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RECOGNIZING OUR PLACE IN HISTORY



Early Learning & Child Care
Minister Frances Chartrand

Expanding Access to Red River Métis Child Care

487 Child Care Spaces Created

- 6 Operational Child Care Sites
 - Michif Children's Place, Dauphin
 - Elbert Chartrand Child Care Centre, Swan River
 - Li Chi Shevru, St. Eustache
 - Li Pchi Pwayson, St. Laurent
 - Louis Riel Child Care Centre, St. Boniface
 - Little Fox Child Care Centre, 200 Main Street
 - ❖ Grand Opening: Dec 2, 2025
- 5 Partnership and Affiliate Operational Centers:
 - Keewatinowi Awasisak Opi-Ki-Wak, Thompson
 - Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre (Abinoje Aboriginal HeadStart), Duck Bay
 - Sweet Grass HeadStart, The Pas
 - Little Stars PlayHouse, Winnipeg
 - Little Infinity, IWS, St. Andrew's
- 7 License Home Child Care Centers:
 - 5 in Southeast
 - 1 in Southwest
 - 1 in Interlake
 - Each received \$40,000 in funding
- 2 Upcoming Child Care Builds:
 - 820 Kimberly Ave, Winnipeg
 - Ronald's Place, Winnipeg



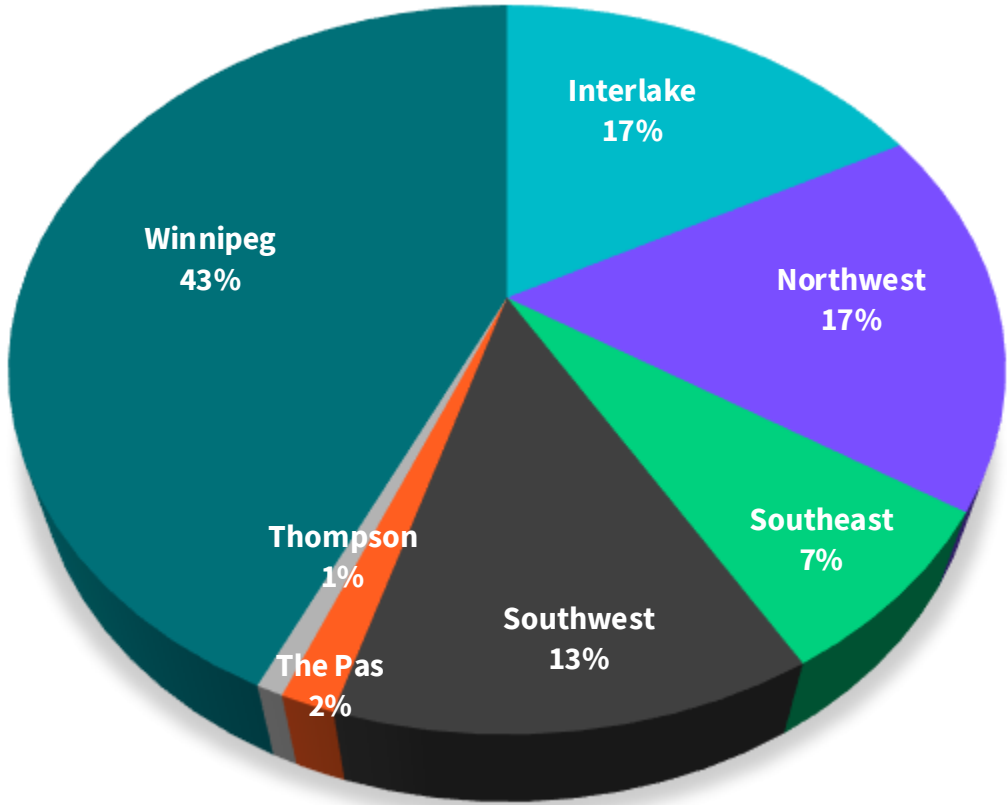
Growing the ECE Workforce

269 Student Enrollment

Total Number of Students Enrolled: 269

Recruitment and Practicum

- Child Care Assistant (52)
- Early Childhood Educators II (166)
- Early Childhood Educators III (51)



Interlake Northwest Southeast Southwest The Pas Thompson Winnipeg

Growing the ECE Workforce (Cont.)

