** Case Management **supported developed IEP plans, assessments and important focused markers for school success** while continuing ongoing individualized client meetings at schools, plans for service with children and families and collaboration with Community Education departments, Community Care Prevention teams and health professionals.



**Early Years Playgroups** were offered in Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Chima'aganing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Musk-kosiminiziibiing, Mitaanjigamiing, Onigaming, Manidoo Baa Witi Gong and Naicatchewenin First Nations. These groups are open to families currently supported by the Child's First Initiative team and **focus on play based learning, companionship, and a support network for parents engaged in the group.** The playgroups offered **provided opportunities for the Child's First Initiative team to identify future needs to support children and families that would otherwise not be available.** These groups have been very successful and have strengthened relationships within the communities both with children and families as well as community partners.



The CFI team hosted a **Kids in the Kitchen session in Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation as well as a girls Wellness group, "Stirring up Strength" in Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing.** The Kids in the Kitchen session is open to children ages 6 and up where together they **learn about healthy foods and cook a meal to take home in a fun and supportive environment.** The Stirring up Strength group **focused on youth age 12 and up and promoted mental wellness through strength based activities followed by preparation of a meal.** The Dietitian lead these cooking activities, and was joined an interdisciplinary team of Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Case Managers, and Children Mental Health Therapists to support the activities and offer any support for the youth/children if needed. The CFI team **hosted a skating day in Gakjiwanong Anishinaabe Nation.** This event promoted connection and fun while enjoying healthy outdoor activity.



Throughout the March break The CFI team engaged in supporting three community specific activities. The team **attended Manidoo Baa Witi Gong Winter Carnival** for a day of games, food and activities with a carnival atmosphere that had prizes and family engaging activities. The team also **attended Onigaming First Nation for a Winter Fun Day** where competitive games and activities were held in the community gym. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation's March Break event had a fun bouncy castle and lip sync competition followed by a pizza lunch.



## CHILD'S FIRST INITIATIVE: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

**382** Speech Language Pathologists

**1,369** Occupational Therapists

**1,200** Communication Assistants

**818** Occupational & Physical Therapy Assistants

**1,028** Children's Mental Health Therapists

**399** Dietitian

**526** Physiotherapists

**4,443** Case Manager/  
Family Navigators

**650** Infant Child Development (ICD)/Family Navigator

**10** Cultural Support Worker

**485** Behaviour Consultant

**7,814**

Direct Client Encounters

**370**

Individual Children Received Service

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## CHILD'S FIRST INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY EVENTS

**3**

3 Participants  
Poop Group Presentation  
Naicatchewenin

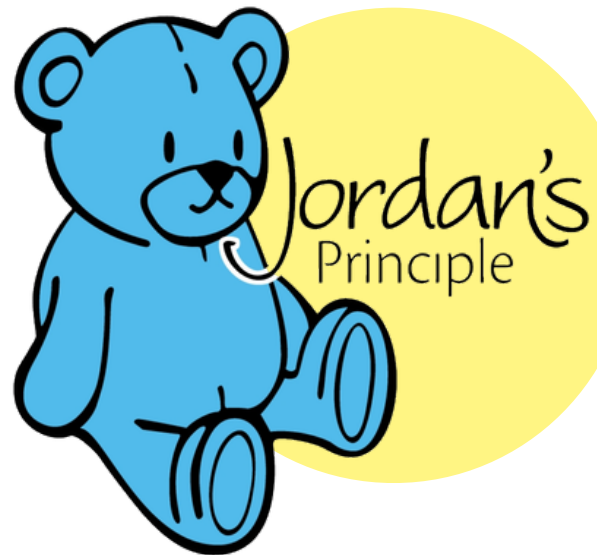




## CHILD'S FIRST INITIATIVE: GROUP ACTIVITIES



**254**  
Participants in  
Group Activities



# HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE



## HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE: HIGHLIGHTS

**Participated in wound care and offloading education sessions** to support improved client outcomes and prevention strategies

**Transitioned from Swift 1 to Swift 2 technology, enhancing wound care management** through AI-supported measurements, improved accuracy in surface area and depth capture, and better identification of tissue types.

