



Métis Child and Family
Services Authority

ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION

Métis Child and Family Services Authority contributes to strong and healthy Métis and Inuit families and communities through culture, values and heritage supported through the wisdom of our Elders.



GUIDING — PRINCIPLES

Ensure daily practice is guided by asking ourselves "Is It Good For The Children?"

Change the landscape and history of child welfare practices through recognizing the importance of reconciliation, culture and family.

Recognize the responsibility for decision-making stays with the family, extended family and community whenever possible.

Provide community based supports to our agencies that mirror the needs of the children and families.

Recognize the importance of reflecting family values through our service delivery.

Apply the wisdom of Elders to guide our decisions and service practices that we know will impact future generations.

Respect and honour the diverse individuality of all people.

Support our agencies to build capacity within the original family unit to care for and provide a safe environment for their children.





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DAVID CHARTRAND

President of the
Manitoba Métis Federation

The Red River Métis have always cared deeply about the health and wellbeing of our children and families. The Red River Métis are among the world leaders in Indigenous child and family services thanks to the vision of our Ancestors and Elders and the values they instilled in us and shaped our culture and Nation. Thanks to these values, the importance of staying connected to our family and community has been instilled in us since we were children.

In September 2024, Manitoba settled the Children's Special Allowance to the tune of \$84.8 million. The settlement is an incredible achievement for children in care of Métis Child and Family Services Agencies. To date, thanks to the hard work of the Authority, millions of dollars have been returned to the children in care of our agencies prior to 2019. As I committed since the start, I look forward to every dollar will be returned to our former children in care.

Also this past year, after over 154 years of fighting, we finally got to sign our Treaty, the Red River Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Treaty, in November 2024. This Treaty further enshrines our right to Self-Government in Canada's Constitution and entrenches the recognition of the MMF as the National Government of the Red River Métis. This new arrangement will create new avenues for growth for our Nation. It has been a long-time dream of our Elders and I'm so proud to say that it is finally coming true.

For our Elders, Youth, Veterans, Local leaders, and all Citizens – I wish to thank you for the guidance, wisdom, and the inspiration you give us every day. It is with you in mind that your Government fights every day to ensure that we are not forgotten and that our rights are recognized by every government and business in the land we have called home for generations.

I would like to thank Minister Mona Buors for her wisdom and guidance that she brings every day to the portfolio and around the Cabinet table.

Meeqwetch,
David Chartrand



MONA BUORS

Minister Responsible for Métis Child and Family Services
Manitoba Métis Federation

It is my privilege to serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis Child and Family Services for the Manitoba Métis Federation, and to walk alongside each and everyone of you as we continue to work towards independent jurisdiction over our child welfare system.

This past year has not been without its challenges, as negotiations for our Coordination Agreement with the Government of Canada were paused, while jurisdictional disputes between the provincial and federal government over funding for our child welfare system has occurred. That said, we have a long-standing history of being victorious in our fight for our inherent rights as Indigenous people, and we are committed to the pursuit of jurisdiction over child and family services for the Red River Métis.

In the meantime, we have continued to build on partnerships established across the MMF Departments and Affiliates in the best interest of the families we serve. We also continue to ensure that we are being informed on actions taken regarding our families by both our own agencies and external child welfare agencies across the country through our request to receive section 12 notifications in line with an *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children, youth, and families*. This ensures that the MMF as the Indigenous Governing Body for the Red River Métis is advised when any child welfare agency looks to take action regarding our children.

It is with great pride that I share we reached a historical milestone through the completion of the Children's Special Allowance Class Action Lawsuit. Our Authority staff have worked tirelessly and effectively to create a distribution team and process whereby every day they are aiding in fulfilling President David Chartrand's promise to return every cent that was wrongfully taken from our children in care, while providing these individuals with the supports and services they require to assist them in their healing journey.

I want to acknowledge and thank Authority Chief Executive Officer, Karla Hildebrand-Eden, Associate Chief Executive Officer, Desirée Gillespie, and all the Authority staff for their dedication and perseverance in the face of challenges we experienced this year, and for their continued support to our children and families. I also want to thank our Métis Child & Family Services Authority Chairperson, Barbara Bruce, and the rest of the Board of Directors for all the work and guidance you have delivered to the Authority over this past year.

A special thanks to President Chartrand and the Cabinet of the Manitoba Métis Federation for continuing to support the collaboration between MMF Departments and Affiliates with our Authority for the betterment of the families we serve.

Merci,
Mona Buors
Minister Responsible for Métis Child and Family Services
MMF – National Government of the Red River Métis



BARBARA BRUCE

Board Chair

Métis Child and Family Services Authority

On behalf of the Métis Child and Family Services Board of Directors, I am honoured to celebrate the amazing work our Métis CFS System has been able to accomplish this past year. This report reflects not only the measurable outcomes of our work, but more importantly, the enduring dedication, compassion, and resilience that defines our commitment to Red River Métis children, youth, and families across Manitoba.

