

Kikinaw – Our Home

Exciting news towards equity and excellence

Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Kikinaw (pronounced kee-kee-now), the quarterly newsletter of the Jordan's Principle / TRC Advisory Committee (for more information about this committee, see p.4). In this newsletter we will share reflections from cultural activities around the center, let you know about upcoming events, and share quality and equity initiatives. In each edition we will share reflections on teachings from our Elders and Knowledge Keepers in the previous season as well as resources that may be helpful in your work and personal lives.

We would love your input on content for the newsletter. If you have ideas to share or a reflection to submit, please send to kikinaw@rccinc.ca.

Learning with Elder Mary Wilson

Each month, Knowledge Keeper (Elder) Mary Wilson leads a webinar for SSCY staff and clients. Everyone is encouraged to attend in order to increase their



understanding of Indigenous culture, develop their skills of cultural safety and reflect on allyship and anti-racism. Each webinar takes place over the lunch hour: come, eat, discuss and learn! Please contact SSCY reception if you need a link to these events, or click [here](#) for the meeting link.

Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 27th to October 1st

SSCY Centre Health and Wellness Committee and Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO) Jordan's Principle Program have partnered to sponsor Orange Shirt Day Events and Bar-B-Que. On October 1st, activities will begin at 11 am with opening prayer and honour song, and will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Throughout the day there will be the opportunity to make orange handprints to honour the children who were taken to residential schools and did not return home, as well as those that returned with heavy burdens to bear.

More details will be released as the date draws near. If you would like to volunteer for the day's activities please contact Chris Froese (cfroese@rccinc.ca or 204-258-6512) or Diana Renaud (drenaud@rccinc.ca or 204-258-6612).

Upcoming
webinars

September 9, 12PM - 1PM
October 14, 12PM - 1PM
November date TBA
December 9, 12PM - 1PM

Full Moon Ceremony

Full moon ceremonies are a monthly time of strength when women and two spirit individuals gather outdoors to celebrate the feminine energy of grandmother moon in ceremony. If you are interested in learning more please [connect with Elder Mary](#).

Upcoming
full moons

September 20
October 2
November 19

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A message from
Michelle Klippenstein,
Jordan's Principle
Coordinator



Aniin, hello; My name is Michelle Klippenstein and I am the new Jordan's Principle Coordinator at SSCY Centre. Jordan's Principle is a legal requirement resulting from Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) rulings that aim to eliminate service inequities and delays for First Nations children. My position was created to help all First Nations children and their families who are accessing the SSCY

Centre by serving as a culturally appropriate point of contact, providing culturally safe drop-in and/or meeting space for First Nations families, and helping to navigate with families the appropriate programs, departments and/or agencies. This also includes being able to attend SSCY Centre appointments with families and/or case conference upon request and to collaborate with appropriate service providers and/or programs, both within SSCY Centre as well as externally. Should you have questions or want more information on how I can be a support for a family who may fall within the Jordan's Principle program, you can reach me at mklippenstein@rccinc.ca. Miigwech, thank you. Michelle

RCC Jordan's Principle has a Facebook group!

RCC is proud to present the Jordan's Principle Facebook group. Directed towards Jordan's Principle families, workers, and community members, there are weekly interactive posts by RCC therapists, providers, and more! Posts include resources such as videos, activity ideas, general tips for development, links to articles, games, etc. Please participate by liking, commenting, sharing, and even doing your own posts!

To join the group you can search "RCC Jordan's Principle" on Facebook, click [this link](#), or scan the QR code:



Training highlight - Four Questions of Life workshop

Over the summer, SSCY staff were fortunate to be given the opportunity to participate in an introspective training led by Grandmother Helen Robinson-Settee and Knowledge Keeper Mary Wilson. The training focused on the 4 questions of life: Who are you? Where do you come from? What is your purpose? Where are you going? Participants were invited to create a collage to answer those questions, and participated in discussions throughout the day-long training. The sessions were held 4 times, with the final one being held on August 19th.

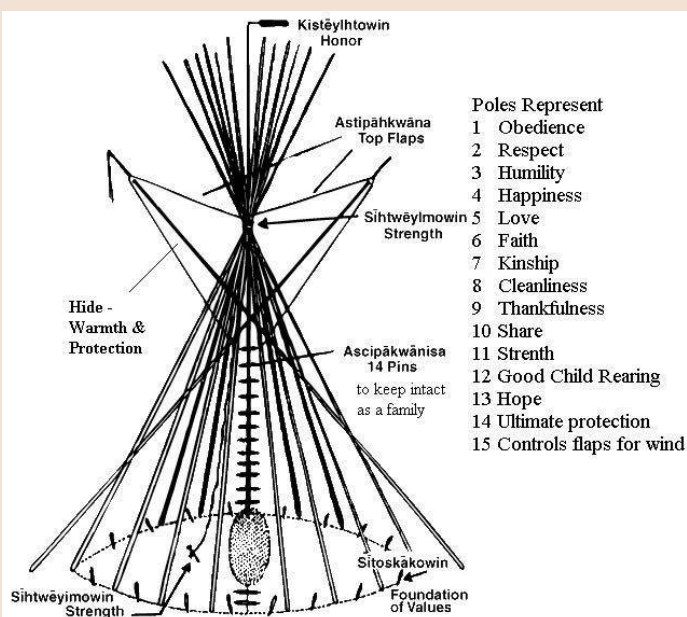
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SSCY Tipi

The SSCY tipi is located on the west side of the SSCY Centre grounds. Kristopher Turner, along with members of his family, built our tipi on July 13, 2021.

SSCY staff were invited to participate in teachings in and around the tipi as it was being built. We would like to thank Kristopher for his participation in educating and sharing this knowledge.



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Tipi Teaching

Each pole of a tipi has special significance. To learn more about tipi construction and history, visit [Indigenous Education and Tipi Teachings](#).

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Sharing Knowledge

In each newsletter, we will share books, websites, videos, and information about organizations that are doing great things so that we can all keep learning and growing together.

In this edition, we invite you to spend some time on [The First Nations Child & Family Caring Society](#) (The Caring Society) website.

One of the resources you will find on this website is [Spirit Bear's Guide to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action](#). This guide was published in 2020 and is an excellent resource for people of all ages. Read and share with friends, family, educators, and others who want to learn more about Truth and Reconciliation.

Many will also be interested in a 2021 report featured in The Caring Society's summer newsletter: [Jordan's Principle and Children With Disabilities and Special Needs: A Resource Guide and Analysis of Canada's Implementation](#).

There is much more to read and learn on this site. Explore the pages to learn more [about The Caring Society](#), find out about upcoming events, ways to become involved, and learn more about [what you can do](#) "to help make a better Canada for First Nations and all children and their families".

About the Jordan's Principle / Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Jordan's Principle / Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee is to ensure that RCC is providing culturally safe and culturally appropriate services with and for Indigenous clients and families and is facilitating the ongoing movement towards First Nations led health services. The Committee was formed in 2018 and since then has spearheaded many initiatives across the SSCY Centre and beyond, including education, outreach and special events. The Kikinaw newsletter is our latest endeavour, to inform our staff, families and partners about all our activities.

Current Committee members:

Pam Becker, Barb Borton, Jeanette Edwards, Chris Froese, Allison Hasselfield, Michelle Klippenstein, Diana Renaud, Grandmother Helen Robinson-Settee, Cheryl Susinski, Knowledge Keeper Mary Wilson, Kristy Wittmeier