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The Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre is dedicated to providing equal access to quality health care for all Indigenous/Metis people within the Rainy River District. Our services include culturally appropriate primary health care delivered through our clinic and community outreach services.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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PLEASE NOTE: THE CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH 2023 FOR FAMILY DAY!



ANISHINAABEMOWIN The Ojibwe Language

Boozhoo! If you want to learn some Ojibwe we are happy to teach you some phrases. Here are some translations you can practice with a friend!

Miigwech!

I am amazed by you.

Gimaamakaadenimin.

You're beautiful/handsome.

Gidoonizhish.

Eat with me.

Wiidoopamishin.

Kiss me.

O jiimishin.

I love you.

Gizhawenimin.

I want to marry you.

Giwiiwiidigemin.

Holy moly!

Howah!

Of course!

Miinange!

I think the world of you.

Wiinge gigichiinenimin.





Order for the November Healthy Living Food Box will be due:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

At the Sunset Country Métis Hall, 714 Armit Ave. from 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM

The boxes will be **\$25.00 (cash or Etransfer)**Payments can be made when ordering or at pick-up

Pick-up will be on:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

At the Sunset Country Métis Hall, 714 Armit Ave. from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

This program is possible through the partnership of:

Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre, Sunset Country Métis, Northwestern Health Unit, Valley Diabetes Education Centre, and our dedicated volunteers

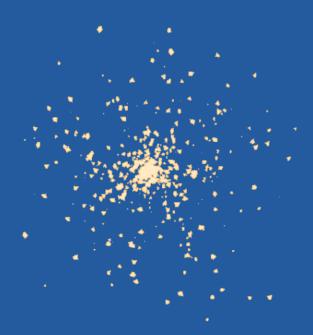


GHAC STAFF TRAINING & RECOGNIZION



GISELLE IS ONE OF THE FANTASTIC STAFF WE HAVE WORKING IN THE CLINIC. IN DECEMBER, SHE WROTE AND PASSED THE RPN LICENSE EXAM. WOOHOO!!! GISELLE IS NOW A REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE. EXCELLENT EFFORT!





INDIGENOUS CARE COORDINATORS PROGRAM

ICC Services *not limited to

- Assistance for in-hospital patients to ensure understanding of what is happening and what to expect to enhance patient's experience
- Patient advocacy-do you have questions, concerns?
- In-hospital face to face visiting
- Coordinate language translator per patient need/request
- Ensure cultural requests for smudging, medicines & tobacco for ceremony per patient request
- Coordinate elders, healers & other like knowledge keepers per patient request
- Coordinate with CHN, CHR, Health Directors etc., at community band levels
- Assist our Metis population
- Assistance in transition and discharge planning from hospital to home, by ensuring calls and arrangements are happening
- *ICC cannot pay for transportation arrangements
- Aid with palliative encounters



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Indigenous Care Coordinator Program

The Indigenous Care Coordination
Program was put in place to
address the needs and to improve
the in- hospital experiences of our
Indigenous, Metis people. Our
Indigenous Care Coordinators
(ICC) work primarily out of
LaVerendrye Hospital in Fort
Frances. We work with hospital
staff and community program
people to address the needs of inhospital clients & discharge
planning.

ICC

Indigenous Care Coordinators

Christie Brown
GHAC: 807-274-3131 ext. 234
Email: cbrown@gizhac.com

Connie Calder GHAC: 807-274-3131 ext. 234 Email: ccalder@gizhac.com

La Verendrye Hospital 807-274-3266 ext. 4195

Mon. - Thur., 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. & Friday 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.

GHAC website http://www.gizhac.com



INDIGENOUS CARE COORDINATORS PROGRAM

ICC are part of the circle of care team.

Provides a range of health and mental health navigation, advocacy, discharge planning and support services to Indigenous peoples.

Staff are committed to improving the health and mental health outcomes of Indigenous peoples by providing culturally appropriate and safe care, as well as assisting patients with health system navigation.

At this time ICC workers are not available for client assistance while waiting in emergency department and cannot fast track your wait. We can provide you with a contact number to reach the Emergency Nursing Supervisor should you, or a loved one, feel like you are not being considered fairly.

ICC can also help you file complaints if you feel that something has occurred where you or your loved one has not been treated with the respect and consideration while in the emergency department, or while you were an inpatient.

ICC will not share patient information through telephone calls, texts or social media platforms. We can direct you to those you need to speak to.





GOAL: to improve equitable access to care for Indigenous patients. To support their return home through discharge planning; and to support community based services that are culturally appropriate and safe.



