



Singing Frog AHS Preschool

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Aboriginal Head Start Initiative

In 1995, Aboriginal Head Start Urban and Northern initiative was started as a four year pilot program. With extensive community members it developed an early intervention program that would meet the needs of First Nations, Metis and Inuit children during the preschool years. Today, there are 125 Aboriginal Head Start sites in Canada.

Aboriginal Head Start Components

All AHS site programs are based on a holistic approach to early childhood experiences which emphasize the needs of the child within the family, school and community through the following six components:

- Culture and language
- Education
- Health promotion
- Nutrition
- Social Support Programming
- Parent Involvement

Our Program

These preschool programs are for Aboriginal children ages 3-5 years old and follow the play-based philosophy. We strive to provide curriculum in an Aboriginal context with activities that foster development in social, emotional, physical, spiritual and cognitive skills.

The preschools are provincially licensed facilities with diverse, caring and fully qualified staff.



Parent Involvement

Our preschool programs are designed to include parent involvement. We have an open door policy, which means that at any time you are welcome into the centre. Here are some ways we encourage parents and guardians to be involved in the program:

- Come into the classroom and participate in the day's activities.
- Share family traditions and culture.
- Parent, Elder Advisory Committee involvement.
- Join sub-committees.
- Assist with field trips.
- Assist with program and curriculum development.
- Assist with the development of Aboriginal resources.

For more information about how you can get involved please speak to the Program Coordinator.

Program Goals

- To foster the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical growth of the children.
- To foster a desire for lifelong learning.
- To support parents and extended family as the primary teachers and caregivers of their children.
- To foster a holistic approach to learning and living based on the values of Aboriginal peoples.
- To foster the preservation of Aboriginal culture.

Program Services

PRESCHOOL BUS SERVICES

We provide a bus service to eligible families. Please consult with the Program Coordinator for more information.

NUTRITION

A nutrition program which follows Canada's *Guide to Healthy Eating* and approved by the Community Nutritionist is provided in each class.

