

PROVINCIAL RESOURCES

Family Information Liaison Unit, Manitoba Justice Victim Services

Phone: 204-945-5456. Winnipeg Region: 204-984-0504.

Website: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/vs/pubs/supportvictims.pdf>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: Receiving information about a missing and murdered loved one is an important part of a family's healing journey. Some families have questions about the investigations into individual cases, and the decisions made by government agencies. At times, families may not know where to turn to get answers, may have trouble accessing information, or may not be satisfied with the answers they have received. FILUs help families in these situations

Overview: Family Information Liaison Units are a "one-stop information service" for all families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Families do not need to have participated in the National Inquiry to contact a FILU for assistance. FILUs work directly with families in a culturally grounded and trauma-informed manner to gather the information they seek from government agencies and address outstanding questions about the loss of their loved ones. FILUs work directly with family members to coordinate information gathering from government agencies and services

Topics covered:

- The criminal justice system (police, prosecutions, corrections)
- Social services
- Child protection
- Health services
- Other Family Information Liaison Units across the country

Founded in 2016

Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres (MAC)

Location: Winnipeg, MB

Email: info@friendshipcentres.ca

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Phone: (204) 942-6299

Website: <https://friendshipcentres.ca/>

Overview: MAC unifies the existing Friendship Centre members into one voice to advance issues between partner organizations, and within all levels of government, for the betterment of the populations they serve.

Topics Covered:

Urban Programming for Indigenous People- The purpose of this program is to help First Nations, Inuit, and Metis make the transition into the urban way of life, through urban centres.

Parent Child Centres- This program is for early Child and Parent resources, and support. Bringing together parents, educators, and other community organizations to support the healthy development of children 6-12 years of age.

Founded in 1971

Non-Insured Health Benefits

Indigenous Services Canada

Phone: 1-800-665-8507 or 204-983-4571

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: To work towards the development of a coordinated and comprehensive approach to mental health and addiction programming. Mental health counselling coverage is offered in a way that:

Overview: The NIHB program's mental health counseling benefit is intended to provide coverage for professional mental health counseling to complement other mental wellness services that may be available to clients or in communities. The provision of this benefit is part of Indigenous Services Canada's commitment

- Recognizes NIHB mental health counselling benefit as a component of a mental wellness continuum that includes other Indigenous Services Canada, community-based and provincial or territorial mental health programming and services
- Supports culturally competent mental health counselling

Topics covered:

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- Mental Health counselling,
- Prescription medication and equipment

Founded in 2019

Other information: This is a government-run service

REGIONAL RESOURCES

Brandon Friendship Centre

Affiliated with Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Email: bfcaccess@mts.net

Phone: (204) 729-8115

Website: <https://www.brandonfriendshipcentre.net>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: Our Mission is to provide programs & services to all people with an initial emphasis on Aboriginal people

Overview:

- To carry on without pecuniary gain, objects of a national, charitable, scientific, social or professional character and the like.
- To partner with service agencies, volunteer organization, private industry and all levels of government in advancing and maintaining the well being of Aboriginal people.
- To provide a medium for the development of Aboriginal leadership in the community.
- To assist the community in promoting a deeper awareness of the culture and heritage of our Aboriginal population.
- To develop programs and support services to meet the needs of Aboriginal people in the community as a whole.

Founded in 2010

Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Website: <http://buapc.ca>

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Not Connected to a Particular First Nation

Overview: City Council may refer to the Aboriginal Council for its consideration and advice, and the Aboriginal Council may on its own initiative consider and advise City Council on any matter relating to issues of concern to Aboriginal people, including:

- Developing and maintaining a positive relationship with individuals, groups, agencies, organizations, orders of government, etc., who are addressing issues of concern to urban Aboriginal people;
- Assisting the efforts of other agencies, organizations, etc., who are addressing issues of concern to Urban Aboriginal people;
- Undertaking research, study or investigation in areas of concern in order to develop advice and make recommendations;
- Soliciting input and receiving advice, recommendations, reports or concerns from individuals or groups addressing issues of concern to Urban Aboriginal people, and recommending appropriate action; and
- Liaising with City of Brandon staff through the Office of the City Manager in support and development of policies, programs and other initiatives that will seek to address issues of concern to Aboriginal people.