GHAC FOOD CUPBOARD

OUR COMMUNITY CUPBOARD HAS A NEW LOCATION, NEW STOCK, AND A NEW ANISHINAABEMOWIN NAME!!!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO CRYSTAL SMITH. CRYSTAL SUBMITTED "MAADA'OOKII" WHICH MEANS TO DISTRIBUTE GIFTS, SHARES SOMETHING WITH OTHERS. WE THINK IT FITS PERFECTLY. A SIGN WILL BE MADE AND PLACED HERE WITH THE CHOSEN NAME. FOOD WILL BE STOCKED HERE FOR ANYONE WHO IS IN NEED. PICTURED

HERE IS PARKER AND TAMMY WHO HELPED SUPPLY THE SHELF FOR IT'S UNVEILING!

WE HAD SO MANY SUBMISSIONS FROM PEOPLE OF ALL AGES INCLUDING A GRADE 7&8 NATIVE LANGUAGE CLASS! HERE ARE SOME OF THE OTHER NAMES SUBMITTED WHICH DESERVE EQUAL RECOGNITION:

MAADA'OOKII MIIJIDAA KOOKUM'S PANTRY ZHAWENIM WIISININ ADAASOWIN

OODENA BEMAADIZIJIG MIIJIM DESAABAAN GIWIIDOOKAWAANAANIG OWIIJIIWAAGANANAG NINDINEMAGINIDAG WIISINIYAG ADAASOWIN KOKUM DIBAAJIMOWINAN MIIZH MIIJIM ANDAWENDAMOOG WEECHI NIIJII ADAASOWIN INAWEMAAGAN DESAABAAN

MIIGWECH!!!







GHAC holds monthly community clinics in the First Nation communities in our district. If you would like an appointment to see a primary care giver, you have 2 options.

You can contact your community clinic/office to book an appointment or you can contact GHAC @ (807) 274–3131 to book your appointment confidentially.





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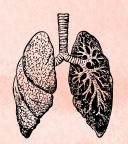
Box 686

Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M9

Phone: (807) 274-3131

Admin Fax: (807) 274-6280

Clinic Fax: (833) 479-0721



ASTHMA EDUCATION PROGRAM

When you can't breathe, nothing else matters

AT YOUR

APPOINTMENT...

You'll be provided with information on the physiology of asthma and effects of a chronic disease on the lungs, types of medications and how they'll aid in helping you control and manage your asthma, inhaler, and arochamber technique.

ASTHMA IS DIAGNOSED WITH...

A Spirometry test. This is at no cost to you.

WE WORK CLOSELY WITH...

Your health care provider to determine your diagnosis and a treatment plan that will work well for you.

No referral is required! Anyone that meets our mandate for service can access this program.

Call Randi, Primary
Care Asthma
Program
Coordinator, R.R.T.
to make an

appointment at 274-3131





THE GREEN COMMITTEE AT GHAC IS PROMOTING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION TO HELP OUR ENVIROMENT AND CLIMATE!

Why not try Meat-Free Monday?

Plant-based diets aren't just gaining popularity because they're good for you, but they're good for the environment too! Here are some fast facts about increasing your plant-based food consumption:

Eating meat only 3x a week reduces risk of heart disease, cancer and strokes

A plant-based diet may help prevent Type 2 Diabetes

Eating plant-based supports your immune system

Many plants are high in fiber and may improve your gut health

Plant-based diets reduce your carbon footprint

For more facts check out https://meatfreemondays.com/facts-and-figures/

Sources:

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Here are some sources of plant-based protein:

- WILD RICE
- BEANS
- LENTILS
- GREEN PEAS
- OUINOA
- SOY MILK
- TOFU

- OATS AND OATMEAL
- NUTS, NUT BUTTERS AND OTHER SEEDS
- VEGETABLES INCLUDING BROCCOLI, SPINACH, POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, ASPARAGUS
- HEMP SEEDS

Breakfast Ideas:

- Cereal and fruit
- Overnight oats
- Smoothie
- Oatmeal with fruit and nuts
- Homemade muffin and berries
- · Toast with peanut butter
- Fruit salad with seeds

Lunch & Dinner Ideas:

- Chickpea or Black Bean Burgers
- Lentil and Vegetable Soup
- Vegetable & Bean Chili
- · Corn Chowder
- Wild Rice Soup
- Baked Potato with Beans, Salsa and Avocados
- Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Mushrooms
- Avocado and Bean Salad Wraps

- Burritos with Rice and Black Beans
- Sweet Potato Quesadillas
- · Stir-fry with Peanut Sauce
- Rice Bowls with Ginger, Diced Carrots, Cucumber and Soya Sauce
- Vegetable Lasagna





FASD & CHILD NUTRITION





What should baby wear when it's cold?

