



FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING ONTARIO SPECIAL STUDY

Background

The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) is undertaking a study to provide options on a new First Nation's child well-being approach that is child-centered, community-directed and supports better outcomes by focusing on prevention services.

The project has been designed to align with Canada and Ontario's commitment to achieving reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and continue to support and enhance First Nation culture, control, laws, jurisdiction and autonomy.

What is the Objective of the Project?

Complete an environmental scan of current systems and provide recommendations and options for policy and funding reform for First Nations child and family services. To achieve this, COO has engaged a consultant to support them in completing the Special Study. The Project Team has developed an engagement strategy which seeks to gather feedback that will:

- Identify examples of successful prevention-based approaches
- Understand the funding gaps with the current funding approaches
- Identify capacity building needs and other needs as they relate to child well-being
- Identify examples of successful systems and outcomes that are community-driven
- Understand methods for measuring successful outcomes

Who is on the Project Team?

The Chiefs of Ontario have assembled a dynamic project team to support this study. They include a Technical Table and Working Group with provincial/federal representatives, engagement specialists, First Nation representatives from across Ontario and subject matter experts with extensive experience in social work, Indigenous child and family well-being, legal considerations, economics and prevention-based services.

How are First Nations Involved?

Building on the preliminary findings of the environmental scan which was completed, COO is seeking input from key informants and groups from across Ontario to validate the findings. Engagement activities that will be completed as part of the Special Study include:

- Key Informant Interviews
- Provincial-wide Online Surveys
- Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Community Site Visits
- Regional Engagement Sessions

To participate in the online survey, please visit the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COO2018SpecialStudy>

What is the Timeline for the Project?

