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Equay-wuk (Women's Group) Succeeds with Grant for Positive Parenting Program

Equay-wuk (Women's Group) will receive \$149,900 over two years from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a Positive Parenting Program. The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives \$100 million annually from Ontario's charity casino initiative.

The Parenting Program will develop a culturally, sensitive Positive Parenting Workshop Kit, which will be made available to the 31 First Nation communities served by Equay-wuk (Women's Group). With contributions and guidance from First Nation community members (including leadership, youth, Elders, service providers, etc), a set of culturally appropriate resource manuals will be produced. The Positive Parenting Program will deliver training workshops in the First Nation communities, using the revised and updated parenting workshop kit.

The intent of the Positive Parenting Program is to continue the restoration of parenting skills in First Nation women, youth, and men. Aboriginal people, through the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and other venues, have constantly maintained that the loss of positive parenting influences has reinforced the intergenerational traumas evident in First Nation communities.

Equay-wuk (Women's Group) firmly believes that providing a culturally specific and appropriate Positive Parenting Workshop Kit and training sessions will help First Nation communities and family units to provide a healthier environment for the infants, children and youth to achieve their full potential.

Equay-wuk (Women's Group), a charitable organization, provides programs and services to Nishnawbe women, youth, and families of 31 First Nation communities in Northwestern Ontario since 1989.

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