

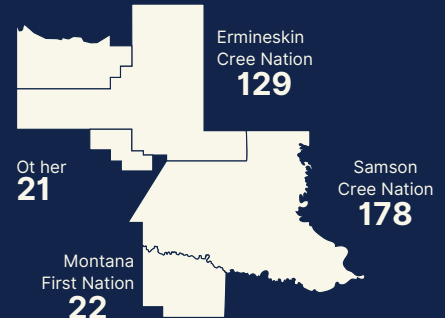
Maskwacis Early Years 2018-2023



Since starting in Ermineskin in 2018, the Early Years program has grown to serving families in all four Nations in Maskwacis and employing 36 staff. The program has positive impacts on children, families and the community and has to date supported

408 families and 447 children.

58



NUMBER OF FAMILIES PER COMMUNITY

PARTICIPANT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

8,660

visits

7,710

connections through phone and text

4

Early Years program spaces

“It is bringing the community together...every mother knows that [she] and her baby are important and that they’re part of a bigger picture.”

HEALTHY PREGNANCIES AND MATERNAL WELLNESS

87%

of questionnaire respondents reported breastfeeding

945

rides for participants to access community services

7,92

supply bag deliveries

“[My Visitor] helped me open more doors, open my eyes and see the bigger picture. And to keep going and not stress out that much about certain things.”

PARENTING CAPACITY AND FAMILY WELL-BEING

885

referrals by Visitors to other services in the community

62

of 2 yr old Early Years participants are up to date with immunizations

0%

“I feel like I’m more aware of the effect of my own trauma and my own emotional connectedness, like how I’m doing as a person can just greatly affect how my children are. So, I’m proud in that sense of how much I’ve grown as a parent, to really be mindful of how I’m parenting.”

PRIDE IN IDENTITY AND CULTURE

Guided by Elders Advisory Committee

Cultural Building completed in 2021

175

Culture Camp attendees

“It’s just nice to have because, I just got my daughter named. And [the program] helped me with the gift and everything. That was really helpful, cause I’m on a very low income...But it was important my daughter gets her name.”

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL READINESS

7,700

children’s books distributed

100

children attended Get Ready for Preschool (GRP)

“[After GRP], I’m feeling way better. I see how [my child’s] confidence went up. I know she’ll be able to deal with [Head Start]. Before, I had no clue.”

PLAY-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

320

group gatherings

Pe metawe bus launched in summer 2022

“I learn stuff every single time. That’s what I really like about [the program] is all of the information, like it really puts a reason behind all of the things we regularly do like letting them make a mess or letting them climb on things. They’re learning their motor skills.”