The Métis Child and Family Services Authority and its two agencies continue to deliver culturally-appropriate and family-centred services to Red River Métis families throughout the province. These services span the full continuum of care and include prevention programming, family reunification, alternative care, ongoing support and more, and are all grounded in the teachings and values of the Red River Métis Nation.

At the Authority level, I am proud to celebrate the oversight, strategic leadership, and policy guidance that reflects the needs and voices of the communities we serve. Our executive management and their teams work diligently to uphold excellence in service delivery while advocating for system change, reconciliation, and self-determination for Red River Métis people. This includes building strong partnerships with the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), as well as provincial and federal governments so that Métis children, youth, and families receive equitable, timely, and culturally affirming care.

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Manitoba Métis Federation, National Government of the Red River Métis, our Indigenous Governing Body, for their consistent support, leadership, and guidance. The MMF's commitment to the well-being of Métis children and families has been instrumental in advancing our work and ensuring our services reflect the rights, needs, and culture of the Red River Métis. Their advocacy and vision continue to strengthen our collective efforts toward self-determination and a brighter future for our Nation.

I want to express deep gratitude to all of our leadership, front-line workers, Elders, caregivers, and community members who are the heart of this work. Your strength, knowledge, and commitment are building a future where Red River Métis children thrive with the support of their families and communities.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence in our path forward—a path shaped by Red River Métis values, collective wisdom, and a fierce dedication to our children and youth.

Chi Marrsii! Miigwech! Ekosi! Merçi! Thank you!
Barbara Bruce, Board Chair
Métis Child and Family Services Authority



KARLA HILDEBRAND-EDEN

Chief Executive Officer

Métis Child and Family Services Authority

I am extremely proud to present the Métis Child and Family Services Authority's 2024–25 Annual Report. This year's report captures the many milestones we have achieved as a unified Métis Child and Family Services System—milestones made possible through the continued dedication and collaboration of our leadership, staff, partners, and community.

Highlights from the 2024–25 year include:

- Advancing the implementation of *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* through ongoing coordination with federal and provincial governments, while continuing to pursue the federal funding that is owed to our Métis Child and Family Services System.
- Successfully securing a landmark victory in the LaFontaine Class Action Lawsuit. As Administrator and Distributor of the settlement funds, we are now leading the process of delivering these funds to former children in care for the period between January 1, 2005, and March 31, 2019.
- Deepening our partnerships with Manitoba Métis Federation Departments and Affiliates to ensure that Red River Métis citizens impacted by the child welfare system have meaningful access to the programs and supports offered by their government.
- Supporting the Manitoba Métis Federation by serving as sector leads for Registration and General Information during both the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly in June 2024 and the Annual General Assembly in October 2024.
- Collaborating with our agencies to recognize and celebrate the contributions of our staff and youth through events such as our Métis CFS System holiday celebration, 20-year anniversary event, and other community-focused gatherings.

These accomplishments reflect the strength of our system and the vision that guides our work. As we look ahead, I am confident in our continued ability to evolve and lead with purpose—ensuring that our services not only meet the needs of today but that we are positioned to support generations to come.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to President David Chartrand; Mona Buors, Minister Responsible for Métis Child and Family Services; Barbara Bruce, Board Chairperson; our Board of Directors; and the dedicated staff across our Authority and agencies. Your steadfast commitment continues to drive our shared success.

Together, we honour our history, meet the needs of today, and build a stronger future for Red River Métis children, youth, and families.

Thank you!

