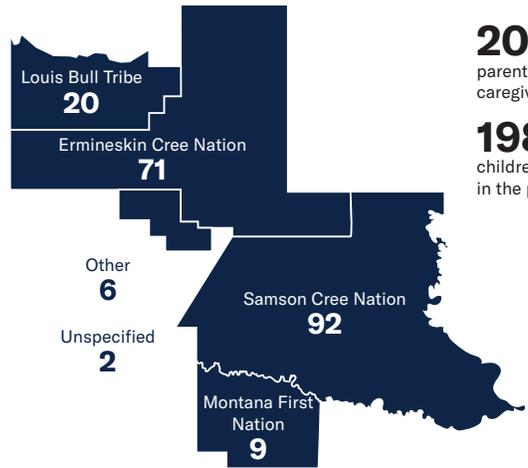




## 2021 was a dynamic year for the Maskwacis Early Years.

Through creative adaptations and passion for the program, staff continued to support families and the community despite COVID-19 challenges. With participation growth and new projects planned for the coming year, the future of the Maskwacis Early Years is looking bright.



**200** parents/caregivers and **198** children in the program

Maskwacis Health Services

### Participant and Community Engagement

“The EY program is helping families to remain happy and healthy and keeping children at home.”

**1,670** connections through phone and text  
**2,129** supply bag deliveries

**2,254** visits

### Healthy Pregnancies and Maternal Well-Being

**92%** of questionnaire respondents reported breastfeeding

“Families are getting included in programs through access [to] transportation otherwise they would not be able to attend.”

**174 rides** for participants to access community services

### Language Development and School Readiness

“We’re both learning together... my son expresses himself more and he’s talking more... he amazes me every day.”

**2,900** books distributed

**47** book titles   **5** book titles in Cree   **3** Cohorts of Get Ready for Preschool

Participants appreciate the opportunity to **reconnect with their culture**

“The sense of culture that they embrace in the program is something that I really like. Because it’s important to me and it’s important for my kid.”

### Pride in Identity and Culture

**42** participants received their Cree names at a community naming ceremony

“[The program] breaks the cycle from the old stuff like addictions... knowing about their childhood and how it’s gonna affect their own kids helps break the cycle.”

### Parenting Capacity and Family Well-Being

**262** referrals by Visitors to other services in the community   **31** support letters for participants to access services

**70** group gatherings in 2021

### Play-Based Learning

Spring Drop-in Programming held

**3 times per week**

“That program is... very beneficial because, again, babies get to meet other babies. Then moms get to meet, and it’s just all on engaging one another and then being involved.”

**57%** of EY children are up to date on immunizations

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