CFCAA
Aboriginal Parent Education
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Things that we do differently from other agencies:

• Snuf / Offer medicine
• Talking stick/stone & Talking circles
• Follow and respect the 7 teachings as well other religions (i.e. Jewish, Christian etc.)
• Refer to non-traditional referrals (i.e. Seers, Medicine people, Healers, Chiropractor, Acupuncture etc.)
• Medicine Wheel
No set protocol

• As an Aboriginal Parent Educator, I have learned to fly by the seam of my pants. Because we can walk into any situation at any given time we have to be mentally prepared for things that we will be walking into. This is not a typical job where everything is routine. You will never walk into the same situations twice (with the same families).
Client Stories

Our clients come from all directions. They face many battles everyday.

- Poverty
- Hunger
- Unhealthy living conditions
- Learning disabilities/Mental Health Issues
- Addictions
- Isolation
- Culture shock
- Emotional, Physical, Financial & Spiritual Abuse
- Youth Issues
Typical Day

There is no such thing. On any given day I have to be prepared to offer services such as:

- Food Bank /Clothing Bank
- Crisis Interventions/Crisis Counselling
- Counselling/Family Counselling
- Cleaning Services
- Budget Manager
- Driver/Accompaniment
- Mediator
- Etc.
Tools

• Counselling, Mediation, Crisis Intervention Skills
• Parent/Child Assessments
• Parenting Books
• Cell Phone
• Rubber gloves
• Work Clothes
• Steel toed boots
Seven Grandfather Teachings

- Honesty
- Humility
- Courage
- Wisdom
- Respect
- Generosity
- Love.
Traditional Medicines

- Sage
- Tobacco
- Sweetgrass
- Cedar