Partnership with Ukrainian Canadian Congress

- 22 UCC students (First Cohort), graduated June 2025
- 30 UCC students (Second Cohort), started April 2025, expected graduation December 2026

The 3rd Red River Métis Early Learning & Child Care Conference

- Held on March 6-7, 2026
- Over 230 attendees including delegates and educators



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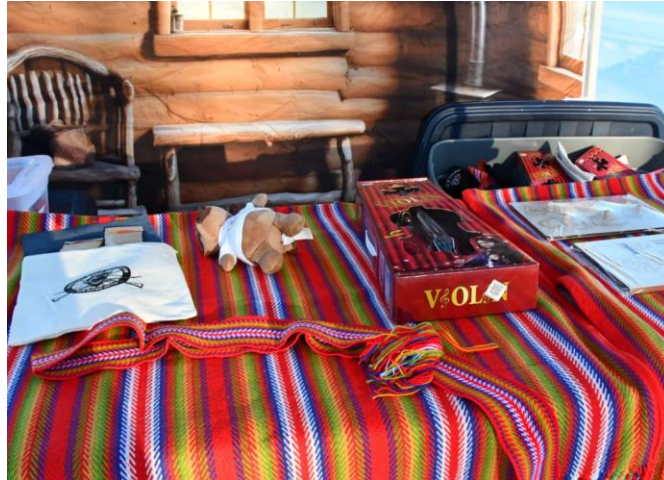


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Red River Métis Community Outreach Programming

Community Outreach Programs

- Homeland Discovery
- Capotes & Cocoa
- Little Métis Literacy
- Stay, Play and Bead
- Maa Maan Pi Soon Biibii
- Sensory Play
- Red River Métis Readers
- Summer Métis Mobile



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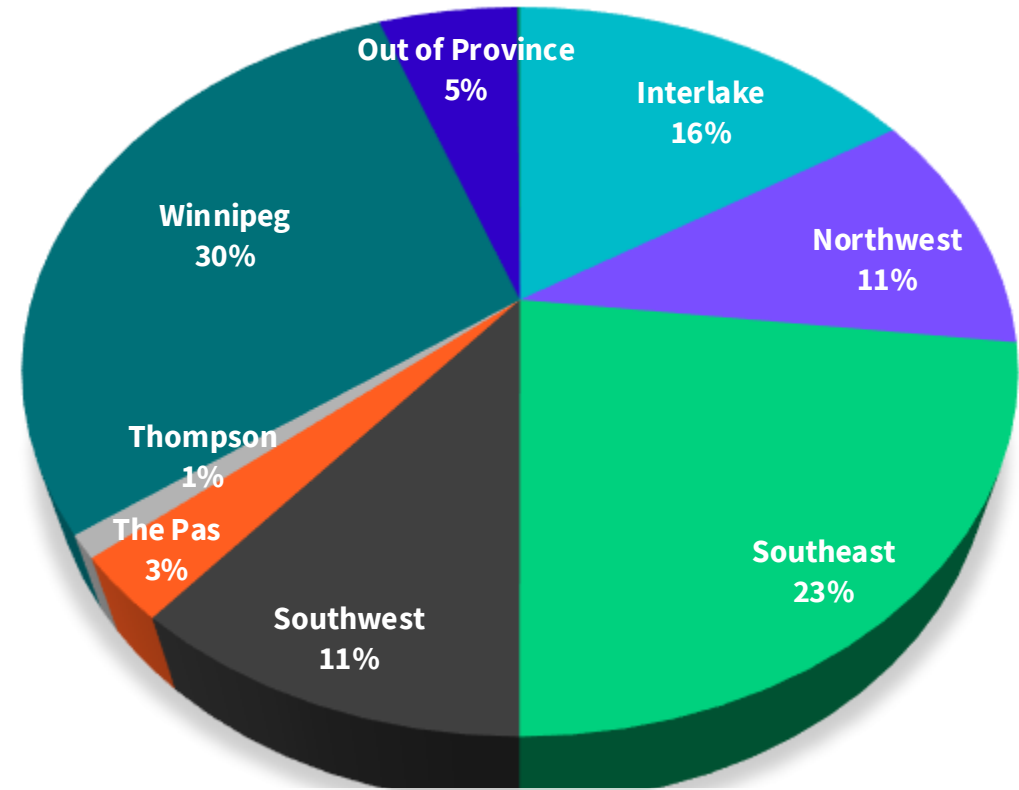
Red River Métis Community Outreach Programming (Cont.)

