

Early Learning & Child Care

Minister Frances Chartrand



President Chartrand



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Red River Métis Self-Government Treaty



Fiddle



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Creating New Spaces

Over 400 Child Care Spaces Created

- 5 Operational Child Care Sites:
 - Michif Children's Place, Dauphin
 - Elbert Chartrand Child Care Centre, Swan River
 - Li Chi Shevru, St. Eustache
 - Li Pchi Pwayson, St. Laurent
 - Louis Riel Child Care Centre, St. Boniface
- 5 Partnership and Affiliate Operational Centres:
 - Keewatinowi Awasisak Opi-Ki-Wak, Thompson
 - Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre (Abinoje Aboriginal HeadStart), Duck Bay
 - Sweet Grass HeadStart, The Pas
 - Little Stars PlayHouse, Winnipeg
 - Little Infinity, IWS, St. Andrew's
- 2 Upcoming Child Care Builds:
 - Little Fox Child Care Centre, Winnipeg
 - Ronald's Place, Winnipeg
- 6 License Home Child Care Centers:
 - Southwest (1)
 - Southeast (5) including three upcoming centres
 - Six participants each received \$40,000 in funding



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Education and Professional Development

Recruitment and Practicum

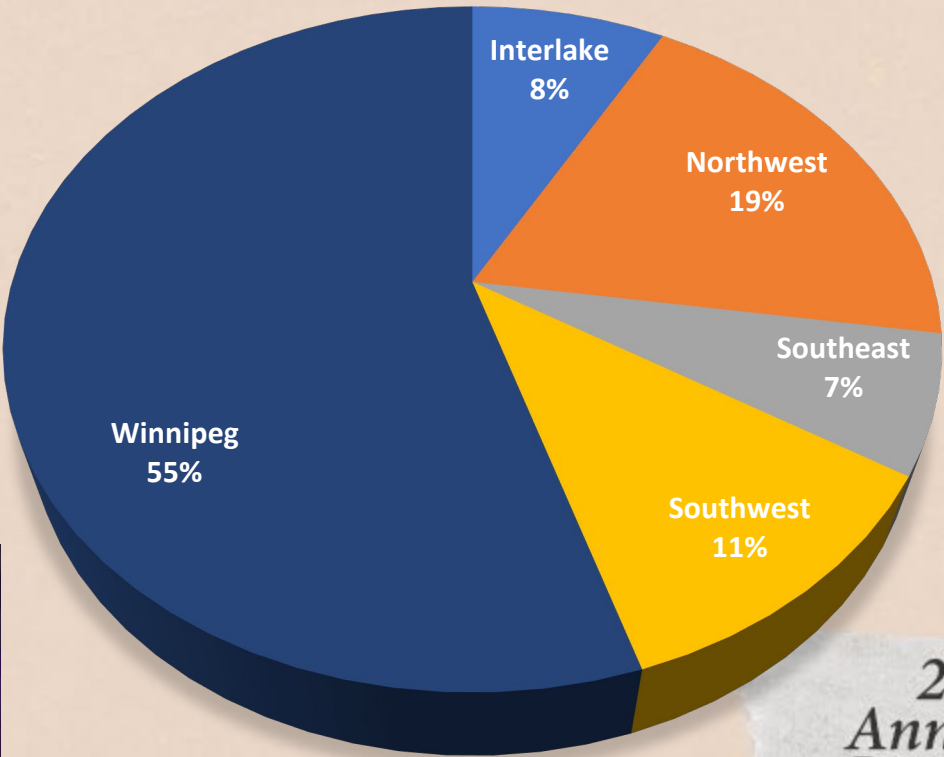
- Early Childhood Educators III (8)
- Early Childhood Educators II (35)
- Child Care Assistant (18)



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2024-2025

Total Number of Students: 61



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Education and Professional Development (Cont.)

Partnership with Ukrainian Canadian Congress

- **First Cohort:**

- 22 Ukrainian newcomers enrolled
- Expected graduation: June 2025
- All graduates will be offered employment opportunities

- **Second Cohort:**

- 30 Ukrainian students started in April 2025
- Expected graduation: June 2027



The annual Red River Métis Child Care Conference

- Held on February 21-22, 2025
- Over 210 attendees including delegates and educators