Karla Hildebrand-Eden

Chief Executive Officer

Métis Child and Family Services Authority



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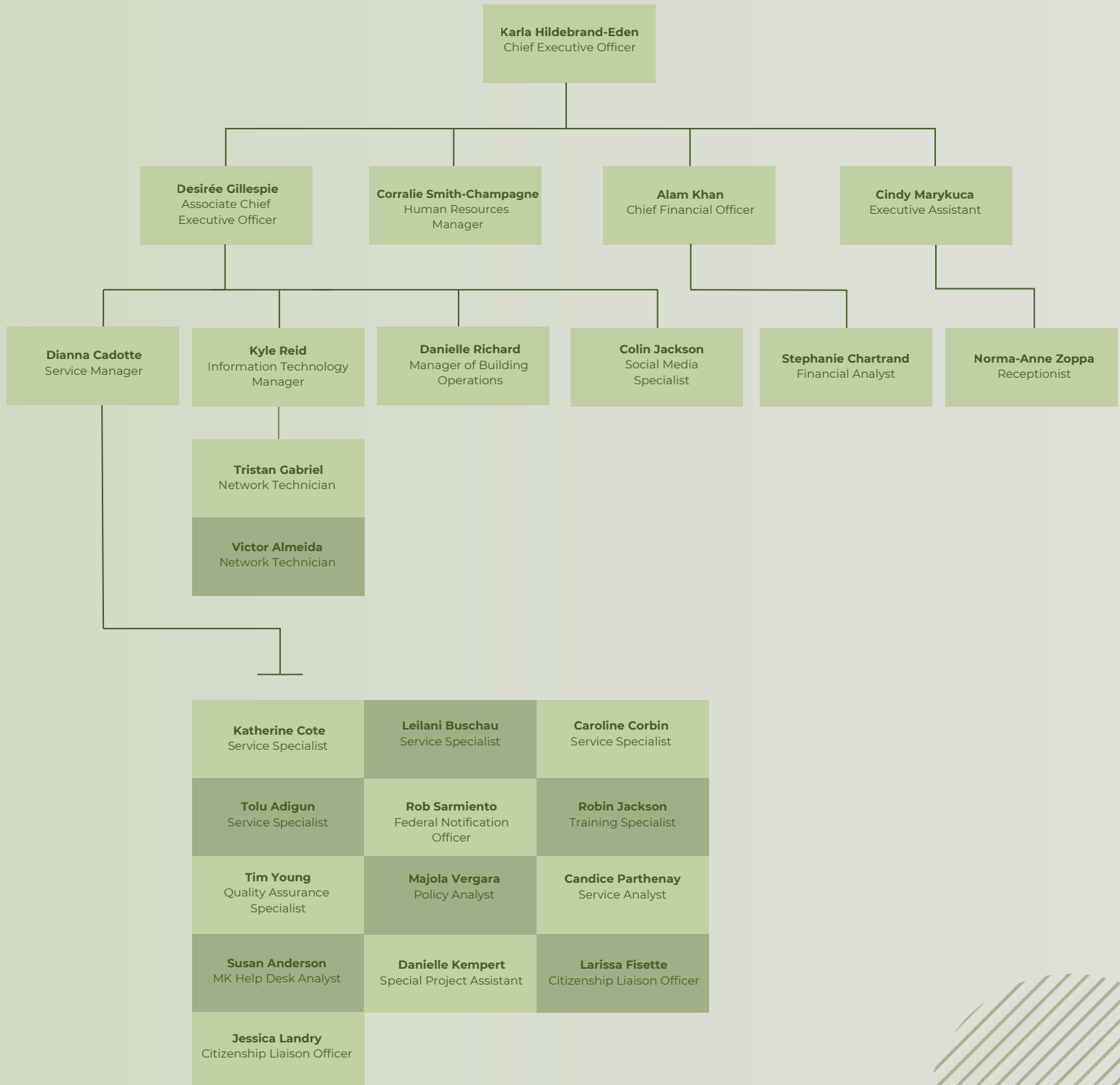
MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our
Indigenous Governing Body, the Manitoba
Métis Federation (MMF) -
National Government of the Red River Métis.

Your steadfast support and generous
contributions to child welfare make it possible
for the Métis Child and Family Services System
to deliver essential services to Red River Métis
children, youth, and families.

Under your leadership, our communities
continue to thrive. Because of the MMF's
guidance, Red River Métis children are able to
grow up in family environments that honour
their history, culture, and identity.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



STAFF RECOGNITION



We would like to congratulate Caroline Corbin (15 years), Tristan Gabriel (15 years), Denise Bloch (10 years), and Corralie Smith-Champagne (5 years), for their continued commitment within our Métis CFS System.

As we recognize these milestones, we are reminded that the strength of our system lies in the people who carry this important work forward. We are deeply grateful for the knowledge, guidance, and heart that Caroline, Tristan, Denise, and Corralie bring to our team, and we look forward to seeing their continued impact in the years ahead.



YEAR IN REVIEW

Bill C-92 - *An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*

It has been four long years of negotiations with the Federal and Provincial governments on Coordination Agreements so that the Red River Métis can draw down law. Countless hours from the Authority Executive Management and the Agencies' Executive Directors have gone into writing the Red River Métis CFS laws, negotiating the Coordination Agreements between the Federal and Provincial governments, the Asset Transfers, and the Funding Agreements.

Our Red River Métis Government, the Métis CFS Authority and both agencies have been working carefully to move these negotiations forward. This has been a mammoth endeavour.

This Act was enacted in January 2020 and despite the Manitoba Métis Federation being the first Indigenous Governing Body to give notice, the agreements are stalled.





In 2024, President Chartrand and Premier Wab Kinew wrote a joint letter to Prime Minister Trudeau regarding the Coordination Agreement delays and uncertainty. The letter spoke to the fact that the Manitoba Métis Federation has provided all information requested to the Federal government to be able to move the negotiations without resolve. A second joint letter from Minister Mona Buors, Minister Responsible for Métis Child and Family Services and provincial Minister Nahanni Fontaine, Minister of Families was sent to Federal Minister, Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Indigenous Services Canada reiterating the concerns of the length of time these agreements are taking to complete.

