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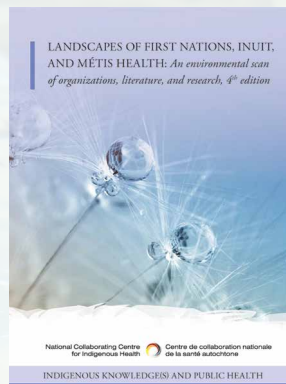
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Landscapes of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis health: An environmental scan of organizations, literature and research, 4th edition is the fourth iteration of a report first produced in 2006, then in 2010, and again in 2012. It aims to map the current landscape of literature and research on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis health and the health priorities of national Indigenous organizations working in public health.

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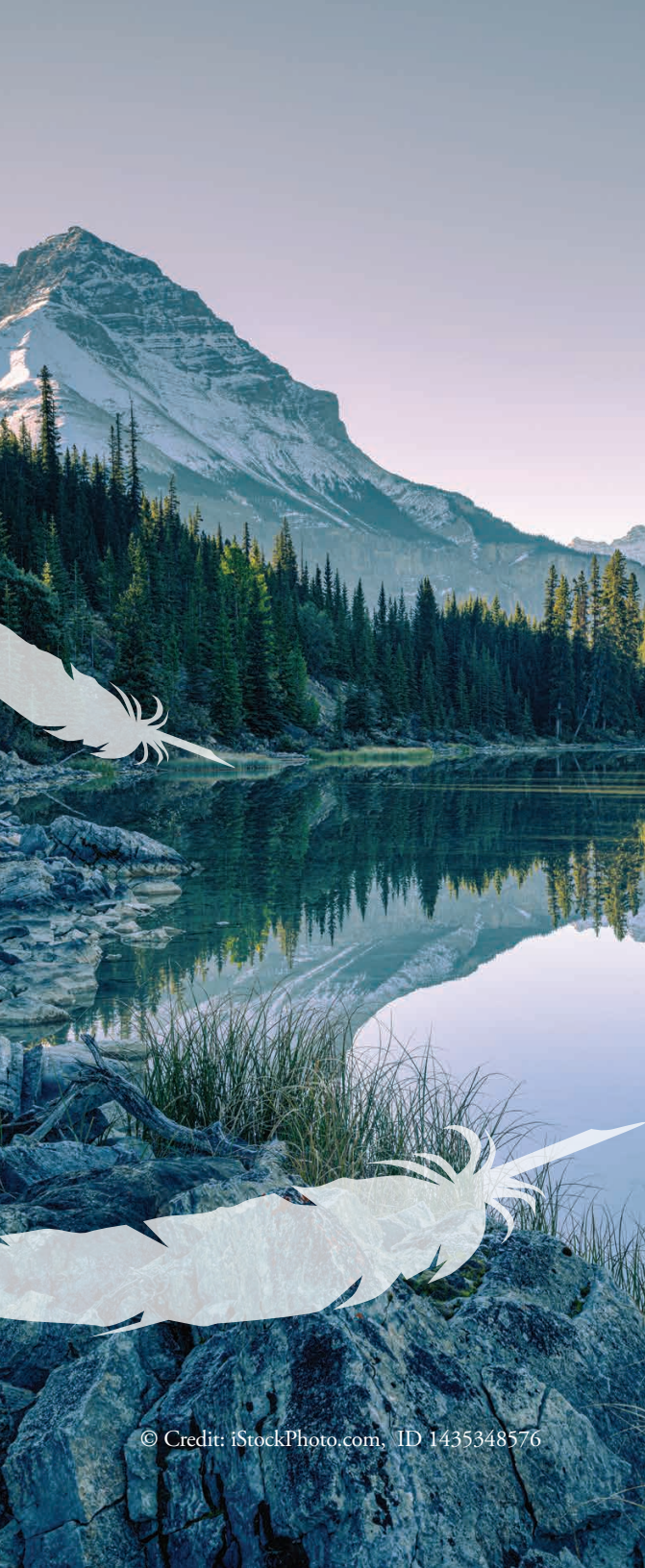


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TABLE 43: NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Assembly of First Nations (AFN)		
Website	afn.ca/community-services/health-wellness	
Contact	55 Metcalfe Street Suite 1600 Ottawa, ON K1P 6L5	Phone: 613-241-6789 Toll Free: 1-866-869-6789 Fax: 613-241-5808
Population	First Nations	
Mandate	The role of the National Chief and the AFN is to advocate on behalf of First Nations as directed by Chiefs-in-Assembly. This includes facilitation and coordination of national and regional discussions and dialogue, advocacy efforts and campaigns, legal and policy analysis, communicating with governments, including facilitating relationship building between First Nations and the Crown as well as public and private sectors and general public. First Nation leaders (Chiefs) from coast to coast to coast direct the work of AFN through resolutions passed at Chiefs Assemblies held at least twice a year. The AFN National Executive is made up of the National Chief, 10 Regional Chiefs and the chairs of the Elders, Women's and Youth councils. Regional Chiefs are elected every three years by Chiefs in their regions. Chiefs, who are elected by the citizens and members of their respective communities, elect the National Chief every three years.	

Assembly of First Nations (AFN) *(continued)*

Objectives	The First Nations Health Transformation Agenda (FNHTA) was developed under the direction of the AFN Chiefs Committee on Health (CCOH) throughout 2016, with input from subject matter experts, the National First Nations Health Technicians Network (NFNHTN), the AFN Task Force on Aging, and the First Nations Health Managers Association. The FNHTA sets out 85 recommendations to federal, provincial and territorial governments. These cover a wide range of policy areas all aimed at stabilizing profoundly underfunded health programs, and increasing self-determination of First Nations health in keeping with inherent, Treaty and international rights. The FNHTA guided AFN's advocacy with the federal/provincial/territorial (FPT) Health Accord table, and continues to guide the work of the AFN on health issues. The FNHTA was used by AFN leadership in securing new investments in First Nations health in Budget 2017 and provides a roadmap for ongoing advocacy towards future investments and policy transformations.
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK)

Website	itk.ca
Contact	1101-75 Albert St Ottawa ON K1P 5E7 Phone: 613-238-8181
Population	Inuit
Vision	Canadian Inuit prospering through unity and self-determination
Mission	Serve as a national voice protecting and advancing the rights and interests of Inuit in Canada