Founded in 2010

Dauphin Friendship Centre

Affiliated with Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres

Location: Dauphin, MB

Phone: (204) 638-5707

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/DauphinFriendshipCentre/>

Overview: We are here to provide programs and services to our community and surrounding area based on the needs of our clients. We are always doing something new and exciting so come on down and see what we have to offer

Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Phone: 204-729-3650

Website: <https://www.docfs.org/mandate>

First Nations represented:

- Birdtail Sioux First Nation,

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- Canupawakpa Dakota Nation,
- Dakota Plains,
- Long Plain First Nation,
- Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation,
- Sandy Bay First Nation,
- Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
- Swan Lake First Nation

Mission:

- To protect children from abuse, neglect and exploitation
- To strengthen and unify families by providing services that are compatible to the needs of family and the community in which they reside
- To place children in the Agency's care in a loving environment with extended family, with families in their own community or within other First Nation families

Overview: The goal of DOCFS, both long-term and on a daily basis, is to build up and support families so that children do not have to come into care. This emphasis on family is a cornerstone of DOCFS policy that distinguishes it from many non-First Nation agencies. Our "whole perspective" is that keeping contact with family is really important. That we never give up on family.

Topics covered:

- Child Protection
- Family Enhancement
- Prevention Services
- Minor Parents
- Foster Care
- Adoption/Guardianship
- Post-Adoption/repatriation

Founded in 1981

Ka Ni Kanichihk

Location: Winnipeg, MB

Phone: (204) 953-5820

Email: admin@kanikanichihk.ca

Website: <https://www.kanikanichihk.ca/>

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Overview: Ka Ni Kanichihk (pronounced Ga Ni Ganichick) means “those who lead” in the Ininew (Cree). Ka Ni Kanichihk is a trusted heart of Winnipeg’s Indigenous community. Our vision is to lead our people back home to a place where we are self-determining, healthy, happy, and respected for our cultural and spiritual strengths and ways of being. Ka Ni Kanichihk provides education and job-skills training, support for women and families, and mentorship. We walk with people on their path of recovery from trauma.

Topics covered:

- Medicine Children’s Lodge (Ka Ni Kanichihk Day Care)
- The Butterfly Club
- Heart Medicine Lodge
- Honouring Gifts
- The Mushkowzee Ikew Empowerment Project
- Social Innovation/Community Development (SICD)
- The Manitoba Mino Pimatisiwin Model of STBBI Care
- Kistesimaw “My Eldest Brother”
- Youth Hub
- Manitoba Youth Transitional Employment Assistance and Mentorship (MYTEAM)
- “UMatter” Stop Youth Dating Violence Project
- Restoring the Sacred (RTS)
- Medicine Bear Counselling, Support & Elder Services Program
- Velma’s House: 24/7 Safe Space

Founded in 2001

Manitoba Human Rights Commission

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Email: hrc@gov.mb.ca

Phone: 204-726-6261

Website: <https://manitobahumanrights.ca/v1/about-us/index.html>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: We are responsible for promoting human rights principles and educating the public about the rights and responsibilities in *The Human Rights Code*

Overview: We take complaints of discrimination, investigate them and determine if there is sufficient evidence that *The Code* has been contravened to warrant a public hearing of the complaint. At the adjudication of a complaint, we represent the public's interest in eliminating discrimination and ensuring that employers, landlords and service providers comply with *The Code*.

Prairie Mountain Health

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Phone: 888-379-7699

Website: <https://www.pmh-mb.ca>

Not Connected to a Particular First Nation

Mission: Together, we promote and improve the health of people in our region through the delivery of innovative and client-centered health care.

Overview: Anyone that has not seen a Mental Health Worker in the past 6 months will be asked to call the Intake Worker. All services are voluntary and it is best if clients make their own calls. If someone is unable to call; the person calling on their behalf should have their consent.

- Written referrals are accepted from:
 - Inpatient psychiatric units
 - Physicians
 - Other agencies involved with the adult

The person must be aware of the referral and want to connect with mental health services.

Topics covered:

- Mental health promotion
- Learning about medication and illness
- Brief therapy
- Long term therapy
- Help getting back into the community

Founded in 2013