In the interim, the MMF, through the Child Family and Community Institute (CFCI) continues to receive notices of significant measures in line with section 12 of the Federal Act. This requirement of service providers ensures that the MMF, as the National Government of the Red River Métis, receives notice when service providers seek to take any significant action in relation to a Red River Métis child. It is promising to see service providers from across Canada complying with this requirement.

SINGLE ENVELOPE FUNDING

Single Envelope Funding was supposed to last three years from 2019 – 2022 with an evaluation of the funding after three years. No evaluation has taken place and on April 1, 2025, we entered the seventh year of the same funding. Our agencies grew in staffing numbers as well as cost expenditures in response to the needs of our families through developing and implementing innovative programs, the philosophies of the Red River Métis in delivering culturally-appropriate services, reducing of the number of children in care, and supporting our children, youth and families in ways that are essential to our core values.

The Manitoba Métis Federation, the Métis CFS Authority and the Agencies have been in discussion with the province over the lack of clarity on our funding. The Métis Authority has also met with the MGEU to help clarify the current funding position that we are in. We have met multiple times with the province

regarding our funding requirements since it has not been adequate from the beginning of the implementation of Single Envelope Funding.

We have also met with the Acting Deputy Minister of Families to share the same information.



Renee Lafontaine and Mary Derendorf - Class Action Claimants

On May 18, 2022, Manitoba courts determined that the practice of the Manitoba government clawing back the Children's Special Allowance (CSA) from our children in care between 2005 and 2019 was discriminatory against children in care and unconstitutional.

After years of battling, the monies owed to our former children in care are finally being returned to them. In September 2024, the Métis CFS Authority have been listed in the court-ordered Settlement Agreement as the Administrator and the Distributor of the settlement funds. A team of six staff at the Authority have been re-assigned to be the Distribution Team whereby they hold in-person or virtual meetings with Class Members to complete the court ordered requirements in order for the Class Member to receive their settlement funds.

Once this part is completed, the Class Member is provided with the opportunity to meet with the Director of the Child and Family Community Institute or one of our Verification Team members to discuss supports and services available to them, through the MMF and in the community. Through partnership with other Departments and Affiliates across the MMF, we have been able to provide valuable resources including walking our class members through the process of obtaining their citizenship cards, providing education about the MMF Departments and Affiliates, and explaining opportunities available for those seeking to be involved with our Nation. The Authority has also teamed up with the Royal Bank of Canada to provide financial literacy services and appointments to meet with an RBC Advisor for financial investing and savings.



MICHIF KASHKIHTAAW (MK)

Few recommendations from the Phoenix Sinclair inquiry have been implemented, despite the primary recommendation focused on information systems as being a significant gap in child welfare in Manitoba.

Among those recommendations, recommendation 22 called for the following needs within a child welfare information system:

- a)** interfacing with other government systems including Employment Insurance, Education, and Health;
- b)** keeping track of all children receiving protection services, as well as all children in care;
- c)** using alert features to flag those known by the system to pose a significant risk to children; and,
- d)** efficient file recording, for example through the use of electronic dictation equipment and voice recognition, or direct entry using a computer, tablet, or other portable device.



The Métis CFS Authority valued those recommendations along with the understanding that no Nation can have sovereignty without control over their information.

It was important as we created our information system to give it a name that represented our system, our way. We were gifted the name of our case management system Michif Kashkihtaaw (MK). Kashkihtaaw is a Michif word. It can mean that he or she can, is capable of and/or succeeds. The name was gifted to us by the Elder Advisors on our Métis CFS Boards and we deeply thank them for this name that was given with pride and wisdom. Michif Kashkihtaaw also evokes messages of stewardship and a commitment and responsibility to watch over, which represents the very essence and intention of our work with children, youth and families.

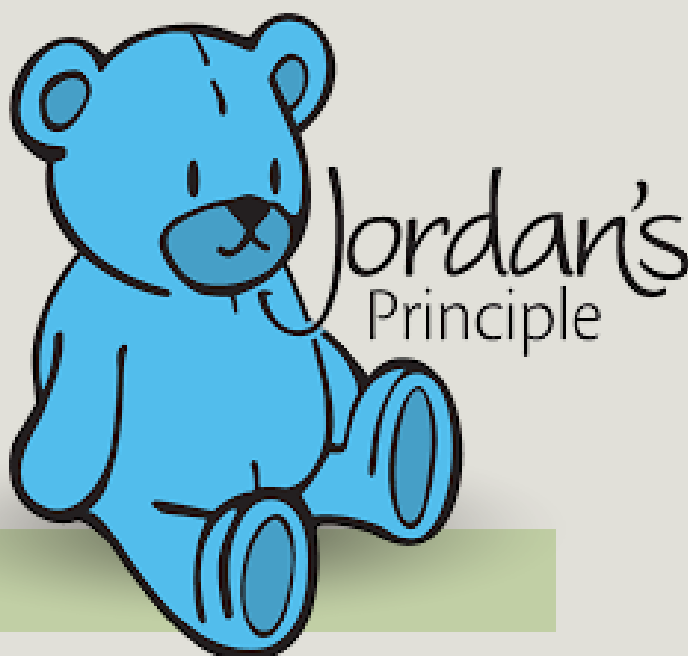
MK has honoured the recommendation from the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry and is capable of performing all tasks outlined in 2013. Within our case management system we have the ability to track current and historical information, specifically in the financial area. It allows us to remain fiscally responsible and learn from previous trends to ensure we can support our children and families in their areas of need.