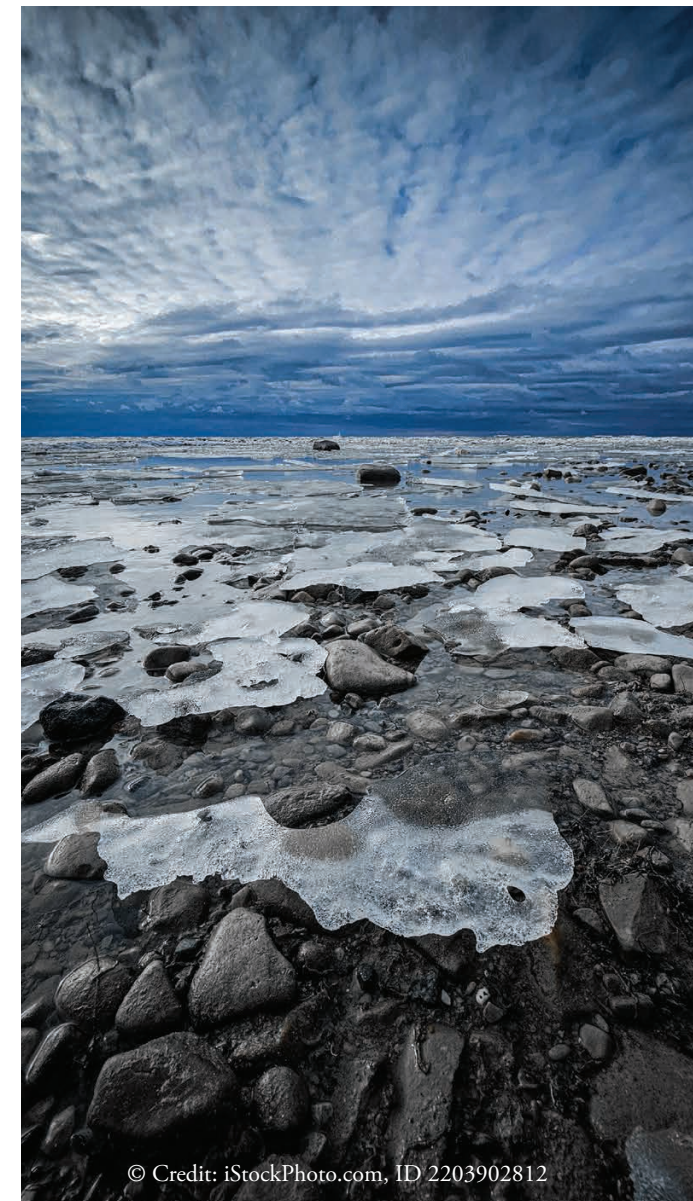
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) *(continued)*

Objective	We Work To Improve The Health And Wellbeing Of Inuit. Our work includes research, advocacy, public outreach and education on the issues affecting our population. We work closely with the four Inuit regions to present unified priorities in Ottawa.
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery

Métis National Council (MNC)

Website	metisnation.ca
Contact	#4 – 340 MacLaren Street Ottawa, ON, K2P 0M6 Phone: 613-232-3216 Toll Free: 1-800-928-6330 Fax: 613-232-4262 info@metisnation.ca
Population	Metis
Mandate	Since 1983, the MNC has represented the Métis Nation nationally and internationally. It receives its mandate and direction from the democratically elected leadership of Métis governments in the five westernmost provinces, the MNC Governing Members. Specifically, the MNC reflects and moves forward on the desires and aspirations of these Métis governments at the national and international levels. Overall, the MNC's central goal is to secure a healthy space for the Métis Nation's on-going existence within the Canadian federation. The Métis Nation is represented through democratically elected governments – the Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation British Columbia and Métis Nation of Ontario. These Métis governments are the contemporary expression of the centuries-old struggle of the Métis Nation to be self-determining within the Canadian federation and are the Governing Members of the Métis National Council, the national and international representative of the Métis Nation. Métis citizens mandate their governments through province-wide ballot box elections held at regular intervals for regional and provincial leadership. They participate in these Métis governance structures by way of elected Locals or Community Councils and provincial assemblies.

Métis National Council (MNC) <i>(continued)</i>		
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery	
Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC)		
Website	nwac.ca	
Contact	1-162 Du Mont-Bleu Blvd. Gatineau, Quebec J8Z 1K1	Phone: 613-722-3033 Fax: 613-722-7687 reception@nwac.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis	
Vision	We envision an inclusive world that understands and respects the diversity and uniqueness of all Indigenous women and families.	
Mission	Advocate for and inspire women and families of many Indigenous nations.	
Mandate	The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is a National Indigenous Organization representing the political voice of Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people in Canada, inclusive of First Nations on and off reserve, status and non-status, disenfranchised, Métis and Inuit. An aggregate of Indigenous women's organizations from across the country, NWAC was founded on the collective goal to enhance, promote and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of Indigenous women within their respective communities and Canada societies.	



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Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) *(continued)*

Objectives

The principles or objectives of NWAC are as follows:

- To be the national voice for Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people;
- To address issues in a manner which reflects the changing needs of Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people in Canada;
- To assist and promote common goals towards self-determination and self sufficiency for Indigenous peoples in our role as mothers and leaders;
- To promote equal opportunities for Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people in programs and activities;
- To serve as a resource among our constituency and Indigenous communities;
- To cultivate and teach the characteristics that are unique aspects of our cultural and historical traditions;
- To assist Indigenous women's organizations, as well as community initiatives in the development of their local projects; and to advance issues and concerns of Indigenous women; and to link with other Indigenous organizations with common goals.

Main Topics

Socio-economic and cultural determinants

First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC)

Website

fnigc.ca

Contact

341 Island Road, Unit D
Akwasasne, ON
K6H 5R7

Phone: 613-733-1916
Toll Free: 866-997-6248
Fax: 613-936-8974

info@fnigc.ca

Population

First Nations

Vision

The First Nations Information Governance Centre envisions that every First Nation will achieve data sovereignty in alignment with its distinct world view.



First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) *(continued)*

Mission	With First Nations, we assert data sovereignty and support the development of information governance and management at the community level through regional and national partnerships. We adhere to free, prior and informed consent, respect nation-to-nation relationships, and recognize the distinct customs of nations.
Mandate	The First Nations Information Governance Centre is an independent, apolitical, and technical non-profit organization operating with a special mandate from the Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs-in-Assembly (Resolution #48, December 2009).
Objectives	Our Vision and Mission are guided by our Core Strategic Objectives 1. Our approach is Community-driven and Nation-based 2. Our data are inclusive, meaningful, and relevant to First Nations 3. Our tools are effective, adaptable, and accessible 4. Our partnerships connect regions to strengthen data sovereignty
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery

National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC)

Website	nafc.ca/about-the-nafc		
Contact	275 MacLaren Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 0L9	Phone: 613-563-4844 Toll-Free (Canada): 877-563-4844 Fax: 613-594-3428	NAFCgen@nafc.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis		
Vision	Ascending to a future that remembers the past and is rooted in our cultures to improve the well-being of Indigenous people living in urban environments.		
Mission	To support Friendship Centres and PTAs in achieving their diverse missions and visions within their urban Indigenous communities.		

National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) *(continued)*

Mandate	The National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) was established in 1972 to represent, nationally, the growing number of Friendship Centres emerging across Canada. The NAFC represents over 100 Friendship Centres and Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTAs) from coast-to-coast-to-coast and make up the Friendship Centre Movement (FCM).
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Main topics	Socio-economic and cultural determinants
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First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada (FNFCSC)

Website	fncaringsociety.com/about/who-we-are
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Contact	Suite 401 - 309 Cooper Street, Ottawa ON K2P 0G5	Phone: 613-230-5885 info@fncaringsociety.com
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Population	First Nations
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Vision	Ensure First Nations children and their families have culturally based and equitable opportunities to grow up safely at home, be healthy, get a good education and be proud of who they are.
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Mission	Provide reconciliation-based public education, research and support to promote the safety and wellbeing of First Nations children, young people, families and Nations.
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Mandate	The Caring Society works to ensure the safety and well-being of First Nations youth and their families through education initiatives, public policy campaigns and providing quality resources to support communities. Using a reconciliation framework that addresses contemporary hardships for Indigenous families in ways that uplift all Canadians, the Caring Society champions culturally based equity for First Nations children and their families so that they can grow up safely at home, be healthy, achieve their dreams, celebrate their languages and culture and be proud of who they are. The Caring Society proudly works with our partners in Canada and around the world to promote the rights of Indigenous children.
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First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada (FNFCSC) *(continued)*

Objectives

Future Directions and Strategic Planning

1. **Truth Telling:** Ensure the safety and wellbeing of First Nations children, young people and families by facilitating the transfer of traditional knowledge and community-based solutions to guide and support families and others in caring for this generation of First Nations children and young people, and those that follow.
2. **Acknowledging:** Value the support from First Nations children, young people, families and Nations, our members and the many caring children, young people, adults, professionals and organizations that work with us.
3. **Restoring:** Address the evidence-based causes of disadvantage for First Nations children and young people by building on cultural strengths and supporting evidence-based solutions aligning with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
4. **Relating:** Support people in participating in meaningful reconciliation in ways that honour, respect and uplift First Nations children, young people, families and Nations and other peoples living in Canada.