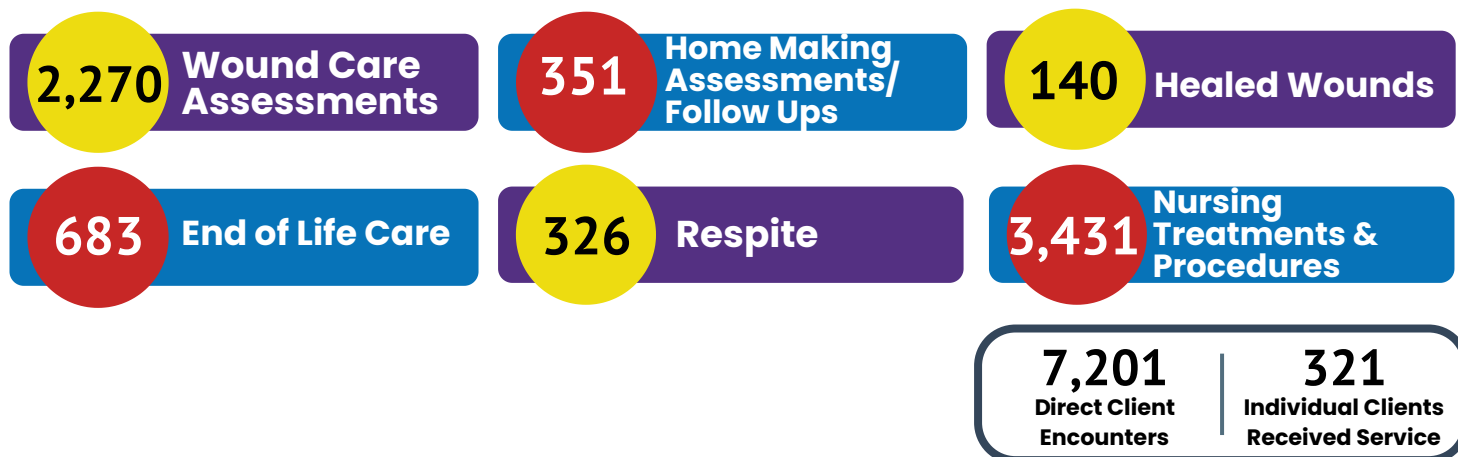
**Participated in the Atikokan Senior Living Fair,** promoting Home and Community Care services and community engagement.

**Supported community outreach** at the Nigigoosiminikaaning and Ojibways of Onigaming Health Fairs, increasing awareness of available services.

**Attended MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) in-service education** delivered by the Palliative Care Coach to strengthen staff knowledge and capacity.

**Attended cancer screening education session** with Public Health to promote early detection and preventative care.

## HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS



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## FOOT CARE & DIABETES: HIGHLIGHTS

### FOOT CARE

**Attended the Atikokan Senior Living Activity Fair** on March 10, 2026, in collaboration with HCC, providing foot care education and promoting available services.

**Participated in the Nigigoonsiminikaaning Health Fair**, engaging with community members and sharing information on foot care. Distributed 50 kits, including education resources, visual aids, foot care supplies, diabetes information, and care aids.

**Collaborated with GHAC to support monthly Diabetes Days** in communities, contributing to ongoing education, prevention, and management initiatives.

**Collaborated to deliver a wound care and offloading session** to members of the HCC and the FC/DE team.

### DIABETES

**Attended Nigigoonsiminikaaning Health Fair** and provided diabetes education and resources to community members.

## FOOT CARE & DIABETES: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

### FOOT CARE

**1,953** Foot Care Services

**349** Debridement

**21** Pairs of Shoes Distributed

**2,323**  
Direct Client Encounters

**514**  
Individual Clients Received Service

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### DIABETES

**120** Diabetes Clinics

**240** Food Boxes Delivered

**931** Diabetes Education Assessments

**1,291**  
Direct Client Encounters

**178**  
Individual Clients Received Service

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Members of the Mino Ayaa Ta Win Healing Centre team **contributed experiences, insights and feedback to updates currently being made to the, Honouring Our Strengths: A Renewed Framework to Address Substance Use Issues Among First Nations People in Canada.** This work was done collaboratively through participation in focus groups with other NNADAP funded treatment centers and Thunderbird Partnership Foundation.