The highlight of our case management system truly has been the ability to do better when we know better. How we do things or language we use currently is very different from 10 or more years ago. As we become more educated or as the world around us changes, we can update our case management system just as quickly as we evolve. We can alter language, change what is tracked and even add new features as we evolve.

PARTNERSHIPS

MÉTIS HEALTH & WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

The Métis Child and Family Services Authority has been working in collaboration with Métis Health and Wellness on promoting a plan for a Red River Métis Jordan's Principal initiative. Currently, only First Nations and Inuit are able to access Jordan's Principal.



EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE (ELCC)

ELCC graciously sends out the “Little Métis Boxes” to each of the shelters for the children in our care to receive cultural teachings. These boxes are a wonderful way for the children in our care staying in shelters to learn more about the Métis culture.



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

We have partnered with the Department of Housing and Property Management in the building of Mazoun Infinitii Pakoshayimook, meaning Infinity House of Hope. Mazoun was built to serve as transitional housing for Métis youth who age out of care and will provide them with wrap-around and culturally-safe services.



CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE (CRO)

The Central Registry Office has been invaluable to our Métis CFS System in obtaining citizenship for our children, youth and families who are served by our child and family services agencies. As we move into federal child and family services legislation, it is imperative that all of the families that we are serving are Red River Métis citizens.

ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – MÉTIS N4 CONSTRUCTION

Métis N4 Construction completed a capital assessment related to the federal Coordination Agreement. They prepared a needs assessment based on the current buildings in the child and family services system as well as made recommendations for what will be required as we transition to federal child and family services legislation.

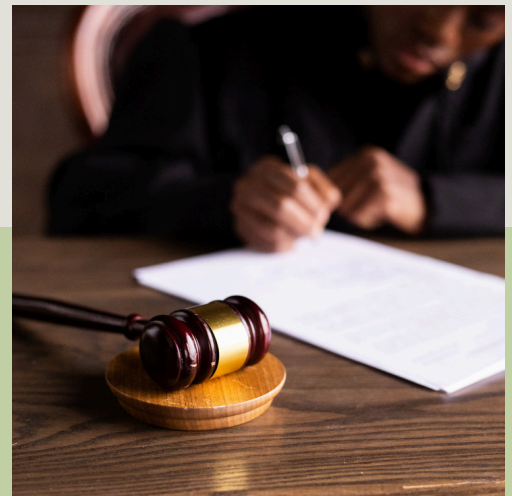
CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY INSTITUTE (CFCI)

Last year, we saw the revival of the Child, Family and Community Institute to support our Minister responsible for Métis Child and Family Services as well as our Métis Child and Family Services System. Brittany Butler is the Director for the Child, Family & Community Institute.



MÉTIS JUSTICE INSTITUTE (MJI)

The Métis Justice Institute provided the Métis Child and Family Services System with a dedicated Court Liaison Worker to prepare youth and families involved with child and family services for court. Court can be very intimidating to our youth and families, and the assistance of a Court Liaison Worker allows them to be prepared for what they can expect through the court process.



