

# SAGKEENG CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES INC. FALL NEWSLETTER 2017

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## THE NEW LOGO & CONTEST WINNERS

There were many great submissions for the agency logo contest which was held last year, October 14 to November 21, 2016. All entries were displayed at the agencies annual general meeting that took place on November 23, 2016.

1<sup>st</sup> place Nicholas Harper received \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Chloe Courchene received \$200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner Zach Courchene received \$100.

Within Nicholas' submission he also described his design. The two eagles, one being a guardian and one it's young. For Nicholas this represents the care provider and the child. The eagle in Aboriginal teachings indicates love and by making the eagles, Nicholas' motive was to show caring and love that caregivers provide. He chose the color red for it is warm and calming, which also represents love. Nicholas informed he added a tipi to represent a home and with each pole of the tipi is a significant teaching. Lastly, there are two circles around the entire design. For Nicholas, this represents the sun, the moon and the earth that creates balance and simplicity.

As of January 30, 2017 Sagkeeng Child and Family Service has implemented Nicholas' logo design as our official logo. SCFS would like to thank everyone who submitted a design.



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES A CELEBRATION WAS HELD ON FRIDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

### 2017 Graduation Celebration

Sagkeeng Child & Family Services is proud to announce there were 13 students who graduated with their Grade 12 diplomas for the 2016-2017 school year.

A day to celebrate these students and all their accomplishments took place on June 30, 2017. We congratulate all of those students for their determination, hard work and achievements.



Also congratulations to our very own Direct Service Worker Meghan Reid and Foster Care Worker Michelle Thomson. Both officially graduated from The University of Manitoba and received their Bachelor of Social Work Degrees.



**Sagkeeng Child and Family Services and its entire staff would like to wish all the 2016-2017 graduates congratulations and wish for continued success on their life long journeys!**

## FOSTER CARE INFORMATION

Southern First Nations Network of Care offers training & workshops for all Southern Network agency staff, support staff and foster parents. Currently SFNNC has the following trainings available to foster parents.

- Making Sense of Trauma- November 17, 2017
- ASIST Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training- Dates TBA
- NVC Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Skills Training- October 31, 2017.

Please contact your agency foster care worker if you are interested in attending any of these trainings or others that are offered throughout the year.

Manitoba Foster Family Network (MFFN) is another resource, which is available to all foster parents. Currently MFFN has the following trainings available.

- Foster Parent basic's training (9 modules)
- Advance Kinship and Foster Parent Training
- Parent Wisdom Project forum.

Sagkeeng Child and Family Services Foster Parent Orientation will also be held on Tuesday October 24 & Wednesday October 25, 2017.

Speak with your foster care worker for more information in regards to the locations and scheduled times.

### HOW TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT WITH SAGKEENG CFS

Do you believe you have the commitment to provide a safe, nurturing and loving home to children outside your family circle? If so, please contact the agency and a Foster Care Worker will be happy to provide you with the answer to any questions you might have.

An intake to fostering usually consists of a series of questions that relate to your family dynamics, employment, fostering experience and/or related experiences, space(s) available for children and other present circumstances.

All applicants will need to provide a current Criminal Record Check and a Child Abuse Registry Check to the Foster Care Department before applicants can further be assessed.

You can contact any of our foster care staff at (204)367-2215 or (204)949-1649.

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2017  
FOSTER CARE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

# PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAMS & EVENTS

The Prevention Service Team (Formerly Family Enhancement) is pleased to announce our Elders Committee. The Elders will be assisting the families, children and community through numerous ways such as family counseling, one to one counseling, mediation, Sundance teachings, sweat lodge ceremonies, naming ceremonies, shake tent ceremonies, drum ceremonies, and talking circles.

We are honored to be working with the following Sagkeeng Elders:

- John Kent
- Noella & Maurice Laforte
- Paul Daniels
- Patrick Bruyere
- Gladys Redsky & Robert Prince
- Paul Guimond
- Norman Guimond
- Gloria Guimond

We are also pleased to announce the completion of our new Elder's room next to the Prevention Service building in Sagkeeng. The Elder's room will be open for all the services provided by the Elder's.

## ELDERS ROOM



## KARAOKE NIGHT

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Sagkeeng CFS and the Prevention Service Team provided a community Karaoke contest.

Approximately 60 community members came out for a BBQ feast and some fun singing karaoke. The judges were Sagkeeng members, MLA Nahanni Fontaine, Councilor Marilyn Courchene, and Elder Gloria Guimond who handed out \$500 to our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Dara Houle, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Aaron Fontaine who won \$300 and lastly, four community children were handed \$25 each for their amazing voices. The event was a success as the community and staff had an amazing day.

The Prevention Service Team plans on doing another community karaoke event this fall! Please come and join our community and show off those beautiful voices!

## PREVENTION SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Prevention Services Team has been busy working on programs to support and empower our families as well as the community. Services provided in Winnipeg were assisted by Tonya Field and included the following workshops:

- Paint Night – This workshop kicked off our Spring Programs. Angeline Dorge, our host for the night, demonstrated basic painting skills to a group of 7 participants. We all had a wonderful night and we all were impressed with our art skills!
- Traditional Parenting – Sagkeeng Elder’s Noella and Maurice Laforte presented the participants a wonderful teaching on the importance of parenting using the traditional ways of knowing. We are so grateful for having them come to speak with our clients. Miigwech, Noella and Maurice!
- Couponing – How many of you have watched the show on TLC, Extreme Couponing and wondered how to learn the skills of couponing? Well, we have our own Terri-Lee Bousquet, a Direct Service Worker who taught us the simple skills to couponing such as; where to find coupons, how to organize our coupons, how to use coupons effectively and where to shop with our coupons. Terri-Lee presented each of the participants with treats that she received free or nearly free from her amazing couponing skills!



