



**Métis Nation-Saskatchewan - Early  
Learning and Childcare 2020 Gathering:  
Who I Am – Awaana Niiya:  
Strong, Confident Métis  
January 31 – February 1, 2020  
Saskatoon Inn**

**Continuing to Build Métis Identity, Culture, Values,  
Traditions and Language - One Child, One Family,  
and One Community at a Time**

# **Métis Nation-Saskatchewan - Early Learning and Childcare Gathering: Who I Am – Awaana Niiya: Strong, Confident Métis**

## **Purpose of the Gathering:**

- 1) Continue to build pride in Métis culture, heritage and ways of knowing;
- 2) Share impact of early childhood experiences on brain development;
- 3) Share best practice models of early learning and childcare based on language, identity, culture, values, and traditions;
- 4) Gain an understanding of regional needs, successes and opportunities for growth;
- 5) Highlight the power of strong kinships and Métis Elder stories to sustain cultural identity;
- 6) Build a visual map of current regional resources and supports.

## **Outcomes of the Gathering:**

- 1) Delegates have increased information on importance of relationships in building healthy brain development.
- 2) Delegates have increased knowledge of ongoing brain development.
- 3) Delegates have increased knowledge of the role language, identity, culture, values and traditions play in enhancing Métis ways of knowing.
- 4) Delegates will observe and gain increased understanding of Métis early learning and childcare methodology.
- 5) Delegates will experience opportunities to network with early learning and childcare personnel throughout Métis Nation.
- 6) Métis Nation-Saskatchewan will acquire knowledge of regional and community specific early learning and childcare successes and needs. This knowledge will contribute to the vision of Métis Nation-Saskatchewan's early learning and childcare planning document.

## **What delegates need to bring with them:**

- Ways you support families in your communities
  - Best early learning and childcare practices within your MN-S region
  - Answers for the community review questions:
- 1) How are the early learning and childcare needs of Métis children currently being met in your community?
  - 2) What additional supports are needed for Métis children and meet our ELCC goals to maintain a healthy nurturing environment in the home, family, community and school?
  - 3) What specific actions can we support to build healthy relationships/environments for Métis children?
  - 4) What do you envision for our Métis children in the next 10 years?

**Where: Saskatoon – at the Saskatoon Inn Hotel and Conference Centre**

**When: January 31 – February 1, 2020**

**Agenda**

**January 31 Ballroom A**

**8:00 -Registration and breakfast**

**8:20 - Métis National Anthem – Krystle Pedersen**

**8:25 -Prayer Elder Fleury, greetings President McCallum and Minister Cook**

**8:45 – ELCC Framework presentation– Jill Henry, Director Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Secretariat – Government of Canada**

**9:15 -Presentation by Anne-Marie Rollo “Early Years Brain Architecture”**

**9:50 -Board buses for tours to community programs and childcare centres**

**11:30-Arrive back at Saskatoon Inn for lunch**

**12:45 -Board buses for second set of tours**

**3:00 -Arrive back at hotel**

**4:30 – 7:00 Entertainment and Supper -A live band with jiggers and fiddlers from local schools.  
-Adult jiggig competition with prizes. Meal to follow.**

**February 1**

**Please see Tradeshow representatives in the hallway from 9:00 – 1:00**

**8:00 – Breakfast**

**9:00 -Prayer – Elder Fleury and introductions**

**9:30 – 10:30 – Angie Caron – Chandrelle Marshall presentation: “Strategies to build Métis Culture and Identity within Community. How Leaders Create a Sense of Belonging for Métis Children and Families Through Deliberate Actions and Engagement”.**

**10:45 – Community Review: \*Youth members will be the recorders.**

<b>Room</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Ballroom A</b>	<b>Northern Region 1, Northern Region 2, Les Fille des Madeleine</b>
<b>Brass Lantern</b>	<b>Northern Region 3 and Western Region 1</b>
<b>Manitoba Room</b>	<b>Western Region 1A, Western Region 2, Western Region 3</b>
<b>Alberta Room</b>	<b>Eastern Region 1, Eastern Region 2</b>
<b>BC Room</b>	<b>Eastern Region 2A, Eastern Region 3, Western Region 2A</b>

**12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and networking**

**1:00 – 2:15 – Breakout sessions: These sessions will focus on building strong brain development and identifying how key relationships impact healthy growth and developmental milestones.**

<b>Room</b>	<b>Presenters:</b>
<b>Ballroom A</b>	<b>Melanie Lynchuk – Family Engagement Within an Early Learning Classroom</b>
<b>Brass Lantern</b>	<b>Wilfred Burton -Sharing Métis Stories Based on Family and Cultural Connections</b>
<b>Manitoba Room</b>	<b>Arlene Hansen and Gail Gardiner LaFleur principal and vice-principal from Beauval “Early Years Land-Based Learning Philosophy – How Parents and Elders are Key to Connecting Culture and Community”</b>
<b>Alberta Room</b>	<b>Elder Norman Fleury – the role of Knowledge Keeper and Elders in Preservation of Michif Language and Culture</b>
<b>BC Room</b>	<b>Jason Johnson and Marnie Carlson (child counsellors) -Art Therapy – Regulation, Attachment and Exploration</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Tracy Laverty and Anne-Marie Rollo – Early Years Brain Architecture Game</b>

**2:30 – 3:30 -Ballroom A - Keynote speaker: Maria Campbell – author/storyteller – “The Power of Family” presentation.**

**3:30 -3:45 -Elder prayer, and Gathering feedback**

**4:00 – Per diems – in Main Hallway – please go to your region table**

**Métis Nation-Saskatchewan values your knowledge and the deep commitment you have for Métis children throughout our Métis Homeland. Thank you for taking time to help plan our journey and create a path that continues to put our children in the forefront of our decisions.**

**We wish you a safe journey as you travel back to your home fires.**

**Maarsii poor toon taan (thanks for your time).**