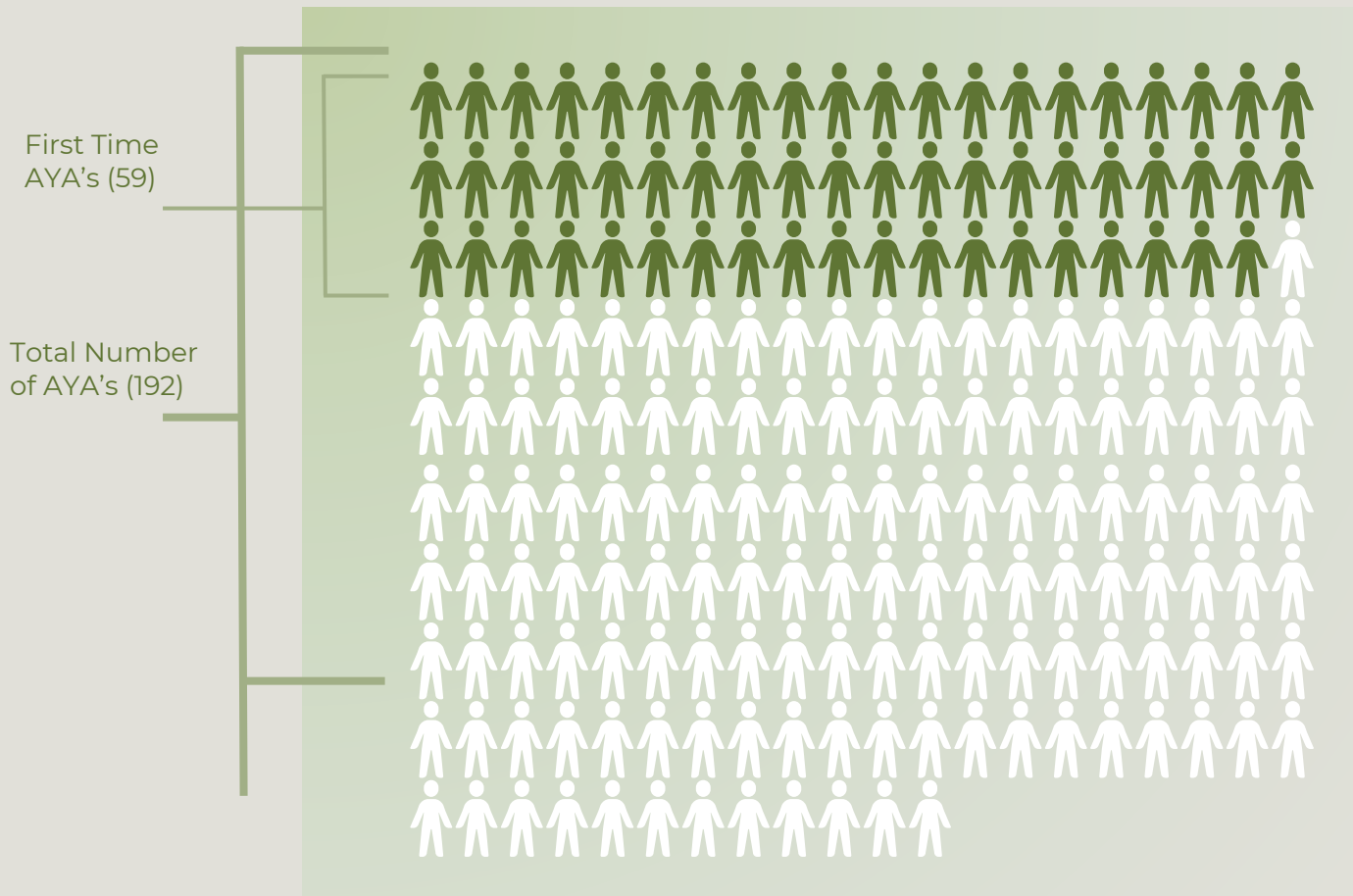
MÉTIS COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEPARTMENT (MCRD)

Currently, the Métis CFS Authority provides in-kind training related to areas of interest to department staff.



SERVICE DATA

AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG ADULTS (AYAS)



An Agreement with Young Adult (AYA) for support services is offered to youth who are under a Permanent Order at the time they turn 18 years of age and whose further planning meets the criteria below. These agreements may be renewed up until the age of 21 years.

The reasons for an Agreement include:

- EDUCATIONAL GOALS
- TRANSITION TO ADULT SERVICES
- TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENT LIVING
- EMPLOYMENT TRAINING
- TREATMENT PROGRAMS
- OTHER SERVICES THAT WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG ADULT TO ACHIEVE SAFETY, SUCCESS, AND BETTER OUTCOMES, WHILE BEING SUPPORTED THROUGH CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES

Funding is available under the Supporting Young Adults Grant (SYA) program to support young adults transitioning out of the child welfare system. The SYA Grant enables child and family services agencies to provide assistance to young adults who would usually not be eligible for an Agreement with young Adults (AYA), either due to legal status or age. Young adults between the agencies of 18 - 21 who are ineligible for an AYA due to legal status or young adults over the age of 21 (up to age 26) who have received continuous supports from a child and family services agency are eligible to receive grand funding.

SUPPORTING YOUNG ADULTS GRANT (SYAS)

14

NUMBER OF GRANTS PROVIDED IN THE
2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR.

CITIZENSHIP

The following data outlines the Métis citizenship status of our children, youth and families within our Métis Child and Family Services System.

This data shows how much our Métis Child and Family Services System impacts Red River Métis children, youth, and families as well as our commitment to preserving our culture.

This data only represents a portion of the year, as staff were temporarily reassigned to support Children's Special Allowance (CSA) requirements.