The fully revised framework is due to be released later in 2026.

## WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES: HIGHLIGHTS AND CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Mental Health First Aid Training

Q4 (Jan 1-Mar 31)

### DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

#### CONTACT TYPES

- Admissions - 119
- Bed Inquiries - 320
- Case Management - 289
- Doctor Assessment - 53
- Telephone Pre Screen - 171
- Sublocade Injection - 10
- Follow Up Bed Offer - 32
- Unavailable Bed - 74
- Correspondance - 16
- Medical assessment - 739
- Medication Management - 1,134
- Wound Care - 11

**2,968**

Direct Client Encounters

**75**

Individuals Received Service

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## RAPID ACCESS ADDICTION MEDICINE: HIGHLIGHTS AND CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Breakfast program x8  
Opioid webinar x2  
Program Presentation to 1 Community

Q4 (Jan 1-Mar 31)

### DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

#### CONTACT TYPES

- Education
- Medication Management
- RAAM Clinic
- RAAM Follow Up
- Specimen Collection
- Sublocade Injections
- Referrals/Linkages

**6,594**

Direct Client Encounters

**266**

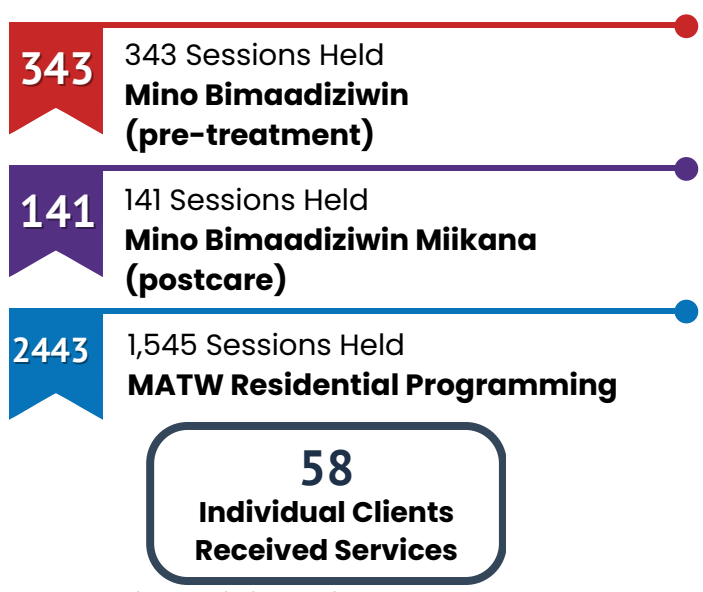
Individuals Received Service

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## BED-BASED TREATMENT: PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

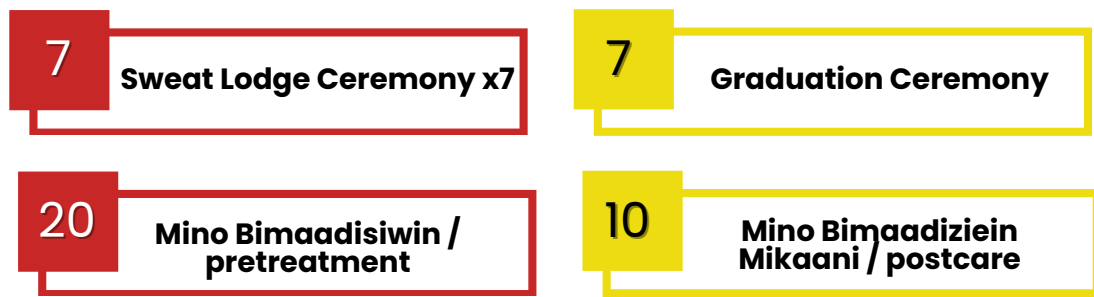
- On January 13th MATW began its **third 56 day cycle for the fiscal year**. We are proud to say that we had a 100% graduation rate for the 7 male participants.
- Clients in this cycle were able to **receive training to be Skaabewiz**. One participant has been able to utilize these teaching to be a fire keeper for both sweat lodges at MATW as well as BHS.
- The Case Manager and Addictions Counsellor, has continued to provide Pre-Treatment Programming through an in-person/virtual hybrid model in the 10 communities of the Southern Treaty #3. In addition to Pre-Treatment, they also delivered the 8 week Aftercare Program.

