

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY INDIGENOUS EARLY YEARS PROGRAM

Who We Are

Annual and Special Events

Throughout the year, the Indigenous Early Years program will be hosting community events (ie. Pow Wow) that support building cultural awareness & connection for children and their families in Northumberland County.

Please watch for postings on Northumberland County's website and EarlyON Centre Bulletin Boards and Facebook Pages.

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The Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre (NFC) is a not-for-profit, culture and community based organization mandated to serve the needs of urban Aboriginal people in the City of Peterborough and surrounding area. We provide culture based programs and social activities to all urban Aboriginal people along the life cycle.

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The program provides children and families with Indigenous cultural teachings and knowledge; traditional songs, dancing, and drumming will incorporate language and movement into the child's learning experience.

In collaboration with local Elders, Traditional People and Knowledge Keepers, events such as ceremonies, story-telling, teachings, art and much more will be introduced. The goal is to ensure that all EarlyON child and family centres and licensed child care centres within Northumberland County deliver on-going cultural based programs.

Program Objectives

- To promote cultural awareness while fostering healing and reconciliation for urban Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, youth and families.
- To plan and implement culture-based programs in collaboration with Elders, Traditional People and Knowledge Keepers.
- To celebrate Indigenous culture through community events.



Early Years Services

- Programming that supports the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children, while building upon the four foundations of "How Does Learning Happen"; belonging, engagement, expression and well-being.
- Ensure all families have access to high quality services that support the growth and development of children and families.
- Provide children access to inclusive, play and inquiry based learning opportunities to improve their developmental health and well-being.