

Vision Statement

The Healing Lodge strives for excellence in the support of hope and healing.

Mission Statement

The Healing Lodge is a nationally accredited facility that honours the strengths and gifts of the First Nations and Inuit families we serve by providing a culturally focused program in a safe environment that supports healing for people who use substances.



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***We are a treatment centre
dedicated to supporting our
Indigenous people on their
healing journeys towards
'Mino Pimatiziwin'
(a good life).***



The **Mikaaming Mino Pimatiziwin Healing Lodge**

(formerly the Sagkeeng Mino

Pimatiziwin Family Treatment Centre) is an internationally accredited family addictions facility. The name was changed in 2019 to reflect an added emphasis on harm reduction and “meeting participants where they are at” on their healing journeys. The Lodge initially became operational in 2004 to provide addictions treatment to First Nations and Inuit families with the primary focus of “Mino Pimatiziwin” (Ojibway), when translated it means “good life.”

As a residential setting, each family enjoys their own self-contained family suite for the duration of the program cycle. The program offers a wide range of informational topics which gently guides the individuals in their understanding of colonization, historical trauma, and the generational patterns that affect their family units.

The program focuses on each individual’s way of being and connecting to their own spirituality. They have access to Spiritual leaders who provide teachings of respect, truth, love, honesty, wisdom, humility and courage. These Seven Sacred Teachings become the theme for each treatment week. Parents also attend traditional ceremonies, parenting skills training, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.

As of 2017, MMPHL expanded its reach by accepting family members who might be under the care of a physician for reducing harms associated with substance misuse/overuse; as a result, we incorporate harm reduction principles into our holistic treatment program. Traditionally, our



ancestors have known and followed this ‘harm reduction’ concept for years but it they called Saagiitiwin/Shawaanjiigaawin/Love.

“Those that are facing addictions need our support, we can’t condemn or shun them. They are a part of all of us, we’re all connected and related. Whatever happens to one happens to all. We need to offer greater support and the foundation of our help is love.” - Elder Dave Courchene.

How to get into MMPHL

- Connect with a referring source (NNADAP, Counselor, CFS, etc.)
- Complete the referral package, including the Pre Admission Medical Forms and send them to MMPHL.
- If referral package is incomplete a letter identifying such will be forwarded to the referring source.
- Upon availability a telephone call along with a letter is sent to the referring source.
- Referring source makes the proper arrangements for the family to attend treatment.

Minimum Requirements To Work at MMPHL

- Counselling skills, group dynamics
- Experience working in the field of addictions
- At least 2 years sobriety and maintaining Mino Pimatiziwin “Good Life”
- Valid Class V drivers license and willingness to obtain Class IV
- Criminal Records Check, Child Abuse Registry Check, Prior Contact check

Future/Ongoing Plans:

- 1) Withdrawal Management Unit (Substance Use Stabilization Unit)
- 2) Mobile/Virtual Treatment Program



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