Main topics

Child and youth health

Pauktuutit Inuit of Women of Canada

Website

pauktuutit.ca

Contact

1 Nicholas Street, Suite 520
Ottawa, ON
K1N 7B7

Phone: 613-238-3977
Toll Free: 1-800-667-0749
Fax: 613-238-1787

info@pauktuutit.ca

Population

Inuit

Mandate

Pauktuutit is the national non-profit organization representing all Inuit women in Canada. Its mandate is to foster a greater awareness of the needs of Inuit women, and to encourage their participation in community, regional and national concerns in relation to social, cultural and economic development.



Pauktuutit Inuit of Women of Canada *(continued)*

Objectives

Pauktuutit undertakes activities intended to:

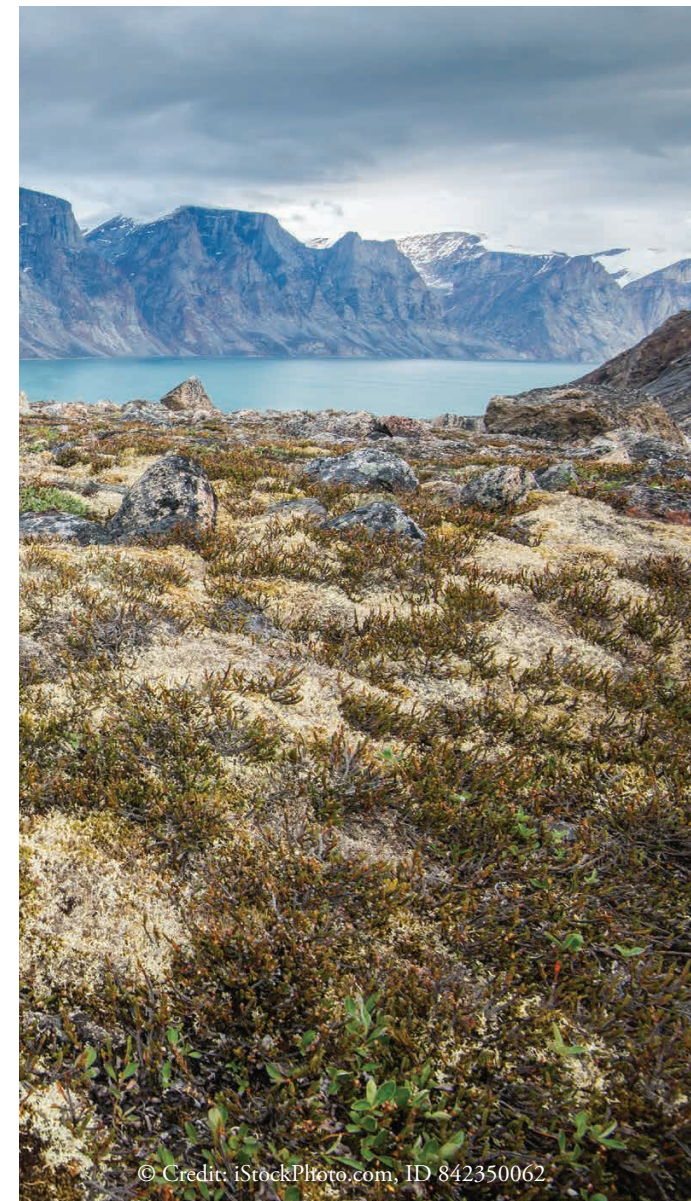
- Promote the rights of Inuit women and children;
- Provide the Inuit women of Canada with a united voice;
- Work towards better social, economic and political conditions for Inuit women;
- Work for the betterment of individual, family and community health conditions through advocacy and program action;
- Encourage Inuit women to take their rightful place in society;
- Promote equity for the views of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian governmental and non-governmental structures;
- Motivate Inuit women to realize their potential as individuals and as a group;
- Promote self-confidence and self-reliance amongst Inuit women;
- Provide resources to ensure that our children are raised with Inuit values, heritage, culture and language;
- Encourage the involvement of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian society; and
- Facilitate collaboration between Inuit women and other Indigenous peoples.

Main topics

Socio-economic and cultural determinants



Assembly of Seven Generations		
Website	a7g.ca/contact-us.html	
Population	All youth	
Mandate	Assembly of Seven Generations (A7G) is an Indigenous owned and youth-led, non-profit organization focused on cultural support and empowerment programs/policies for Indigenous youth while being led by traditional knowledge and Elder guidance.	
Objectives	Cultural supports for youth and research that advocates for rights and interests of youth, including reports on First Nations youth in care, Indigenous sovereignty and rights	
Main topics	Child and youth health	
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples		
Website	abo-peoples.org	
Contact	867 St. Laurent Blvd. Ottawa, ON K1K 3B1	Phone: 613-747-6022 Toll Free: 1-888-997-9927 Fax: 613-747-8834 reception@abo-peoples.org
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis	



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Congress of Aboriginal Peoples <i>(continued)</i>	
Mandate	The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) is one of five National Indigenous Organizations recognized by the Government of Canada. Founded in 1971 as the Native Council of Canada (NCC), the organization was originally established to represent the interests of Métis and non-status Indians. Reorganized and renamed in 1993, CAP has extended its constituency to include all off-reserve status and non-status Indians, Métis and Southern Inuit Aboriginal Peoples, and serves as the national voice for its provincial and territorial affiliate organizations. CAP also holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which facilitates its participation on international issues of importance to Indigenous Peoples.
Objectives	Daniels decision, Daniels symposium, National Grassroots Engagement, and Violence Prevention, National Indigenous Womens summit
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery
National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence	
Website	nicafv.ca
Contact	P.O. Box / C.P. 2169 Kahnawake, QC J0L 1B0 Phone: 450-638-2968 Fax: 450-638-9415 hunter.diabo@nacafov.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Vision	A future where Indigenous shelters have all the resources and support they need to provide safe family environments.
Mission	The NACAFV advocates for and supports shelters by providing practical training, culturally appropriate resources and opportunities to network in a supportive environment.
Mandate	The National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence (NACAFV) supports professionals working in the areas of Indigenous family violence, prevention, intervention and longer term care. Keeping our front-line professionals strong, healthy and connected is our goal. That's our way of contributing to safe family environments in our Indigenous communities.

