



Helping Families Helping Children

Since 1984, the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre has worked to support families to better care for children by creating meaningful opportunities for community and family involvement. We believe that **strengthening families is a worthy investment in the future.**

By focusing on the positives and building upon individual strengths, we have helped our families make tremendous strides in their ability to nurture and provide secure environments for their children.

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Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre

**Strengthening
Children, Families
& Communities
since 1984**



*“We all work together
to help one another”*

Services for Children, Families & Communities

The Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre (Ma Mawi) was given birth in the fall of 1984 by committed community members who sought an Aboriginal solution to supporting and rebuilding families.

Since that time, we have grown to provide a variety of supports and programming to accomplish these results.

As a non-mandated agency, Ma Mawi provides culturally relevant preventive and supportive programs and services to the Aboriginal community in the areas of *Family Support, Family Violence Prevention, Foster Care, Homemaker Services and Youth Support Services*. With a focus on understanding and working directly with the community that we serve, Ma Mawi is uniquely situated to create local solutions that will ensure personal, family and community well-being.



Our Mission

We seek to help build the capacity of the Aboriginal community to maintain healthy children, youth, families and neighbourhoods.

Community Based Programs

All of Ma Mawi's programs and services are community based and operate within a philosophy that is embodied in our name, which translated from Ojibway means: "We all work together to help one another".

These words reflect the concepts of collective responsibility and reciprocity towards helping each other, and are based on the recognition that at some point in our lives, we may need help to deal with the problems that arise from living and raising children in an urban environment.

With a community development approach to service delivery, Ma Mawi is actively creating meaningful opportunities for family and community involvement in the neighbourhoods we support.

Strengthening Families Investing in the future

Goals:

To maintain a resource centre in Winnipeg that provides support programs to Aboriginal families, designed to encourage and promote the maintenance and well-being of the family unit.

To promote Aboriginal culture as a basis for developing and providing programs and services as well as opportunities for encouraging Aboriginal cultural awareness within the community as a whole.

To promote and facilitate Aboriginal and community involvement in the nurturance and support services to families.

To advocate on behalf of Aboriginal children and families involved with or receiving services from child welfare agencies.

To work cooperatively with all family service agencies in Manitoba in the development of programs and the delivery of services in keeping with the goals and objectives of the Centre.

To maintain a quality of service that protects and encourages the rights of the individual to self-determination.