- Thin, warm, well-fitting clothes
- Layers over top once buckled
- Hat and mitts



Avoid bulky clothing, snowsuits, and bunting bags in the car seat - save them for in the stroller.

Safety is our middle name.

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Providing Canadians with the skills and knowledge to safely transport children for



What should an older child wear when it's cold?

- Unzip the coat to reduce bulk under the seat belt
- Layers over top once buckled
- Hat and mitts



Avoid bulky clothing and snowsuits.

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- Thin, warm, well-fitting clothes
- ✓ Layers over top once buckled
- Hat and mitts



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For more information on Child Passenger Safety contact:

Robyn Dennis @ 274-3131 or rdennis@gizhac.com



SEINE RIVER



INFANT MASSAGE COURSE

CLASSES RUN ONCE A WEEK FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS TO TEACH A FULL BODY MASSAGE ROUTINE, THE BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUAL STROKES, AND WAYS TO PROMOTE COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR INFANT. AVAILABLE TO PARENTS AND THEIR INFANTS 0- 12 MONTHS OF AGE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE PLEASE CONTACT:

ROBYN DENNIS

CERTIFIED INFANT MASSAGE INSTRUCTOR
GIZHEWAADIZIWIN HEALTH ACCESS CENTRE
RDENNIS@GIZHAC.COM
(807) 274-3131

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

FRANCES KABATAY
FRAN.KABATAY@BELLNET.CA
OR (807) 861-4444

Course dates:
Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Time: 11:00am Location: Seine River Gym

FASD & CHILD NUTRITION

To Book an Infant
Massage Course in Your
Community, Please
Contact Robyn:
Robyn Dennis @ 274-3131
Ext. 311 or
rdennis@gizhac.com





Infant Massage Course

with Certified Infant Massage Instructor Robyn Dennis

LOCATION:
UNFC
ABINOOJII GAMIG
(821 MCIRVINE ROAD)

TIME: 10:00-11:00

DATES:

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023 FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT DORY PETERSON AT 274-7244 OR PRENATAL2@UNFC.ORG

SPACE IS LIMITED TO TEN PARTICIPANTS









FOOD SECURITY



DEHYDRATOR WORKSHOPS
WILL BE STARTING UP AGAIN IN
FEBRUARY.
NEW DATES WILL BE POSTED AS SOON
AS COMFIRMED FOR REGISTRATION.
POSTERS WILL BE SENT TO
COMMUNITY FOR SIGN UP.
MIIGWECH!







HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM





Wear Red to raise awareness about women's heart health

On February 13th the Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access
Centre will be lit RED in support of women and their
families who've been affected by heart disease.

Join us on February 13th and wear RED!

Visit WearRedCanada.ca for details!



#HERHEARTMATTERS

For more information and resources, visit: WEARREDCANADA.CA







HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM



Wear Red to raise awareness about women's heart health

#HERHEARTMATTERS



Join us for a Lunch and Learn

Topic: Women's Heart Health

When: February 13, 2023

Time: 11:30-12:30

Where: Fort Frances Senior Centre

Lunch Provided





Experiencing any of the following?











Eye infections Dysmenorrhea







Urinary tract infections



Insect bites



Select types of skin rash



Tick bites



Acid reflux



Hemorrhoids



Cold sores



Book an appointment with the pharmacist today!





NEW FACES AROUND THE CENTRE



WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME DAYLE
CONNOR TO GIZAHEWAADIZIWIN HEALTH
ACCESS CENTRE!

"I HAVE BEEN A NURSE SINCE 2016 AND HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THE ER, ACUTE CARE AND LONG TERM CARE SETTINGS. I ALSO HAVE EXTENSIVE CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS. I AM EXCITED TO EMBARK ON A NEW JOURNEY TO THE AREAS OF PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT, AND HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO HELP OTHERS BE IN THEIR BEST OF HEALTH."