National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence *(continued)*

Objectives	• Practical training programs • Culturally appropriate tools • Networking opportunities • Advocacy support
Main topics	Violence injury and abuse

Women of the Metis Nation

Website	metiswomen.org		
Contact	#303 -340 MacLaren Street Ottawa, ON K2P 0M6	Phone: 613-232-3216 Fax: 613-232-4262	info@metiswomen.org
Population	Metis		
Vision	Since our founding in 1999 and our incorporation in 2010, our vision is to be the National Indigenous Women's Organization (NIWO) for the Women of the Métis Nation, advocating nationally and internationally for the equal treatment, health and wellbeing of all Métis people, with a focus on the rights, needs and priorities of Métis women, youth, children, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis.		
Mission	Our mission is to ensure that Métis women from across the Motherland are safe, respected, connected, and empowered, and have the capacity to work with Canadian and Métis governments and organizations, to help create the conditions for healthy, vibrant and productive communities throughout the Métis Nation.		
Mandate	Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) is the National Indigenous Women's Organization democratically mandated to represent the Women of the Métis Nation across the Métis Motherland		

Women of the Metis Nation *(continued)*

Objectives

We are guided by 10 strategic goals:

1. Advocate for the priorities and needs of Métis women in the Métis Nation, Canada, and the world;
2. Be caretakers and stewards of the land and waters;
3. Be caretakers of the traditional knowledge of Métis women;
4. Advocate for social justice and equality;
5. Increase opportunities for Métis women to develop leadership skills;
6. Help Métis people lead healthier lives and support healthy and vibrant communities;
7. Ensure that the perspectives and priorities of Métis women are included in economic development initiatives, and that opportunities and supports are provided for Métis women's entrepreneurship;
8. Foster culturally appropriate early learning environments and lifelong learning to improve educational outcomes for Métis children, women and all Métis learners;
9. Develop a Métis-specific research strategy and build a disaggregated data evidence base; and
10. Build a strong, successful, inclusive, responsible and transparent organization.

Main topics

Socio-economic and cultural determinants

Centre for First Nations Governance

Website

fngovernance.org/about-us

Contact

services@fngovernance.org

Population

First Nations



Centre for First Nations Governance *(continued)*

Vision	At CFNG we see First Nation citizens living their cultures on their territories in healthy, independent, vibrant communities. We see them exercising their jurisdiction, writing their own laws, stewarding their lands and building economies. We see First Nations taking their rightful place as the allies they could have been at the time Canada was created. We see Canada transforming its relationship with First Nations and becoming a model for indigenous relations.
Mandate	The Centre for First Nations Governance is a non-profit organization that supports First Nations as they transition from the Indian Act to inherent right governance.
Objectives	• Support First Nations as they shift from the Indian Act to Self-Governance • Work toward the citizens vision of an independent, healthy community
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery

Reconciliation Canada

Website	reconciliationcanada.ca
Contact	Suite 206 – 1999 Marine Drive North Vancouver, BC V7P 3J3 Phone: 604-770-4434 reception@reconciliationcanada.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Vision	A vibrant Canada where all peoples achieve their full potential and shared prosperity.
Mandate	Born from the vision of Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Gwawaenuk Elder, Reconciliation Canada is leading the way in engaging Canadians in dialogue and transformative experiences that revitalize the relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. Our model for reconciliation engages people in open and honest conversation to understand our diverse histories and experiences. We actively engage multi-faith and multi-cultural communities to explore the meaning of reconciliation. Together, we are charting a New Way Forward.

Reconciliation Canada *(continued)*

Objectives	Our current programs and initiatives include: • Reconciliation Dialogue Sessions and Action Plans • Economic Reconciliation Action Plans • Reconciliation-Based Leadership Training & Core Competencies Assessments • Public Awareness and Education
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Main topics	Socio-economic and cultural determinants
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Canadian Roots Exchange

Website	indigenouslyouthroots.ca
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Contact	489 College Street, Suite 500 Toronto, ON M6G 1A5 Phone: 1-416-921-0079 info@canadianroots.ca
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Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
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Mandate	We are CRE (Canadian Roots Exchange), a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth who believe that in order to bridge the gap between Canada's peoples and work towards reconciliation, we need to become educated and aware of the teachings, triumphs, and daily realities of Indigenous communities
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Objectives	Through gatherings, workshops, and leadership training, we bring together youth in cities, towns, and traditional territories across Canada in an effort to break down stereotypes, open a dialogue, and build honest relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people living on this land.
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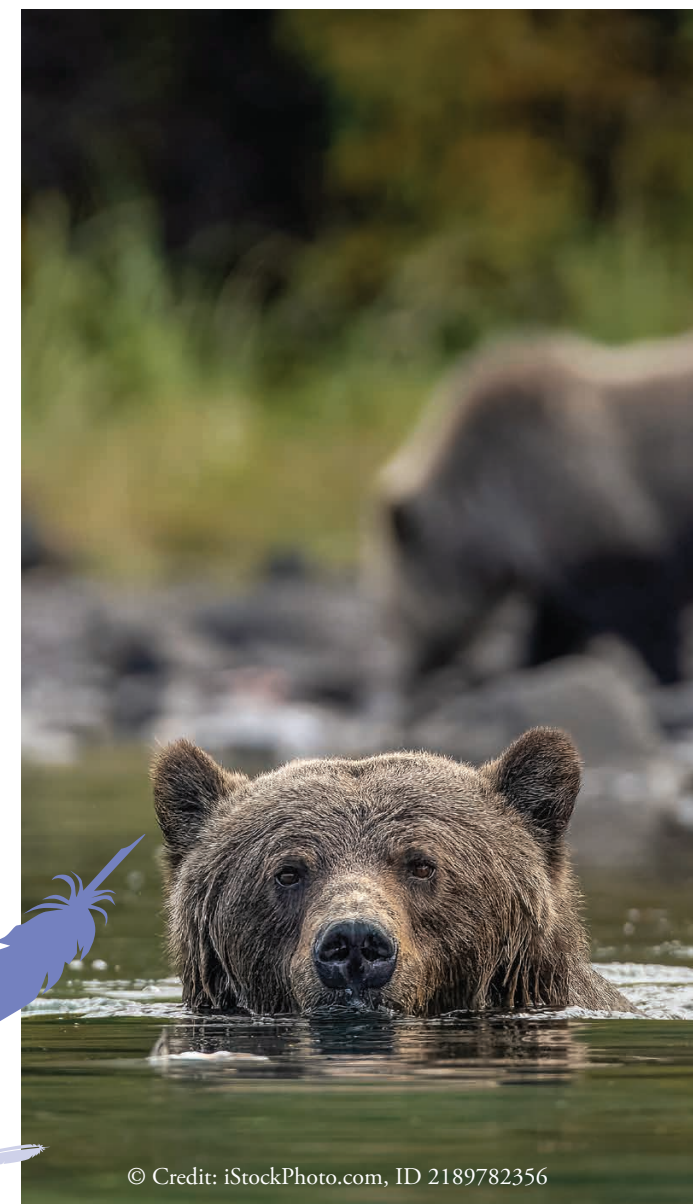
Main topics	Child and youth health
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We Matter	
Website	wemattercampaign.org
Population	All youth
Mission	Our mission is to communicate to Indigenous youth that they matter, and create spaces of support for those going through a hard time while fostering unity and resiliency. We provide a forum for people across the country to share messages of hope and positivity. By sharing our stories, our words of encouragement, and our authentic messages of hope and resilience, we help to make a community and nation stronger.
Mandate	We Matter is an Indigenous youth-led and nationally registered organization dedicated to Indigenous youth support, hope and life promotion. Our work started with the We Matter Campaign – a national multi-media campaign in which Indigenous role models, youth, and community members from across Canada submit short videos, written and artistic messages sharing their own experiences of overcoming hardships, and communicating with Indigenous youth that no matter how hopeless life can feel, there is always a way forward.
Objectives	Through our national projects and programs, We Matter • Connects Indigenous youth with positive messages of hope, culture, strength, healing, mental health and life promotion • Gathers, connects, and amplifies Indigenous and Indigenous youth voices and stories • Creates space and opportunity for Canadians to celebrate and honour the voices and experiences of Indigenous youth • Creates and distributes materials and resources designed to encourage and support Indigenous youth and those who work with Indigenous youth • Builds Indigenous youth capacity in schools and communities by helping to implement Indigenous youth-led initiatives and enabling peer-to-peer support
Main topics	Child and youth health