## BED-BASED TREATMENT: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS



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## BED-BASED TREATMENT: GROUP ACTIVITIES





## MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL CASE MANAGER: HIGHLIGHTS

Our Clinical Case Manager **continues to support most of the community forums and event booths** to display our Mental Health Services programming and to meet with several community members and external resources. This supports collaboration efforts and increases knowledge on both internal and external resources that best support clients accessing our services.

The program has **supported many clients who are in crisis** with referrals and case management when required.

The Case Manager also **supports the Breakfast programs offered at the Shelter of Hope** and frequently connects with clients there as well as in our communities.

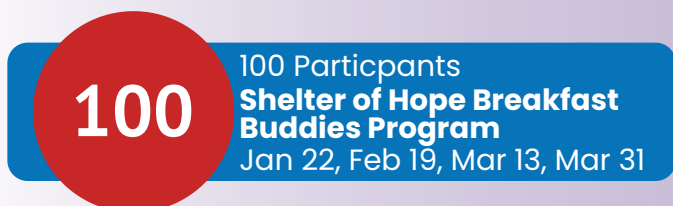
Our Clinical Case Manager **completed training during quarter four** which included DBT virtual training through the DBT Centre of Greater Vancouver and Mental Health First Aid. They also participated in a session with Dr. Haggarty which involved suicide risk prevention and safety planning and they have attended multiple webinars and educational sessions such as; Maid and Mental Health Disorders in Canada, Indigenous Mental Wellness, Mental Health and Nutrition, and Northwest Grief Bereavement Community of Practice.

## MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL CASE MANAGER: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS



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## MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL CASE MANAGER: GROUP ACTIVITIES



# MENTAL HEALTH



## MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLORS & MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST: HIGHLIGHTS

The Mental Health Services team has **participated in psychiatric service educational sessions** during quarter four.

The Kenora Rainy River District Health Partners Network provided a **virtual education session on Medical Assistance In Dying for those with Mental Health Disorders in Canada**. Our Mental Health Services team participated in the session which initiated a great deal of discussion around the potential legalization of M.A.I.D. for those with mental health disorders. Sessions like these increase knowledge and awareness of resources and legislation.

Dr. Jack Haggarty also visited the team for **consultation and education for a deeper look into on how A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) is impacting our clinical work and psychiatry services**.

The Mental Health Services team also **collaborated with the Social Emergencies team for community crisis support 13 times throughout the quarter** as well as support with the Mental Health Direct Line a total of 15 days.

## MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLORS & MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS



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## MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLORS & MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST: GROUP ACTIVITIES

**8** 8 Participants  
**Dr. Marlborough Session on MAID & Mental Disorders**  
Jan 9

## MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLORS & MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST: COMMUNITY EVENTS

**9** 9 Participants  
**Dr. Haggarty Psychiatric Education & Consultation**  
Feb 23



## CULTURAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT: HIGHLIGHTS



Our Cultural Community Support program provided a total of **30 sweatlodge ceremonies during quarter four and supported several community and agency based drumming events.** With a total of 797 people in attendance at our sweatlodge ceremonies in this quarter alone; the program continues to be a very consistent and reliable option for those seeking traditional healing through ceremony and support from elders and traditional knowledge keepers.

## CULTURAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

**260** Face to Face

**66** Phone

**50** Crisis Reponse

**376**  
Direct Client  
Encounters

**50**  
Individual Clients  
Received Service

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## CULTURAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT: GROUP ACTIVITIES

**225** **GCT#3 Drug Task Force Meeting**  
Winnipeg, MB  
March 10-11

**14** **Cultural Meeting Drumming Support**  
March 24

**25** **MATW Grad Support Drumming**  
Mar 3

**15** **Four Sacred Hearts Training & Cultural Support**  
Mar 28-30



**279**  
Participants in Group Activities



## CULTURAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT: COMMUNITY EVENTS

**35** Men's Drumming x4

**215** Sweatlodge Open Ceremony x6

**355** Sweatlodge Special Request Ceremony x13

**227** IRS Sweatlodges x 5  
Community Sweats x6

**7** Shkaabewiz Support with MATW

**30** Pipe Ceremonies

**869**

Participants in Community Events



# SOCIAL EMERGENCIES



## MENTAL WELLNESS WORKERS: HIGHLIGHTS



**Workforce Lunch & Learn Sessions:** Couchiching First Nation Prevention Team has been participating in a series of “Lunch and Learn” sessions for Protection and Prevention Staff. The goal is to provide short educational sessions for front line workers regarding self care, team building, social issues, and healthy communication.

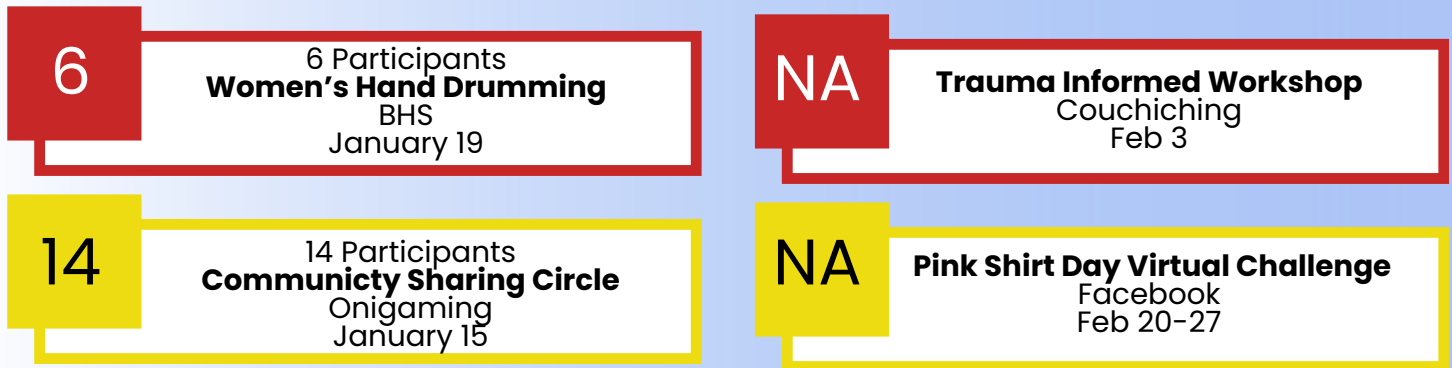
## MENTAL WELLNESS WORKERS: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS



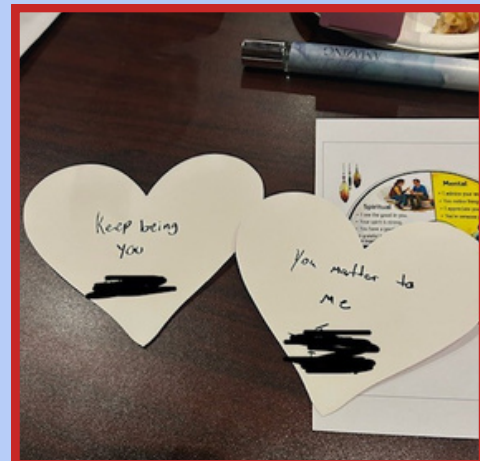
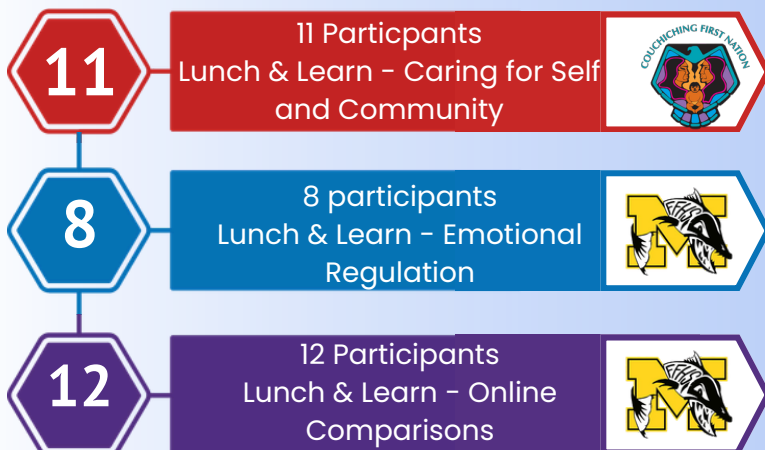
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## MENTAL WELLNESS WORKERS: GROUP ACTIVITIES

### MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES SUPPORT



### COMMUNITY WELLNESS EVENTS





## MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE: HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter, the Mobile Crisis Response Program participated in a number of community engagement activities including:

- Naicatchewenin First Nation Ice Fishing Derby – George Councillor Memorial Ice Fishing Derby
- Tree of Hope Closing Ceremony – Honoring missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit through ceremony



## MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

**434** Face to Face

**4** Community Crisis

**315** Virtual (Phone & Video/Email)

**753**  
Direct Client  
Encounters

**225**  
Individual Clients  
Received Service



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## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR: HIGHLIGHTS



During this quarter, the Training and Development Program **facilitated its first Mental Health First Aid Certification and Essentials courses** with 9 individuals successfully becoming trained. Mental Health First Aid training provides the knowledge, skills, and attitudes for participants to recognize changes in mental health, respond supportively, and apply practical actions for declining mental health and crisis situations.

## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR: COMMUNITY EVENTS

### COMMUNITY TRAINING DELIVERY

8

**First Aid/CPR**  
Nigigoonsiminikaaning

5

**Mental Health First Aid**  
Widookodadawin Office

15

**Trauma Informed Care  
Workshop**  
Couchiching First Nation

8

**Mental Health First Aid**  
Anishinaabeg of  
Naongashing

4

**First Aid/CPR**  
Widookodadawin Office

6

**First Aid/CPR**  
Anishinaabeg of  
Naongashing

9

**Non-Violent Crisis  
Intervention**  
Widookodadawin Office

8

**MATW Mental Health First  
Aid**  
La Place Rendez Vous

### COMMUNITY PROGRAM PLANNING

Onigaming Health Fair

Nigigoonsiminijaaning Health Fair



# SOCIAL EMERGENCIES



## SOCIAL EMERGENCIES COORDINATOR (SEC): HIGHLIGHTS

**Capacity Building:** The Social Emergencies Coordinator leads the co-development of a capacity-building program in partnership with Anishinaabeg Communities, focused on preparing for, responding to, and mitigating health and social emergencies through culturally grounded and community-driven strategies.

