

Our Historic Advancements

**Metis
Community
Liaison
Department**

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What is the Metis Community Liaison Department?

- The Metis Community Liaison Department provides support for Citizens of all ages. This support is centered around the understanding and inclusion of Metis culture.
- The MCLD strives to support our citizens in accessing resources both inside and outside the Manitoba Metis Federation. The goal is for these resources to provide our Citizens with support in all areas of their lives, from help reaching out to other departments to locating assistance and advocacy with outside organizations.
- There is a Liaison worker in every region that can provide these supports and facilitate MCLDs programs you are about to hear about!



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The Prescription Drug Program

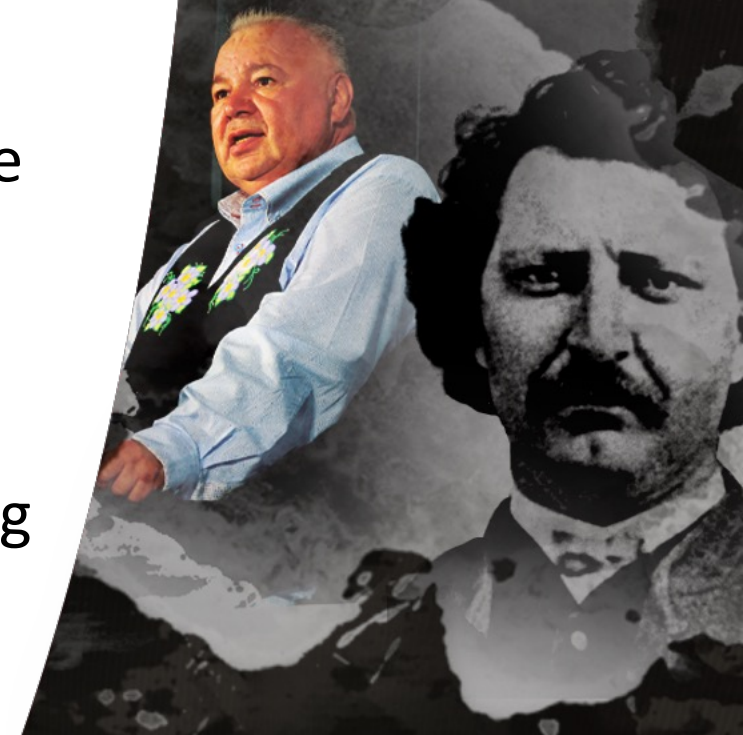
- The Prescription Drug Program (PDP) is a Manitoba Metis Federation Initiative that assists eligible Metis Seniors (55+) by covering their Pharmacare deductible making pharmacare eligible prescriptions free.
- MCLD assists this program by facilitating the intake and collecting the required documents from the applicants.
- In order to qualify for this program, the applicant must be 55 or older, hold an active Manitoba Metis Federation Citizenship, and have an annual income of less than \$25,000 a year.
- This Program is in Partnership with the MMF Health and Wellness Department and MEDO Pharmacy.



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Senior Eyeglass Program and Vision Care Initiative

- The senior eyeglass program helps aide Metis Seniors in accessing and affording their vision care by covering the cost of specific eye exams and glasses exclusively at Prairie Eye Care.
- To qualify, You must be 55 years of age or older, Hold an active citizenship, and make less then \$25,000 Annually.
- The Vison Care Initiative helps Metis Citizens by partnering with Prairie Eye Care to provide all citizens with an affordable rate of \$200 for select exams and glasses.
- The program is in partnership with the MMF's Health and Wellness Department and Prairie Eyecare.



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Parenting Programs

- In previous years MCLD has worked to provide in person parenting programs to support Metis parents and caregivers, and their children.
- These programs included Little Metis Sing with Me, Little Moccasins, Triple P Positive Parenting Program (Northwest region), Circle of Security (Northwest Region), and Nobody's Perfect (Northwest Region)
- Due to Covid-19 these programs are no longer offered but MCLD is working towards the creation of new programs and supports for Parents, and Caregivers in the future.



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Memorial Service Financial Support Program and The MMF Bereavement Fund

- The Memorial Service Financial Support Program assists the family members of eligible Metis citizens that have passed by providing up to \$5000 towards eligible basic memorial costs.
- The MMF Bereavement fund supports the families of deceased citizens by providing \$200 towards additional costs involved in memorial services.
- Both of these programs are facilitated by MCLD and you can learn more by contacting your regional Liaison Worker.



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Assistance with Emergency Medical Travel

- The MCLD does not have an official emergency medical travel program however we recognize that the need is high for this support, especially in regions who have to travel a further distance to attend medical obligations.
- These requests are taken under advisement by the department director and accommodated on a very limited case by case basis.
- However, MCLD does assist with the partial payments of ambulance bills for all citizens with an active membership.



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Medical Hotel Accommodation

- For citizens traveling for essential medical purposes, MCLD has the ability to book hotels at specific locations on behalf of the citizen and cover the cost of this accommodation for eligible appointments.
- All requests need to be received by your regional MCLD worker a minimum of 7 days prior to your appointment, if an emergency occurs, MCLD will do their best to accommodate.



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Casework and Advocation

- MCLD works to connect citizens to resources and supports both inside and outside the MMF, in order to ensure citizens of all ages get access to any form of help they are looking for.
- MCLD is available to provide citizens with support connecting and communicating with a number of organizations, including, but not limited to:
 - Employment Insurance
 - Canadian Pension Plan/ Old Age Security
 - Workers Compensation Board
 - Manitoba Public Insurance
 - Canada Revenue Agency



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Income Taxes

- MCLD houses a program that can help low-income citizens file their taxes year-round.
- This program is for basic returns only and can only go back for a maximum of 5 years.



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Program Connection

- Metis Community Liaison Workers are able to connect you to the regional programs you are looking for. Most MCLD workers assist with regional programs such as:
 - Cost of Living Supplement
 - Senior Wood Program
 - Lawn Care Program
 - Bison Meat Program



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