TABLE 44: NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association		
Website	indigenousnurses.ca	
Contact	50 The Driveway, Ottawa, ON K2P 1E2	Toll Free: 1-866-724-3049 info@indigenousnurses.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis	
Mission	The mission of the Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association is to improve the health of Indigenous Peoples, by supporting Indigenous Nurses and by promoting the development and practice of Indigenous Health Nursing.	
Objectives	The Association's key objectives were updated in 2010 to be more reflective of current changing health, social and political environment: • To work with communities, health professionals and government institutions on Indigenous Health Nursing issues and practices within the Canadian Health system that address particular interest and concern in Indigenous communities with a view to benefiting Indigenous peoples of Canada by improving their health and well-being, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. • To engage and conduct research on Indigenous Health Nursing and access to health care as related to Indigenous Peoples. • To consult with government, non-profit and private organizations in developing programs for applied and scientific research designed to improve health and well-being in Indigenous Peoples. • To develop and encourage the teaching of courses in the educational system on Canadian Indigenous health, Indigenous knowledge, cultural safety in nursing and the health care system and/or other educational resources and supports. • To promote awareness in both Canadian and International Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities of the health needs of Canadian Indigenous people. • To facilitate and foster increase participation of Indigenous Peoples involvement in decision-making in the field of health care. • To strengthen partnerships and develop resources supporting the recruitment and retention of more people of Indigenous ancestry into nursing and other health sciences professions. • To disseminate such information to all levels of community.	

Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association <i>(continued)</i>	
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery
Indigenous Physical Activity and Cultural Circle	
Website	iactive.ca
Contact	4169 Staulo Crescent, Vancouver, BC V6N 3S1 indigenouspacc@gmail.com
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Vision	The Vision of IPACC is to establish and expand relationships between individuals engaged in physical activity by improving access to resources and promoting health and wellness opportunities.
Mission	The IPACC mission is to create a community of mentors, leaders, participants, and supporters who promote physical activity as a way to health and wellness.
Mandate	The Indigenous Physical Activity and Cultural Circle (IPACC) is a network for First Nations, Métis and Inuit people who are involved in Traditional Activities, Fitness, Recreation, and Sports. IPACC is a registered national non-profit organization.
Main topics	Lifestyle/healthy living





Aboriginal Sport Circle

Website

aboriginalsportcircle.ca

Contact

Aboriginal Sport Circle
c/o House of Sport RA Centre
2451 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, ON,
K1H 7X7

Phone: 613-518-8353

Toll Free: 1-855-814-4574

ascoffice@aboriginalsportcircle.ca

Population

First Nations, Inuit, Metis

Vision

The ASC strives for:

- Healthier, more active Aboriginal peoples in vibrant communities that are fully engaged in sport, recreation, and physical activity;
- National systems that systemically include Aboriginal peoples and organizations in strategies, initiatives, programs and services;
- Provincial/territorial and local capacity development that serves the unique needs of Aboriginal peoples at community levels;
- Adequately resourced sport, physical activity and recreation systems that are culturally appropriate and enable Aboriginal peoples to achieve success from the playground to the podium;
- Finally, these outcomes have a positive impact on broader sector agendas including, but not limited to, economic development, health, mental health, environment, and justice for all

Aboriginal Sport Circle *(continued)*

Mission	The ASC is a member-based, not-for-profit organization that exists to support the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal peoples and communities through participation in sport, physical activity, and recreation. Specifically, the ASC: 1. Provides a national voice for Aboriginal sport, physical activity, and recreation; 2. Builds capacity at the national, provincial, and territorial levels in the design, delivery, and evaluation of sport, physical activity, and recreation programs that are culturally appropriate for Aboriginal peoples; 3. Ensures national policies and frameworks pertaining to sport, physical activity, and recreation respond to the needs of Aboriginal peoples and communities; 4. Facilitates the development and training of individuals to be effective leaders for Aboriginal participants in sport, physical activity, and recreation; 5. Recognizes and promotes best practices in sport, physical activity, and recreation for Aboriginal peoples; 6. Oversees the development and delivery of national and international programs that enhance the participation of Aboriginal peoples in sport, physical activity, and recreation. 7. This work is accomplished directly with ASC member organizations and through strategic partnerships.		
Mandate	The Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) is Canada's national voice for Aboriginal sport, physical activity, and recreation bringing together the interests of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The ASC is a collective of Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies (PTASBs) who guide the direction and establish its national priorities.		
Main topics	Lifestyle/healthy living		
Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network			
Website	caan.ca		
Contact	P.O. Box 2978 Fort Qu'Appelle, SK S0G 1S0	Phone: 306-332-0553 Fax: 306-332-0554	info@caan.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis		

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network *(continued)*

Vision	CAAN is a national Aboriginal organization and as such is committed to addressing the issues of HIV within a Native context. Although the beliefs of Aboriginal people vary widely from region to region and from person to person, the agency has made a commitment to conduct its activities in a spirit of Native wholeness and healing. This disease can only be overcome by respecting our differences and accentuating our unity of spirit and strength.
Mission	CAAN provides a National forum for Aboriginal Peoples to wholistically address HIV and AIDS, HCV, STBBIs, TB, Mental Health, aging and related co-morbidity issues; promotes a Social Determinants of Health Framework through advocacy; and provides accurate and up to date resources on these issues in a culturally relevant manner for Aboriginal Peoples wherever they reside.
Mandate	CAAN is an incorporated, non-profit organization that is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors, of which Indigenous People Living with HIV and AIDS and Hepatitis C hold members-at-large positions. The Board members are legally responsible for the governance of the organization. Within that mandate is the expectation that the Board will develop, implement and monitor policies that allow the organization to carry out its work. Board members are elected by, and accountable to, the membership.
Objectives	The goals and objectives of the agency are: • To provide accurate and up-to-date information about the prevalence of HIV in the Aboriginal community and the various modes of transmission. • To offer leaders, advocates and individuals in the AIDS movement a chance to share their issues on a national level by building skills, education/awareness campaigns, and acting in support of harm reduction techniques. • To facilitate the creation and development of regional Aboriginal AIDS service agencies through leadership, advocacy and support. • To design material which are aboriginal specific for education and awareness at a national level, and to lessen resource costs of underfunded, regional agencies by distributing and making available these materials wherever possible. • To advocate on behalf of Aboriginal people living with HIV and AIDS (APHA's) by giving them forums in which to share their issues and to facilitate the development of healing and wholeness strategies among the infected Aboriginal population. • To build partnerships with Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal agencies which address the issues of Aboriginal people across jurisdictions, thereby improving the conditions in which Aboriginal people in Canada live through a continuous and focused effort.
Main topics	Communicable diseases

Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada		
Website	ipacamic.ca	
Contact	info@ipac-amac.ca	
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis	
Vision	Healthy and vibrant Indigenous nations, communities, families and individuals – supported by Indigenous physicians and others who are contributing to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being of our people and having a positive impact on the social determinants of Indigenous health.	
Mission	As Indigenous physicians and students who are diversely rooted in our traditional teachings and our respective communities, IPAC members embrace and commit to collaboratively use our skills, abilities and experiences to advance the health of our nations, communities, families and individuals. IPAC provides knowledge for communities, national Indigenous organizations and health care providers; advocates for Indigenous peoples’ health; and acts as a support mechanism for Indigenous physicians and students.	
Mandate	IPAC derives its authority from the teachings of our ancestors, from the legitimacy of the history of our experiences, and from our communities and peoples. As an organization of contemporary medicine people, IPAC recognizes the health inequities of Indigenous people and communities who look to us for leadership and knowledge. We believe it is our responsibility and right to come together to help improve other Indigenous peoples’ physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health and to impact the determinants of Indigenous health.	
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery	
National Indigenous Diabetes Association		
Website	nada.ca	
Contact	202-160 Provencher Blvd. Winnipeg, MB R2H 0G3	Phone: 204-927-1224 executivedirector@nada.ca

National Indigenous Diabetes Association <i>(continued)</i>			
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis		
Mandate	The Assembly of First Nations declared 1995 as the Year of First Nations and Diabetes. In the same year, the National Aboriginal Diabetes Association (NADA) was formed (now re-named National Indigenous Diabetes Association) as a result of a decision reached at the 3rd International Conference on Diabetes and Indigenous Peoples with active participation of the SUGAR (Strategies for Undermining Glucose in Aboriginal Races) Group. The SUGAR Group played the crucial role of advocating for the formation of NIDA and sought to lay its foundation. The decision to form NIDA was an important step forward in addressing the diabetes epidemic that was beginning to unravel in Indigenous communities. At that time Noella Depew and Alethea Kewayosh were instrumental in working towards establishing a national Indigenous organization with a mandate to reduce the deadly effects that diabetes was inflicting on Indigenous people, families and communities.		
Main topics	Chronic diseases		
National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health			
Website	nccih.ca		
Contact	3333 University Way Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9	Phone: 250-960-5250 Fax: 250-960-5644	nccih@unbc.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis		
Vision	The optimal health and well-being for First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples will be achieved through a population health framework addressing structure and policy, and through public health systems that are inclusive and respectful of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. These will advance self-determination over health and well-being, and be strengthened by the cultures and knowledge of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.		

National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health *(continued)*

Mission	The NCCIH will pursue its vision through knowledge synthesis, translation and exchange and the creation and fostering of linkages among First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and communities, stakeholders, the population and public health community, and researchers.
Mandate	The NCCIH supports a renewed public health system in Canada that is inclusive and respectful of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Using a holistic, co-ordinated and strengths-based approach to health, the NCCIH fosters links between evidence, knowledge, practice and policy while advancing self-determination and Indigenous knowledge in support of optimal health and well-being.
Objectives	• Ensure the use of reliable, quality evidence to achieve meaningful impact on the public health system on behalf of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. • Increase knowledge and understanding of Indigenous public health by developing culturally relevant materials and projects. • Facilitate a greater role for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples in public health initiatives that affect Indigenous health and well-being.
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery

Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Website	thunderbirdpf.org		
Contact	22361 Austin Line, Bothwell, ON N0P 1C0	Phone: 519-692-9922 Toll Free: 1-866-763-4714 Fax: 519-692-9977	info@thunderbirdpf.org
Population	First Nations		
Vision	Cultivating and empowering relationships that connect us to our cultural strengths and identity within holistic and healthy communities.		
Mission	The Thunderbird Partnership Foundation is the leading culturally centered voice advocating for collaboration, integrated, and holistic approaches to healing and wellness.		

Thunderbird Partnership Foundation *(continued)*

Mandate	The Thunderbird Partnership Foundation is the national voice advocating for First Nations culturally-based addictions services.
Main topics	Mental health and wellness

First Peoples Wellness Circle

Website	fpwc.ca
Population	First Nations
Vision	A nation where First Peoples and our communities experience holistic health and wellness, through living our diverse cultural values, beliefs, and practices.
Mission	The FPWC advocates for collaborative transformative change to create pathways to wellness and whole health for First Peoples shaped by diverse Indigenous cultural lenses.
Mandate	The First Peoples Wellness Circle (FPWC) is a national not-for-profit corporation governed and managed by Indigenous Leaders and exists to improve the lives of Canada's First Peoples by addressing healing, wellness and other mental health challenges. FPWC is a national corporation with membership open to all Canadians who are committed to similar goals.
Main topics	Mental health and wellness

Native Youth Sexual Health Network

Website	nativeyouthsexualhealth.com
Contact	2345 Yonge St. PO Box 26069 Broadway Toronto, ON M4P 0A8 info@nativeyouthsexualhealth.com



Native Youth Sexual Health Network *(continued)*

Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Mandate	NYSHN works with Indigenous peoples across Canada and the United States to advocate for and build strong, comprehensive, and culturally safe sexuality and reproductive health, rights, and justice initiatives in their own communities.
Objectives	NYSHN also works with service providers, organizations, adults, Elders and allied communities. This includes community/group/school/organization workshops, teach-ins, presentations, curriculum and resource creation, as well as long-term collaborative projects. We also do: media arts justice work including short films and videos, diverse arts-based responses, media campaigns, zines, declaration and statement writing, and community-based participatory action research. We are a peer-based network of individuals, families, communities, and Indigenous peoples at large. Advocacy and direct youth and community mobilization are central parts of our work. Media and other resource creation are ongoing.
Main topics	Communicable diseases

First Nations Health Managers Association

Website	fnhma.ca
Contact	Head Office 341 Island Road, Unit E Akwesasne, ON K6H 5R7 Ottawa Office 310 - 303 Moodie Drive, Kanata, ON K2H 9R4 info@fnhma.ca
Population	First Nations
Vision	We are the leaders expanding health management capacity for First Nations.