The program has experienced a vacancy in employee coverage; however, operational support has been maintained through the Social Emergencies and Mental Health Program. **The program now has a full time worker.**

## SEC: COMMUNITY EVENTS

### COMMUNITY SOCIAL EMERGENCY PREVENTION: BREAKFAST BUDDIES OUTREACH



6 Days - 89 participants

### COMMUNITY SOCIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE: COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE



4 Days



2 Days



4 days



2 Days

### FOOD SUPPORT (SEARCH EFFORT)



1 day

### COMMUNITY SOCIAL EMERGENCY RECOVERY: COMMUNITY CRISIS FOLLOW-UP (INDIVIDUAL)



x13



x24

### COMMUNITY DEBRIEF EVENT



x2

### PROGRAM AWARENESS:

- Inter-Agency Networking Meeting x 2 - Fort Frances
- Provided AED - Nigigoonsiminikaaning
- Networking - Naicatchewenin
- Request for Information - Treaty #3 Police
- Request for presentation - Treaty #3 Police
- Air health Webinar - Online

# SOCIAL EMERGENCIES



## LAND BASED COUNSELLORS: HIGHLIGHTS



**IRS sweat/sharing circle support/helper/facilitator:** This quarter the Land Based Program supported residential school survivors with sharing circles, smudging/fanning and sweats as part of the healing process of telling their personal stories. They offered positive messages for future generations that cultural connection, retaining the language and our stories are important and that we need to continue for all walks of life. Honoured to be a part of that process with the Mental Health Program and Services.



**Evening Beading Circle:** This quarter the Land Based Program has created space for individuals to learn different beading styles and projects such as beaded earrings, medallions, Christmas earrings and beaded regalia cuffs. This enhances their spiritual grounding and overall wellbeing by reconnecting to their roots through crafting.



**Various Cultural Teachings:** Ice Safety & Winter/Ice offerings, Winter Story Telling/Teachings, Youth Cultural Teachings – rites of passage, birthing story, strawberry teachings, feasting, naming ceremonies.



**Ice Fishing:** Through ice fishing we learn to take some time with our family and friends and it brings communities together. We learn a basic life skill. Ice fishing is a unique way to make a connections with your own mental wellbeing in a positive way. Ice fishing provides food security, community connections and mental health grounding.



**Trapping:** Our people hunt to connect with the natural world, escape modern life and continue traditions passed down through generations. This is great opportunity for new trappers to learn a very important basic life skill on the lands and survival skills. It also teaches respect for our lands and our four legged friends.