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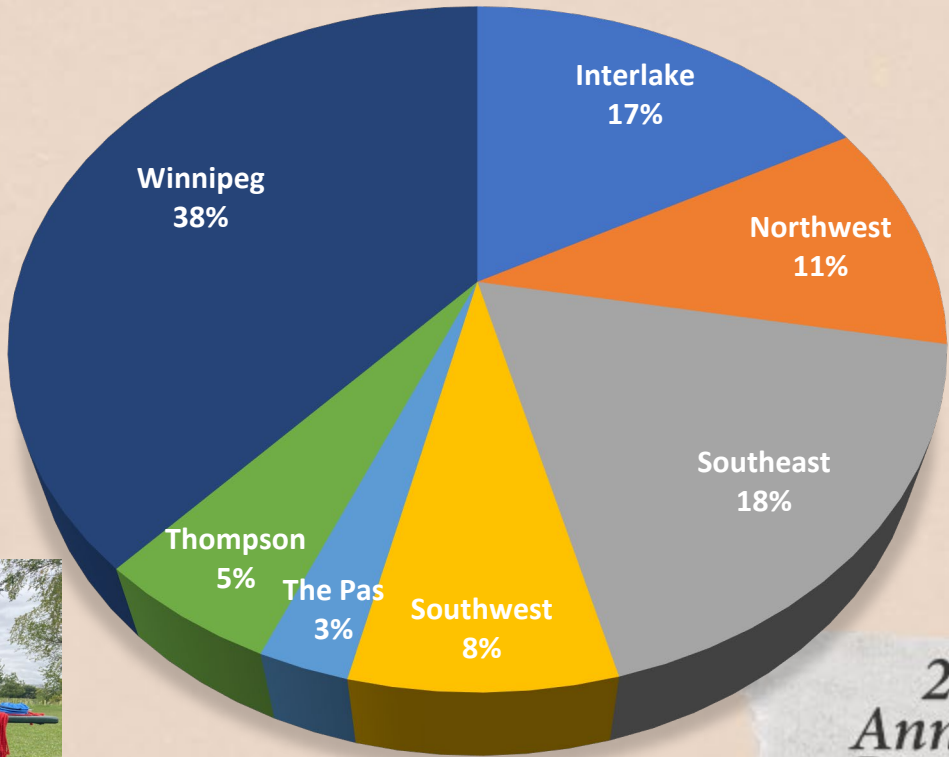
Red River Métis Culture, Heritage and Language Program

Community Outreach Programs

- Little Métis Literacy
- Stay, Play and Bead
- Maa Maan Pi Soon Biibii
- Nobody's Perfect Parenting
- Sensory Play
- Circle of Security
- Red River Métis Readers
- Summer Métis Mobile
- Land-Based

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Total Number of Attendees: 874



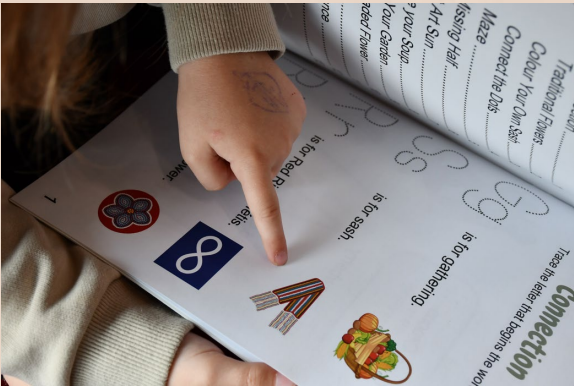
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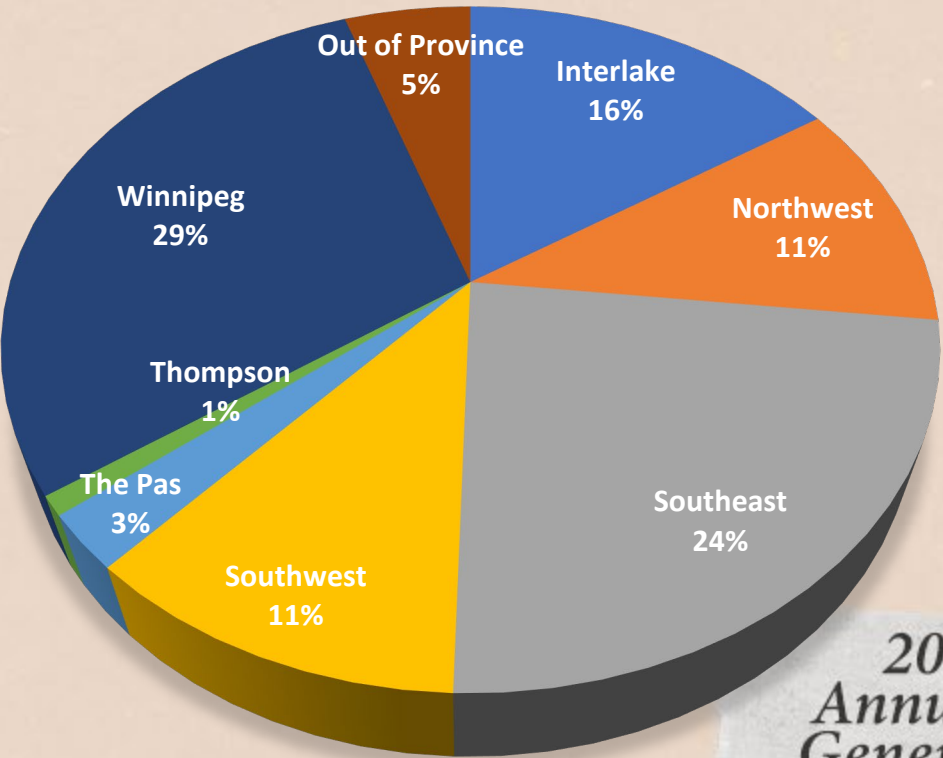
My Little Métis Box (Red River Métis Citizens aged 0 to 6)

