

REPORT ON OUR INDIGENOUS PROGRAM 2022/23

122 of our teens this past year identified as Indigenous. They arrived from all over Canada through the hubs and community support systems of Toronto and Ottawa.

We plan to increase the number of Indigenous youth served in 2023/24 to 150.

Our Indigenous community partners are:

The Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
The Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families (Ottawa)
Algonquins at Pikwakanagan through the Renfrew County School Board

This program, now three years old, has seen the precious commodity of trust be established. As such, the innovations, driven by community elders, are taking place at a dizzying pace.

Programs for youth with problematic substance abuse, family healing circles, and large scale community cultural initiatives designed to outreach to the most recalcitrant, are all on tap for the ambitious year ahead.