First Nations Health Managers Association <i>(continued)</i>	
Mission	To provide leadership in health management activities by developing and promoting quality standards, practices, research, certification and professional development to expand capacity for members and First Nations.
Mandate	The First Nations Health Managers Association (FNHMA) is committed to excellence in expanding health management capacity for First Nations organizations. We are a national, professional association exclusively serving the needs of individuals working for or aspiring to positions with First Nations organizations; responsible for providing training, certification, and professional development opportunities in health management
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery
National Aboriginal Council of Midwives	
Website	indigenoumidwifery.ca
Contact	2330 Notre-Dame W. Suite 300 Montreal, QC H3J 1N4 Phone: 514-807-3668, ext. 220 Fax: 514-738-0370 nacm@indigenoumidwifery.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Mission	The National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM) exists to promote excellence in reproductive health care for Inuit, First Nations, and Métis women.
Mandate	We advocate for the restoration of midwifery education, the provision of midwifery services, and choice of birthplace for all Indigenous communities consistent with the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As active members of the Canadian Association of Midwives, we represent the professional development and practice needs of Indigenous midwives to the responsible health authorities in Canada and the global community. Indigenous Midwives enable access to culturally-safe sexual and reproductive health care for Indigenous families, the return of birth to Indigenous communities, and a reduction in the number of medical evacuations for births in remote areas.

National Aboriginal Council of Midwives *(continued)*

Objectives	1. Maintaining and promoting Indigenous knowledges and practices regarding maternal and infant health 2. Expanding Indigenous midwifery in Canada 3. Advancing Indigenous midwifery as a valued profession 4. Promoting Indigenous midwifery globally 5. Building NACM's strength and sustainability as a Council
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Main topics	Maternal, fetal, and infant health
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Occupational Therapy and Indigenous Health Network

Website	caot.ca
Contact	mlizonot@gmail.com
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Mission	To provide leadership, networking and support for occupational therapists collaborating with Indigenous clients and communities across Canada.
Mandate	The Occupational Therapy and Indigenous Health network (OTIHN) started in 2009. The OTIHN consists of CAOT members with an interest in building capacity, lobbying for occupational therapy services, and generating a greater discourse on occupational therapy and Indigenous peoples' health in Canada. The OTIHN is a volunteer group who work with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists national office staff to develop supports, resources and lobby efforts to build and promote occupational therapy services with Indigenous peoples.

Occupational Therapy and Indigenous Health Network *(continued)*

Objectives	• To create a dynamic and visible national network to connect occupational therapists who are working in collaboration with Indigenous peoples and communities. • To increase the visibility and accessibility of culturally competent occupational therapy in Indigenous communities in rural, remote and urban communities across Canada. • To promote the development of formal alliances and partnerships with key stakeholders in Indigenous peoples' health including Indigenous associations/organizations and various levels of government. • To develop a working relationship on behalf of occupational therapists with Health Canada and Non-Insured Health Benefits (N.I.H.B.) to increase their awareness and understanding of the role and value of funding occupational therapy services. • To promote the inclusion of the following into occupational therapy curricula - Indigenous knowledge on health and wellbeing as distinct and equivalent; the influence of colonization, and cultural safety. • To facilitate and promote research in occupational therapy and Indigenous peoples' health.
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Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery
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Ongomiizwin Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing

Website	umanitoba.ca/ongomiizwin	
Contact	715 John Buhler Research Centre 727 McDermot Ave University of Manitoba Winnipeg, MB R3E 3P5	Phone: 204-789-3250 ongomiizwinresearch@umanitoba.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis	
Mission	Ongomiizwin – Research is a centre of research excellence. We remain centrally committed to building and maintaining productive and respectful partnership-based relationships with First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Indigenous communities, to recruiting Indigenous students and scholars, to providing effective support and mentorship and to sharing and building knowledge internationally	

Ongomiizwin Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing *(continued)*

Mandate	Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing officially launched in June of 2017. Ongomiizwin (clearing a path for generations to come) has a permanent place in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, affirming the University of Manitoba's commitment to building respectful relationships and creating pathways to Indigenous health, healing and achievement.
Objectives	• To promote the development of sustained nationally and internationally recognized programs of research excellence at the University of Manitoba, in all four pillars (biomedical; clinical; health services; and social, cultural, environmental and population health). • To promote research that addresses the needs of First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Indigenous communities. • To provide mentorship opportunities to support the First Nation, Métis, Inuit and Indigenous health research skills among students, community and university-based researchers. • To facilitate skill development in First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Indigenous communities and organizations in the use of health information for policy and program development. • To assist with the development of quality health information systems describing changing health conditions in First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Indigenous communities. • To advise First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Indigenous governments and organizations on health policy issues based on the best available research evidence. • To facilitate communication and knowledge-sharing concerning Indigenous health development nationally and internationally. • To complement rather than compete with national and international community- and university-based First Nations, Métis and Inuit health research programs and promote the formation of innovative collaborations and research networks that supports these organizations' aspirations.
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery

Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health

Website	dlsph.utoronto.ca/institutes/wiih
Contact	Phone: 250-978-7530 suzanne.stewart@utoronto.ca

Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health *(continued)*

Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Mission	The Institute is engaged in research, education and service initiatives to overcome health challenges and evaluate interventions to prevent disease and improve health. Its scholars study health policy and administration to improve the delivery and quality of Indigenous health care, and educate Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, so that each year more Canadians and citizens of the world can recognize, reduce and eliminate health inequities.
Mandate	At the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, researchers and educators from across the University of Toronto work with community partners and Indigenous peoples to address the complex factors that underlie disparities in health between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.
Main topics	Health care research, governance policy, human resources, programming and delivery

Legacy of Hope Foundation

Website	legacyofhope.ca		
Contact	1427 Ogilvie Road, Suite 4B Gloucester, ON K1J 8M7	Phone: 613-237-4806 Toll Free: 877-553-7177 Fax: 613-748-3096	info@legacyofhope.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis		
Mission	Our mission is to educate and foster Reconciliation and to create just and equal relationships among all people in Canada. We accomplish this by teaching about the true history of Residential Schools, the Sixties Scoop, and the injustices Indigenous Peoples endure and by bringing to light the varied and rich contributions to the foundation of this country that Indigenous Peoples made and continue to make.		



Legacy of Hope Foundation *(continued)*

Mandate

We are a national Indigenous charitable organization with the mandate to educate and create awareness and understanding about the Residential School System, including the intergenerational impacts such as the removal of generations of Indigenous children from their families, including the Sixties Scoop, the post-traumatic stress disorders that many First Nations, Inuit, and Metis continue to experience, all while trying to address racism, foster empathy and understanding and inspire action to improve the situation of Indigenous Peoples today. The LHF supports the ongoing healing process of Residential School Survivors, and their families and seeks their input on projects that honour them.

Objectives

Part of the LHF's goals are to provide needed resources for schools. The history and information about residual trauma and the links to current social and economic issues are rarely taught in schools, which can lead to misinformation and foster racism, all of which underlines the need for more public education and resources on the topics of the RSS, SS, and other colonial acts of oppression. In schools today, there is little mentioned about the amazing contributions Indigenous Nations have made and continue to make to the fabric of our society. A comprehensive history highlighting the diversity of our Nations and our cultures, languages, traditions is lacking in the current curriculum. The LHF has created many resources to address this critical gap and help inject more perspectives and knowledges on these issues to foster healthy and informed dialogue and action.