## LAND BASED COUNSELLORS: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

70

Face to Face

89

Crisis  
Response

48

Community  
Outreach

207

Direct Client  
Encounters



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# SOCIAL EMERGENCIES



## LAND BASED COUNSELLORS: GROUP ACTIVITIES

12

12 Participants  
**Out on the Land**

36

36 Participants  
**Residential Treatment  
Programming Land  
Based Support x4**

92

92 Participants  
**Outreach School  
Wellness x4**

30

30 Participant  
**Residential Treatment  
Sweatlodge Ceremony x3**

37

31 Participants  
**Evening Beading  
Circle x6**

8

8 Participants  
**Residential Treatment  
Programming Land  
Based Support**

17

17 Participants  
**Winter Storytelling &  
Teachings x2**

10

10Participants  
**Closed Family Sweat**

8

8 Participants  
**Naming Ceremony**

54

54 Participants  
**Community  
Crisis/Cultural Support x3**

43

43 Participants  
**Women's Hand  
Drumming x6**

152

152 Participants  
**Open Sweat - Cultural  
Support x7**

56

56 Participants  
**Fort Frances Lunch &  
Learn x4**

96

69 Participants  
**IRS Sweat/Sharing  
Circle Support x5**

651  
Participants in  
Group Activities

# SOCIAL EMERGENCIES



## LAND BASED COUNSELLORS: COMMUNITY EVENTS

**16** **16 Participants**  
**Full Moon Ceremony & Sweatlodge x2**  
BHS

**50** **50 Participants**  
**Edlers Visit & Storytelling**  
Metis Hall

**16** **16 Participants**  
**Women's Sweatlodge**  
BHS

**8** **8 Participants**  
**Ice Safety**  
BHS

**4** **4 Participants**  
**Rattle Making**  
Chima'aganing First Nation

**47** **47 Participants**  
**Mental Health Support**  
Mikinaak Onigaming School

**18** **18 Participants**  
**Traditional Grief x2**  
Musk-kosiminiziibing First Nation

**361** **361 Participants**  
**Ice Fishing x 5**  
Multiple Locations

**16** **16 Participants**  
**Fasting Teachings**  
BHS

**24** **24 Participants**  
**Bear Fat Rendering x2**  
Anishinaabeg of Naongashing

**77** **77 Participants**  
**Cedar Bath Ceremony x9**  
Multiple Locations

**12** **12 Participants**  
**Trapping**  
Naicatchewenin First Nation

**8** **8 Participants**  
**Youth Cultural Teachings**  
BHS

**25** **25 Participants**  
**Sharing Circle x3**  
Naicatchewenin First Nation

**15** **15 Participants**  
**Youth Sweatlodge**  
BHS

**697**  
**Participants in**  
**Community Events**



## MEMENGWAAWAG ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING: HIGHLIGHTS



**Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition:** The Memengwaawag Wellness Program has been organizing and facilitating an Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition within the Rainy River District. To date, **our community partners have expressed a high interest in working on the coalition.** The Memengwaawag Wellness Workers have been re-establishing this coalition, working towards coordinating the development and implementation of a unified response protocol and system navigation plan for individuals who have experienced human trafficking, including children and youth.



**Anti-Human Trafficking Education:** The Memengwaawag Wellness Workers have also begun providing Anti-Human Trafficking Education/Presentations within the First Nation Communities that we support.

## MEMENGWAAWAG ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING: CLIENT ENCOUNTERS

64

Face to Face

8

Community Outreach

78

Virtual (Phone/Video)

813

Emergency Response/Supports



963

Direct Client Encounters

81

Individual Clients Received Service

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## MEMENGWAAWAG ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GROUP ACTIVITIES

9

9 Participants  
**FFHS Lunch & Learn**  
January 28th

11

11 Participants  
**Youth Night**  
January 21st

## MEMENGWAAWAG ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING: COMMUNITY EVENTS

12

12 Participants  
**Anti-Human Trafficking  
Information Session**  
Couchiching First Nation

40

7 Participants  
**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
Treaty 3 Police Detachment

14

14 Participants  
**MMIWG2S+ Ribbon Skirt  
Workshop**  
Couchiching First Nation


7

7 Participants  
**International Women's  
Day Lunch & Conversation**  
BHS





## LOCATIONS & HOURS

 (807) 274-2042

### Administration

1458 Idylwild Drive  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:00am–4:00pm  
Fri. 8:00am–3:30pm

### Child's First Initiative

780 Kings Hwy  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:00am–4:00pm  
Fri. 8:00am–3:30pm

### Behavioural Health Services

601 Kings Highway  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:30am–4:30pm  
Fri. 8:30am–4:00pm

### Human Resources

540 Kings Hwy (Unit B)  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:00am–4:00pm  
Friday 8:00am–3:30pm

### Maternal Child Health

375 Scott Street  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:00am–4:00pm  
Fri. 8:00am–3:30pm

### Mino Aya Ta Win Healing Centre

Fire#1107 Highway 11  
Mishkiki Miikaan Road  
Mon. to Fri. 8:00am–4:00pm

### Home & Community Care

300 Sinclair St  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:00am–4:00pm  
Fri. 8:00am–3:30pm

### Children's Oral Health Initiative

375 Scott Street  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:00am–4:00pm  
Friday 8:00am–3:30pm

### Diabetes & Foot Care

540 Kings Hwy (Unit D)  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:00am–4:00pm  
Friday 8:00am–3:30pm

### Public Health

540 Kings Hwy (Units E & F)  
Mon. to Thurs. 8:00am–4:00pm  
Friday 8:00am–3:30pm



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To request a copy of the QSR by mail or e-mail, please call (807) 274-2042, press 0.



## REFERRALS OR INQUIRE

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

### Mino Aya Ta Win Healing Centre

Telephone: (807) 274-7373

### Mental Health & Cultural and Community Supports

Telephone: (807) 274-2042



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