### 2017 Treaty Days Float Winners



## Continuations from Prevention Service Programs

### **Naboob & Bakwezhigan Lunch**

On May 10 to June 28, 2017, the PS Team, Elder Paul Daniels and Lillian Cook prepared lunch with everyone who participated. During the preparation, families and staff learned to say specific Ojibwe words that pertained to the lunch they were preparing for that day. This method of learning Ojibwe language has been passed down for generations in our community. Miigwech to Elder Paul, Lillian, Brenda and Clarice who came to our lunch every Wednesday!

### **Migizi-Akinoo-Amaagewin (Eagle Teaching) Family Camp**

On June 9 to June 11, 2017 the Prevention Services Team and Elders hosted the *Migizi-Akinoo-Amaagewin (Eagle Teaching) Family Camp* at Lone Island Lake, Manitoba. This camp was opened to all Sagkeeng CFS families. This camp was intended to have our families interact and learn to work together but more importantly to have fun as a family. The PS team and Elder provided families with numerous activities to participate in throughout the weekend. The daytime activities included, the construction of a sweat lodge, hiking, picking medicines, canoeing, setting up fish nets, fishing and fish filleting and cook out demonstrations. In the evening, the families were given the opportunity to participate in a sweat lodge or join the Elder's by the fire for traditional storytelling and drum teachings. In addition, Lynette Nickel from Confluence Counseling was also onsite for the entire weekend to share her Adventure Therapy Services to everyone.

### **August Cultural Camp**

This camp took place at Tulabi Falls located in the Nopiming Provincial Park. The camp went from August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and was divided into three (3) sections, beginning with the boys' camp for four (4) days, followed by the girls for four (4) days and ending with families for the last four (4) days.



## FAMILY & CULTURAL CAMP 2017



## Upcoming Prevention Services Programs & Events

This fall the Prevention Services will be hosting workshops for 6 weeks starting September 26 to November 1, 2017.

Here is a list of workshops:

- Sept 26/17 Paint Night with Angeline Dorge
- Oct 3/17 Trauma & Healing with Nahanni Fontaine
- Oct 10/17 Diabetes & Nutrition with Jessica Blackman
- Oct 17/17 Bringing our Children Home with Cora Morgan
- Oct 24/17 Couponing with Terri-Lee Bousquet
- Sept 28 to Nov 2/17 Traditional Parenting Program

Please contact Tonya Field or Isaac Mandamin for further details or to register for these workshops.

## SAGKEENG COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS

### SAGKEENG HEALTH CENTRE

Parenting Support Group Starting Tuesday's 12pm-3pm

Food Handlers September 27, 2017

Boys & Girls Youth Group October 2, 2017 6pm to 8pm

Woman's Group starting Wednesday's 11am-2pm

Please call Sagkeeng Health Centre for more information  
204-367-9990

### SCFS OFFICE CLOSURES According to ANCR Coverage

Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Aboriginal Veterans Day

Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Remembrance Day (in lieu)

Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Christmas Day

Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Boxing Day

### Identification Clinic

October 3 10-3pm SETS Classroom

Community Feast & Customary Care

Gathering October 5 10am-2pm

SMPFTC

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Activity Weekend

October 13 to October 15

Event pamphlets will be available at local  
businesses

## AGENCY JOB POSTINGS

Under a new Management Team, Sagkeeng Child and Family Services Inc. is a First Nations CFS Agency who strives to recruit inspired, accountable, and driven individuals to join our diverse talented team of professionals. If you are an individual who is looking to commit and be a part of our progressive environment, we want you to be a part of our team!

All available job position details and closing dates can be found on our web site at: [sagkeengcfs.org](http://sagkeengcfs.org)

All resumes can be sent to the following email address: [employment@sagkeengcfs.org](mailto:employment@sagkeengcfs.org)

We thank all applicants for their submission, but only those selected will be contacted.

## ON-GOING POSTINGS

### AGENCY TRANSPORT DRIVERS SERVICES

A **Transport Driver** is someone who can transport a child(ren) in care to and from appointments and family visits. The Transport Driver is responsible to supervise a child(ren) at all times and during visits.

All Transport Drivers are expected to have good writing skills, as they will need to write case recordings of all transports and family visits they supervise.

A Transport Driver will need to be available on an on-call basis.

### AGENCY SUPPORT/RESPITE WORKER SERVICES

A **Support Worker** is an individual, friend or mentor who guides a child/youth by building trust and modeling positive behaviors. An effective mentor understands his or her role to be dependable, engaging, authentic and tuned into the needs of child/youth they work with.

A **Respite Worker** is a person who provides care for children in a Foster home to assist the Foster Parent with short intervals of time off.

All resumes with current Criminal Record and Child Abuse Check can be submitted to  
Michael Gabriel (Human Resources Manager)

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