



What is ohpikîhakan?

ohpikîhakan is a program designed to meet the holistic needs such as spirituality, housing, family, community connection, spirituality, and cultural connection of youth ages 13 - 17 in the care of Children's Services.

“ohpikîhakan” translates into “a child that is being raised” in Cree. This name was gifted to us by Elder Dr. Leona Makosis to emphasize the importance of the relationship and connection to a child's culture and family.

About The Family Centre

The Family Centre has supported children, youth, and families in Edmonton for 80 years. Our programs are accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and certified by Community Connections in the Creating Cultures of Trauma Informed Care Model (CCTIC).

Become a caregiver

As a therapeutic caregiver you will receive wraparound holistic support so that you can provide a home and be a therapeutic intervention for the youth in your care.

Be an ally | advocate | ambassador

Caregivers are the medicine:

- Adaptable, compassionate, and dedicated
- Want to make a positive difference in a youth's life
- Passionate about youth's relationship with family and community
- Open to learning, embracing, and encouraging youth connection to their culture and spirituality

Caregivers receive:

- Comprehensive support
- Therapeutic supervision
- Group supervision and peer support
- Professional, robust training
- Respite
- Enhanced financial compensation

Caregivers...

- Bring a welcoming and stable home
- Are a resident of Edmonton, Alberta (and surrounding area)
- Have experience caregiving

Contact us for any questions

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