My Little Métis Box (Red River Métis Citizens aged 0 to 6)

- 16,748 boxes sent
- Currently in the 12th Round of distribution
- Contents include: Hiking backpack, Michif-direction compass, Water bottle, Binoculars, Nature-based learning materials
- 18 Beyond Borders recipients



Total Number of Recipients: 16,748



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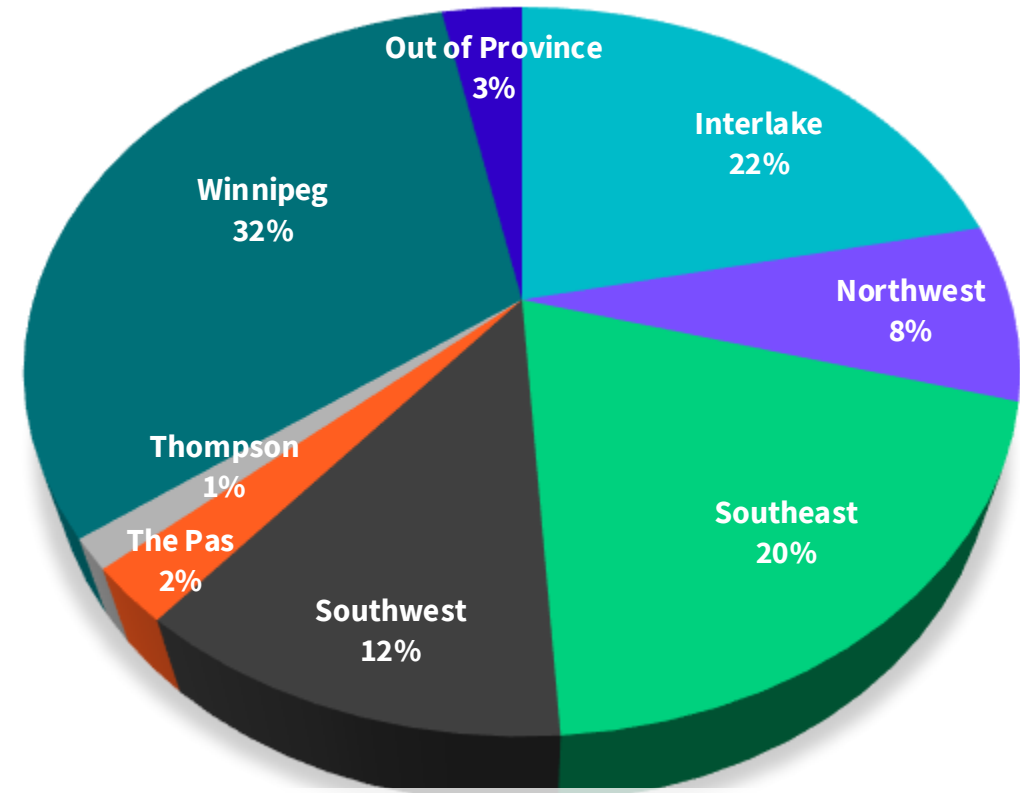
Red River Métis Culture, Heritage and Language Program (Cont.)

Bundle of Joy (Red River Métis Citizens aged under 1)

- 445 boxes sent
- Introduced in October 2023
- Contents include: Wet wipes, nail clippers & washcloths, bison teether & plush toy, My First Michif Words book



Total Number of Recipients: 445



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Red River Métis Early Years Longitudinal Study

Follow our children's lives as it relates to **culture, heritage, and personal and professional development**

Presidential Mandate, 2022

What?

The first-ever longitudinal research study following Red River Métis children aged 0-6



Why?

To shape an ELCC system that reflects Red River Métis values, culture, and hope for our children



2026 Updates

- ❖ Completed virtual Citizen consultation phase
- ❖ Completing study design



What's next?

- ❖ Set to launch in early 2027

We want to hear from you!



Look for more information soon!

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Community Engagement

- LRI Corn Roast
- National Indigenous People's Day
- Grey Cup Festival
- Regional Meetings: NW, SW, WPG
- IWS AGA & MMF AGA
- Aboriginal Headstart Conference
- Louis Riel Day



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