94

APPLICATIONS SENT TO
CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE

176

APPLICATIONS WAITING
ON DOCUMENTS

3628

NAMES RECEIVED REQUESTING
ELIGIBILITY CHECK

423

NAMES DETERMINED
ELIGIBLE

81

CITIZENSHIP RECEIVED

148

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED
BEYOND CENTRAL
REGISTRY OFFICE

127

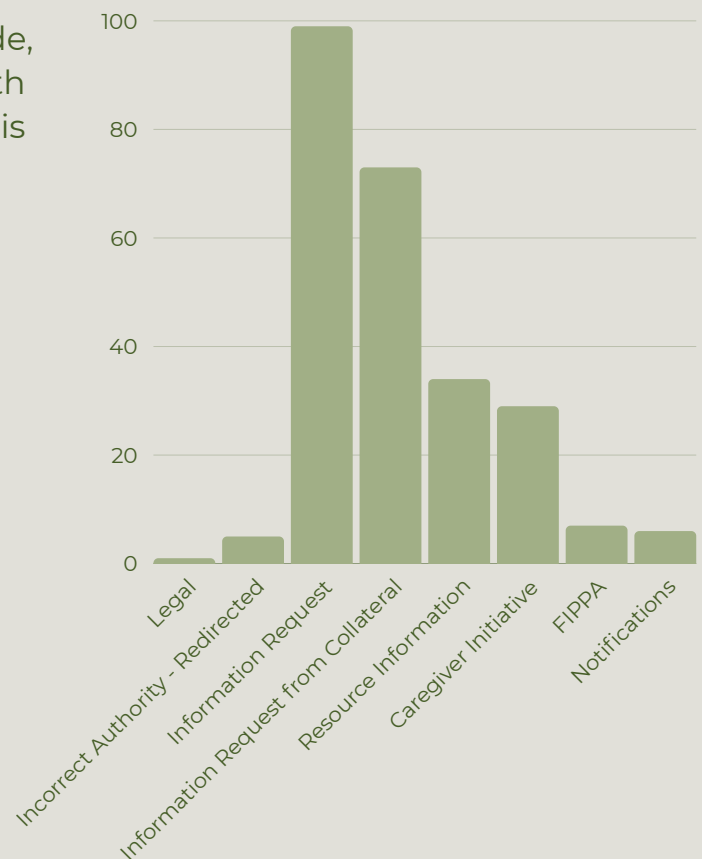
KINSHIP CONNECTIONS FOUND
WITHIN MCFSA SYSTEM

COMMUNITY INQUIRIES

Our role at the Authority is to ensure that community voices are heard, that the families we serve are treated fairly, that they understand why decisions are made, and know we will advocate for them with our agencies if we feel a better solution is possible.



Types of Inquiries



SOURCE OF COMMUNITY INQUIRY

- ✓ Referrals by the Manitoba Métis Federation Minister Responsible for Child and Family Services
- ✓ Other Government Departments
- ✓ Child and Family Services Authority
- ✓ Manitoba Métis Federation Departments
- ✓ Law Enforcement
- ✓ Current/former children in care
- ✓ Provincial Minister
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth
- ✓ Legal
- ✓ Family Members
- ✓ Department of Families
- ✓ Child and Family Services Agency
- ✓ Kinship Caregivers
- ✓ Hospitals/Clinics
- ✓ Collateral Agencies
- ✓ Foster Parents
- ✓ Community



NOTICES OF SIGNIFICANT MEASURES

Section 12 of the Federal Act is a requirement to provide a Notice of Significant Measure to an Indigenous child's parent, caregiver and relevant Indigenous Governing Body before service providers (including provincial Child and Family Services agencies) take any significant measure regarding the provision of child and family services to the child. The Métis Child and Family Services Authority received 1525 notices of significant measures this year.



REASONS FOR SIGNIFICANT MEASURES

- ✓ Court Proceedings (869)
- ✓ Private Guardianship (4)
- ✓ Guardianship Application (2)
- ✓ Planned Adoption (2)
- ✓ Not Culturally Appropriate Placement (29)
- ✓ Petition Filed (280)
- ✓ Placement on Adoption Registry (7)
- ✓ Removal from Foster Home (11)
- ✓ Removal of Child (51)
- ✓ Return to Family (10)
- ✓ Section 30 (117)
- ✓ Section 42 (13)
- ✓ Section 49 (4)
- ✓ Transfer to Ongoing Agency (126)
- ✓ TOTAL: 1525



MÉTIS CFS SYSTEM'S AGENCIES



MÉTIS CHILD, FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY INC.



Métis Child, Family and Community Services and Michif Child and Family Services have gone through unprecedented times over the past year, and have proceeded with resiliency and integrity through the many challenges faced. Both agencies remain committed to culturally grounded, family-led decision-making and continuous improvement in case practice. This ensures children maintain meaningful connections to their homes, families, and Métis identity.



MÉTIS CREATING AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS TOGETHER (CART)

The Métis Creating Authentic Relationships Together (CART) program supports a variety of families at a time with various different needs, including early intervention for parents facing substance misuse and/or mental health challenges. This multidisciplinary team—caseworkers, mentors, addictions and mental health workers—works closely with the Métis/Michif Connect programs to build sustainable networks of care.



