

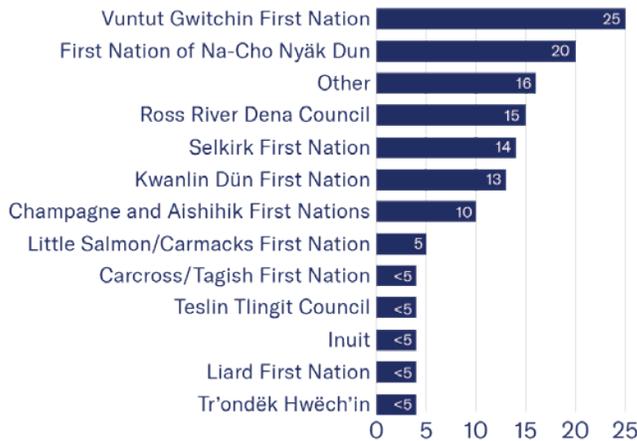


The Yukon Early Years is a collaboration between the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED) and the Martin Family Initiative (MFI). Since launching in Whitehorse and four rural communities in September 2021, the Early Years program, which supports parents/caregivers with their children ages 0 to 5, has grown quickly. The program has been very well received with many families joining within the first few months, and due to high demand, creating a program waitlist.

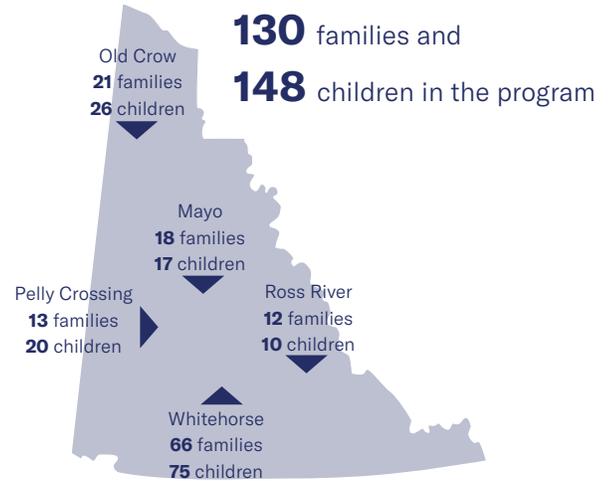


Yukon First Nation  
Education Directorate

SEPT 2021 / APR 2022  
**THE EARLY YEARS**



Affiliated First Nation/Indigenous Identity of Program Participants



## Participant and Community Engagement

For 75% of survey respondents, one of their favorite parts of the program is to communicate and share moments with their Early Years Visitors.

**333** family visits;  
62% at participant's home

**62%**  
of families in Whitehorse self-referred to the program



**350** connections with families in between visits

## Healthy Pregnancies and Maternal Well-Being

A registered nurse is available for consultation with families about breastfeeding, sleep training, baby's first food, and more. She also offers support and guidance to the Early Years Visitors.



Self-care packages distributed to all families throughout the pandemic

## Play-Based Learning

**16** drop in activity sessions at the Early Years building

"I love that my Visitor always comes with new ideas of activities and things to do at home."



## Pride in Identity and Culture

**8** Elders and Knowledge Keepers involved with the program **6** group gatherings and events

"I enjoy the group gatherings and being able to bring my daughter to those. I loved the group with the Elders and learning new ways to bead and make earrings."



"I love the recipes we get every two weeks. It's fun to challenge myself to try new things."

## Parenting Capacity and Family Well-Being

**600** recipe boxes delivered to families

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



## Language Development and School Readiness

**2** professional development days organized for daycare centres

**150** children's books distributed to families