- Currently in the 5th round of distribution
- Contents include: language cards, activity books, pattern matching puzzles, play fishing rods, play gardening tools, etc.
- 328 Beyond Borders recipients



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Total Number of Recipients: 6,267



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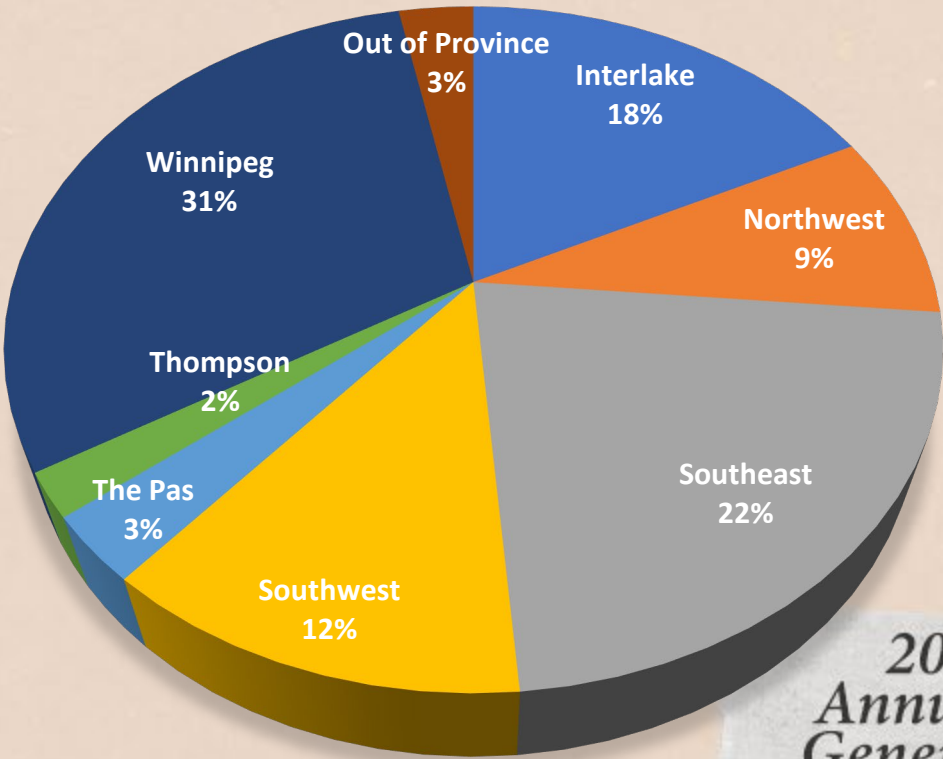
Bundle of Joy (Red River Métis Citizens aged under 1)

- Introduced in October 2023
- Contents included: sippy cup, nail clippers, washcloths, wipes, bison stuffie, fiddle rattle, My First Year Michif Baby Album
- 6 Beyond Borders recipients



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Total Number of Recipients: 193



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Red River Métis Early Years Longitudinal Study

*Follow our children's lives as it relates to **culture, heritage, and personal and professional development***

Presidential Mandate, 2022

What?

The first-ever longitudinal research study following Red River Métis children aged 0-6



Why?

To shape an ELCC system that reflects Red River Métis values, culture, and hope for our children



2025 Updates

- Formed Advisory Committee with experts in:
- ❖ Red River Métis governance and culture
 - ❖ Early Learning and Child Care
 - ❖ Child health and well-being
 - ❖ Red River Métis research practices



What's next?

Citizen Consultations:

- ❖ In-person and virtual
- ❖ Late 2025 and early 2026

We want to hear from you!

Look for more information coming soon!



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Community Engagement

- National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Shell River Jamboree
- Ste. Madeleine Métis Days
- LRI Mid-Summer Kids Fest
- St. Norbert Métis Days
- LRI Corn Roast
- Regional Meetings: NW, SW, & WPG
- IWS AGA & MMF AGA
- Santa Claus Parade
- NW Leadership Conference
- Aboriginal Headstart Conference



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