MÉTIS/ MICHIF CONNECT

The program continues to promote a “Family Seeing” approach that welcomes family and community into every step of planning and support. In 2024 alone, the program supported hundreds of families and participated in even more network gatherings, fostering identity, belonging, and intergenerational connection.

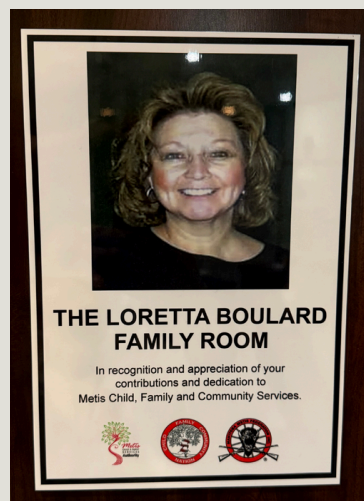
20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On June 3rd 2024, we celebrated Métis Child, Family and Community Services 20-year anniversary as an agency. To mark this milestone, the agency hosted two staff appreciation BBQs, where executive members took the lead in BBQing for staff. These events were held at the 2000 Portage office and the Sutherland office. A celebration video was also created in which we heard from our Minister, Executive Staff, and long-term employees who have been with us since the beginning.

MCFCFS hosted a dedicated Staff Recognition event on December 4, 2024, where employees were celebrated for their years of service. Supervisors delivered heartfelt speeches for 20-year staff, and Minister Mona Buors and the MCFCFS Chairperson Brenda Zak presented awards.

ROOM NAMING CEREMONY

MCFCFS hosted a room naming ceremony to honour two Red River Métis citizens and their contributions to the agency: Loretta Boulard, who served as Board Chairperson and a Board Member from 2013 to 2016, and Minister Judy Mayer, who served as Minister of Métis Child and Family Services for 12 years.



BECOME A CAREGIVER

We are always seeking compassionate care givers– no prior experience is needed. Whether for long or short-term placements, our goal is to place children with immediate or extended family, or within their cultural community. Join us in shaping a stronger future for Red River Métis children.

ONGOING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Our agencies continue to support Youth as they transition into adulthood. Through Agreements with Young Adults and various support programs, former children in care receive help with housing, living costs, education, health, and cultural engagement. Individual supports and group programs like Métis/Michif Spirit ensure they remain connected and empowered.

MÉTIS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On December 7, 2024, we welcomed over 1,000 guests to the annual Christmas celebration at Red River Exhibition Park. Families enjoyed festive rides, snacks, and entertainment in a joyful, inclusive setting. The event brought our community together in the spirit of the season.

YOUTH CELEBRATIONS

We proudly honour Youth transitioning out of care through celebratory events filled with community, culture, and pride. These milestones reinforce their value, accomplishments, and the strong foundation they have built with the support of the agencies.



GRANTS

BELL LET'S TALK COMMUNITY FUND

We are pleased to report that Métis Child, Family, and Community Services Agency Inc. has received a \$20,000 donation from the Bell Let's Talk Community Fund. This generous contribution supports our "Ready to safeTALK...about suicide" project.

The funding covers one round of SafeTALK "training for trainers," establishing a pool of 10 certified SafeTALK trainers. Additionally, it includes the purchase of participant toolkits, enabling these trainers to provide suicide prevention training within communities and organizations moving forward. Some trainer candidates will come from our internal staff, while others will be valuable partners supporting Métis families alongside our agency.



SCOTIA STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT

We are thrilled to announce that Métis Child, Family and Community Services has been approved to receive \$75,000 over three years from the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada for the Scotia Stay in School Program. This program is designed to support children and youth in care and those involved with child welfare, fostering academic success and recognizing the efforts and achievements of students facing challenging personal circumstances.

The Stay in School Award program, facilitated through this initiative, acknowledges elementary and high school students who demonstrate exceptional dedication and resilience in their academic pursuits despite significant personal obstacles. Awards are granted for achievements such as perseverance, attendance, improved grades, and successful transitions from special education to general or advanced classes.

KEY FINANCIALS

A summary of the audited financial results for the year (ending March 31, 2025) with comparative figures for the previous fiscal year are presented below:

	2024/2025	2023/2024
AUTHORITY OPERATIONS		
Authority Total Operating Revenue	4,502,144	5,435,327
Authority Total Operating Expenditure	4,834,814	5,153,702
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations	(332,670)	281,625
AUTHORITY KEY OPERATING COSTS		
Salaries and benefits	2,893,837	4,075,232
Amortization of capital assets	631,320	521,269
Information technology	588,724	486,248
Office Expense	338,125	409,329
AGENCY FUNDING		
Metis Child, Family and Community Services	37,482,836	42,895,396
Michif Child and Family Services	11,398,865	7,082,768



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