

# Aboriginal Child Support Helper PROGRAM

Family Violence is everyone's issue.

We all benefit when Aboriginal children and families live healthy lives, free of violence.

The Aboriginal Child Support Helper (ACSH) Program offers students a chance to learn new skills to support young children who have experienced family violence. ACSH focuses on young children and their families and offers a developmentally and culturally based training program. Training will be offered and hosted by Wabnung Abinoonjiiaq.

For employers, ACSH provides an opportunity to equip current employees and volunteers with the specialized knowledge required to effectively address the aftermath of family violence in the Aboriginal community.



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Learn the skills to help Aboriginal children and families grow strong.

Help create stronger Aboriginal ways of supporting your community.

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*Have you or someone you know been affected by family violence?*

*Are you currently employed or volunteering in a helping capacity within the Aboriginal community?*

*Do you enjoy working with young children and families?*

*Do you want to improve your skills and knowledge to better support Aboriginal children and families?*

The Aboriginal Child Support Helper (ACSH) Program is a new community based training offering created with you in mind.

Tailored to meet the unique training needs of current staff and volunteers of community based organizations and agencies, the ACSH program provides students with the specialized skills and knowledge required to understand and deliver quality supports to young children and caregivers exposed to violence.

## Who should attend?

- Current employees and volunteers of community based organizations/agencies (including Family Services and Housing funded agencies, Aboriginal Human Service Organizations, Child Welfare Agencies, CAPC organizations, and Women's Shelters)

## Program Overview

- 10 month part time accredited program through Red River College
- 440 hours of classroom instruction
- Attend classes 2 days/week
- Student supports available
- Elder Support available
- Space is limited

## Course Offerings

- Self care & Self Awareness
- Interpersonal Communication skills
- History of Aboriginal People
- Aboriginal Culture
- Academic Communication & Professionalism
- Child Development
- Family Dynamics
- Family Violence
- The Value & Developmental Nature of play
- Practicum

## Student Requirements

- Reading skills assessment
- Underemployed
- Working/and or volunteering within an agency (full and part-time)
- Aboriginal Ancestry
- Understanding/awareness of Aboriginal culture and values
- Understanding of the cycle of violence and its effects on children.
- Consent to criminal record and child abuse registry check



## Student Benefits

- Subsidized training program
- Small class sizes
- Culturally and developmentally based child focused training
- Skills enhancement
- Improved career opportunities
- Workplace support to attend classes during work hours
- Central community-based location

## Employer Benefits

- Better skilled workers
- Increased organizational capacity to deliver quality supports to the Aboriginal community
- Retain experienced staff by providing meaningful learning and career development opportunities
- Staff remain employed while receiving valuable training
- Improved staff morale
- Cost effective investment in employee learning and retention

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