Main topics

Socio-economic and cultural determinants



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Appendix C: Federal government organizations engaged in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis health research

TABLE 45: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Indigenous Services Canada	
Website	canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada.html
Contact	15 rue Eddy, Room M006 Phone: 819-664-2962 Gatineau, QC K1A 0N9
Population	Indigenous
Vision	Our vision is to support and empower Indigenous peoples to independently deliver services and address the socio-economic conditions in their communities.
Mandate	Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) works collaboratively with partners to improve access to high quality services for First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Provides information about health care services and non-insured health benefits (NIHB), careers, how to fight drug and substance use, environmental health, food safety and how to have a healthy pregnancy.
Priorities	Social and health programs, service delivery and research



Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	
Website	canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs.html
Contact	Phone: 613-954-1968 support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca Toll Free: 1-888-603-4178
Population	Indigenous
Mandate	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) continues to renew the nation-to-nation, Inuit-Crown, government-to-government relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis; and modernize Government of Canada structures
Objectives	Enable Indigenous peoples to build capacity and support their vision of self-determination; and lead the Government of Canada's work in the North.
Priorities	Truth and Reconciliation-Indigenous relationships and partnerships, socio-economic and development programs
Canadian Institute of Health Research	
Website	cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/8668.html
Contact	Phone: 1-800-567-9604 aadnc.infopubs.aandc@canada.ca Fax: 1-866-817-3977
Population	Indigenous
Mission	Our mission is to create new scientific knowledge and to enable its translation into improved health, more effective health services and products, and a strengthened Canadian health care system.
Mandate	The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is Canada's federal funding agency for health research. Composed of 13 Institutes, we collaborate with partners and researchers to support the discoveries and innovations that improve our health and strengthen our health care system.

Canadian Institute of Health Research (*continued*)

Objectives	CIHR was designed to respond to the evolving needs for health research and seeks to transform health research in Canada by: • funding both investigator-initiated research as well as research on targeted priority areas; • building research capacity in under-developed areas and training the next generation of health researchers; and • focusing on knowledge translation that facilitates the application of the results of research and their transformation into new policies, practices, procedures, products and services.
Priorities	Health care research, knowledge translation and knowledge mobilization

Statistics Canada

Website	statcan.gc.ca/en/start
Contact	Toll Free: 1-800-263-1136 infostats@statcan.gc.ca International: 1-514-283-8300
Population	Indigenous
Mandate	Statistics Canada's mandate is to provide high quality, relevant, and comprehensive information on the health status of the population and on the health care system. The information is designed for a broad audience that includes health professionals, researchers, policy-makers, educators, and students. A significant part of HAD's research program is undertaken in collaboration with various partners, including federal ministries, health organizations, and universities.
Objectives	Statistics Canada is the national statistical office. The agency ensures Canadians have the key information on Canada's economy, society and environment that they require to function effectively as citizens and decision makers.
Priorities	Data services, data analysis, census, surveys



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Health Canada	
Website	canada.ca/en/health-canada.html
Contact	Address Locator 0900C2 Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9 Phone: 613-957-2991 Toll free: 1-866-225-0709 Fax: 613-941-5366 Teletypewriter: 1-800-465-7735 (<i>Service Canada</i>) hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Vision	Health Canada is the federal department responsible for helping the people of Canada maintain and improve their health. Health Canada is committed to improving the lives of all of Canada 's people and to making this country's population among the healthiest in the world as measured by longevity, lifestyle and effective use of the public health care system.
Mission	Health Canada is the federal department responsible for helping the people of Canada maintain and improve their health. Health Canada is committed to improving the lives of all of Canada 's people and to making this country's population among the healthiest in the world as measured by longevity, lifestyle and effective use of the public health care system.
Mandate	Health Canada is responsible for helping Canadians maintain and improve their health. It ensures that high-quality health services are accessible, and works to reduce health risks.



Health Canada (*continued*)

Objectives	By working with others in a manner that fosters the trust of Canadians, Health Canada strives to: • Prevent and reduce risks to individual health and the overall environment; • Promote healthier lifestyles; • Ensure high quality health services that are efficient and accessible; • Integrate renewal of the health care system with longer term plans in the areas of prevention, health promotion and protection; • Reduce health inequalities in Canadian society; and • Provide health information to help Canadians make informed decisions.
Priorities	Product safety, environmental and workplace health, healthcare system, healthy living, drugs and health products, food and nutrition, health concerns, health science and research

Public Health Agency of Canada

Website	canada.ca/en/public-health.html
Contact	Contact form for inquiries: health.canada.ca/en/public-health/corporate/contact-us.html
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis
Vision	Healthy Canadians and communities in a healthier world.
Mission	To promote and protect the health of Canadians through leadership, partnership, innovation and action in public health.

Public Health Agency of Canada *(continued)*

Mandate	The role of the Public Health Agency of Canada is to: • Promote health; • Prevent and control chronic diseases and injuries; • Prevent and control infectious diseases; • Prepare for and respond to public health emergencies; • Serve as a central point for sharing Canada's expertise with the rest of the world; • Apply international research and development to Canada's public health programs; and • Strengthen intergovernmental collaboration on public health and facilitate national approaches to public health policy and planning.
Objectives	The Public Health Agency of Canada is part of the federal health portfolio. Its activities focus on preventing disease and injuries, responding to public health threats, promoting good physical and mental health, and providing information to support informed decision making.
Priorities	Health promotion, chronic disease prevention, infectious disease prevention and control, health security

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Website	canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change.html	
Contact	Fontaine Building 12th floor 200 Sacré-Coeur Blvd Gatineau, QC K1A 0H3	Toll-free: 1-800-668-6767 enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis	

Environment and Climate Change Canada (*continued*)

Mandate	Environment and Climate Change Canada is the lead federal department for a wide range of environmental issues. The department addresses these issues through various actions including the implementation of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change; engaging with our strategic partners including provinces, territories and Indigenous peoples; monitoring; science-based research; policy and regulatory development; and, through the enforcement of environmental laws. The department's programs focus on minimizing threats to Canadians and their environment from pollution; equipping Canadians to make informed decisions on weather, water and climate conditions; and conserving and restoring Canada's natural environment.
Objectives	Under the Department of the Environment Act, the powers, duties and functions of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change extend to matters such as: • the preservation and enhancement of the quality of the natural environment, including water, air and soil quality • the coordination of the relevant policies and programs of the Government of Canada • renewable resources, including migratory birds and other non-domestic flora and fauna • meteorology • the enforcement of rules and regulations
Priorities	Environmental regulation, environmental health

Employment and Social Development Canada

Website	canada.ca/en/employment-social-development.html
Contact	Toll Free: 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232) Teletypewriter: 1-800-926-9105
Population	First Nations, Inuit, Metis

Employment and Social Development Canada (*continued*)

Mission	ESDC fulfills its' mission by mission by: • developing policies that ensure Canadians can use their talents, skills and resources to participate in learning, work and their community • delivering programs that help Canadians move through life's transitions, from school to work, from one job to another, from unemployment to employment, from the workforce to retirement • providing income support to seniors, families with children and those unemployed due to job loss, illness or caregiving responsibilities • helping Canadians with distinct needs such as Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, homeless people, travelers and recent immigrants • ensuring labour relations stability by providing mediation services • promoting a fair and healthy workplace by enforcing minimum working conditions, promoting decent work and employment equity, and fostering respect for international labour standards; and • delivering programs and services on behalf of other departments and agencies
Mandate	ESDC delivers programs and services to each and every Canadian throughout their lives in a significant capacity.
Objectives	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) works to improve the standard of living and quality of life for all Canadians. We do this by promoting a labour force that is highly skilled. We also promote an efficient and inclusive labour market.
Priorities	Skills and employment, learning, income security, social development, labour, policy initiatives