BOOZHOO! MY NAME IS SAM, AND I AM A SSW STUDENT FROM NAICATCHEWENIN. THIS IS CURRENTLY MY LAST SEMESTER OF MY PROGRAM: I AM DOING MY PLACEMENT WITH THE HEALTH EDUCATION TEAM, AND WILL ALSO BE SHADOWING THE MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS. IN MY SPARE TIME, I LIKE TO READ, TRAVEL OR HANG OUT WITH MY SON AND HUSBAND, WE ALSO LOVE GOING TO CONCERTS AND HOCKEY GAMES, I LOVE GIZHEWAADIZIWIN BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY INCLUSIVE TO ALL MEMBERS IN OUR AREA, AND HAVE ALL THE TOOLS TO HELP SAID MEMBERS WITH WHATEVER THEY MAY NEED. THE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT IS REALLY WARM AND INVITING SO IT MAKES WORK NOT SEEM LIKE WORK, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING NEW FACES AND SEEING FAMILIAR ONES! MIIGWETCH.

CANADIAN INDIGENOUS ARTISTS







BOY WITH FISH

NORVAL MORRISSEAU

AN ANISHINAABE, HE WAS BORN MARCH 14, 1932 ON THE SAND POINT OJIBWAY RESERVE NEAR BEARDMORE, ONTARIO, SOME SOURCES QUOTE HIM AS SAYING THAT HE WAS BORN IN FORT WILLIAM, NOW A PART OF THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO, HIS FULL NAME IS JEAN-BAPTISTE NORMAN HENRY MORRISSEAU. HE RECEIVED THE NAME COPPER THUNDERBIRD AT THE AGE OF 19 DURING A RENAMING CEREMONY. NORVAL WAS VERY SICK AND THE POWERFUL NEW NAME WAS TO GIVE HIM NEW ENERGY AND LIFE. HE RECOVERED AFTER THE CEREMONY AND FROM THEN ON ALWAYS SIGNED HIS WORKS WITH HIS NEW NAME. JACK POLLOCK, A TORONTO ART DEALER, HELPED EXPOSE MORRISSEAU'S ART TO A WIDER AUDIENCE IN THE 1960'S. STRUCK BY THE DISCOVERY OF MORRISSEAU'S ART, HE IMMEDIATELY ORGANIZED AN EXHIBITION OF HIS WORK AT HIS TORONTO GALLERY. ONE OF MORRISSEAU'S EARLY COMMISSIONS WAS FOR A LARGE MURAL IN THE INDIANS OF CANADA PAVILLON AT EXPO 67, A REVOLUTIONARY EXHIBIT VOICING THE DISSATISFACTION OF THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE OF CANADA WITH THEIR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SITUATION. IN 1978, HE WAS MADE A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA





BE KIND TO YOURSELF

ONIGAMING FIRST NATION MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY VISIT

FEBRUARY 9TH 2023
PLEASE PHONE (807)274-3131 TO BOOK
YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH DAN, GHAC'S
MENTAL HEALTH WORKER.
APPOINTMENTS NEED TO BE BOOKED BY
3PM ON FEBRUARY 8TH.
APPOINTMENTS ARE LIMITED.



GHAC Cultural Craft Night







Please join us for Craft
Night at GHAC.
Tuesdays - February 14th,
21st and 28th 6-8pm at
the Health Access Centre.

Bring a friend!!





FUN HOLIDAYS

Check out some of February's Fun Holidays and Awareness Days!

Celebrating any of these? Make sure to take a photo and tag us on
your social media!

February 1 - National Freedom Day

February 2 - Groundhog Day

February 4 - World Cancer Day

February 6 - Pay a Compliment Day

February 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 17 - President's Day

February 21 - International Mother Language Day

February 22 - Be Humble Day

February 23 - National Banana Bread day

February 24 - National Tortilla Chip Day

February 26 - National Pistachio Day

February 27 - International Polar Bear Day



RECIPE OF THE MONTH TURKEY BURGERS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1-1.5 lb. ground turkey (93% lean)
- 2 tbsp. Italian breadcrumbs or oats
- 1 egg
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp. fresh parsley chopped
- 2 tbsp. olive oil for frying
- Assorted toppings such as lettuce, tomato, avocado, and red onion

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a medium bowl, mix together all the ingredients except for the oil.
- 2. With wet hands for easier handling, form the mixture into 4 1/2 thick patties.
- 3. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat.
- 4. Add the patties and cook until golden brown and cooked through, about 5 minutes per side.
- 5. Place burgers on a bun or lettuce, add toppings as desired, then serve!







SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

Have an appointment coming up with us? Don't forget to make sure your OHIP card is still valid!

Cards can be renewed on the ServiceOntario website, or you can visit 922 Scott Street, Fort Frances.



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