



## RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS MANITOU RAPIDS

# COMMUNITY CARE

### MISSION STATEMENT

The community's raising of children is to maximize a family's ability to be independent and self-sufficient through effective collaboration and support.

We recognize that there will be family breakdowns due to different life stressors which may include; grief, drug and alcohol addictions, poverty, family violence, separation and divorce, physical and mental health issues. Our paramount purpose is to keep children safe from these situations with the goal to support the healing and recovery of parents so families can be reunited.

There are 7 Services in the R.R.F.N. Community Care Program:

1. Family Preservation
2. Family Support
3. Bicultural Healing and Counseling
4. Repatriation
5. Customary Care
6. Alternative Care
7. Reunification

### FAMILY PRESERVATION

Strengthening families with intensive and daily support to prevent family breakdown resulting in the removal of children from their homes.

### FAMILY SUPPORT

Helping families with treatment, stabilizing home environment, advocacy, access to resources,



## **BICULTURAL HEALING**

Healing through individual and group counselling, therapy, family circles, parenting and children's support groups, cultural ceremonies, clinical, psychological and psychiatric consults

## **REPATRIATION**

Helping community members that were adopted or lost in the Child Welfare systems reconnect with the community and biological families.



## **CUSTOMARY CARE**

Children needing to be removed from their parents and placed in an alternative home with extended family or other community family. Customary Care is declared by Chief and Council.

## **ALTERNATIVE CARE**

Alternative home for children that need placement. These homes are declared an alternative care home following an approved application process and assessment. Extended family is the first option then other community members will be used with the goal to keep the children in the community.

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