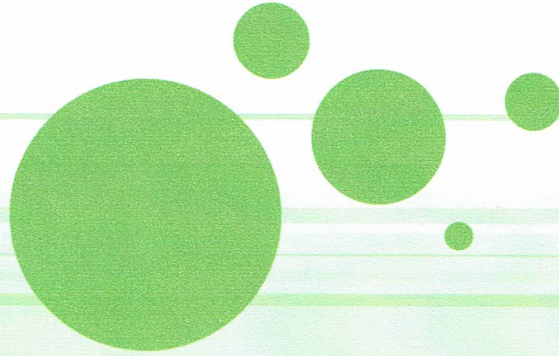
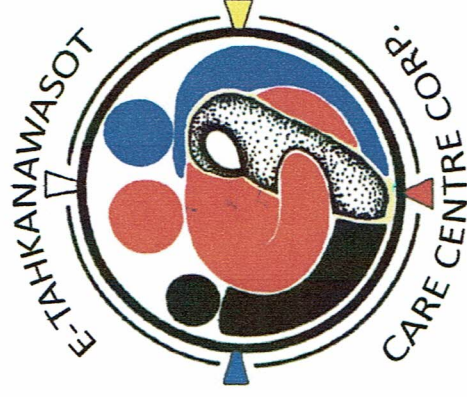


E-TAHKANAWASOT CARE CENTRE CORP.

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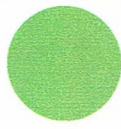
HISTORY

- From the school's beginning, there was a need to establish an Infant Care facility within the school building to provide infant care and parenting support for teen parents.
- Informal communication began in 1990 with three representatives from the Social Justice Group (St. Joseph Parish). They offered their assistance to the school. A joint meeting between the school principal, school counsellor, the parish priest, the Social Justice Group, and representatives from Social Services, Catholic Family Services and Mount Royal Infant Day Care Centre took place in the fall of 1991 and began to address the lack of accessible child care for teen parents.



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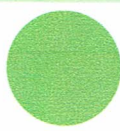
- In early 1992, an Infant Care committee was formed which included representatives from the Indigenous community.
- In May 1992, E-Tahkanawasot Care Centre was incorporated as a non-profit corporation.



HISTORY CONTINUES...

Upon its opening, E-Tahkanawasot Care Centre offered:

- *Free child care services* for teen-aged students-parents enrolled at Oskāyak High School
- *Access to resources* (food, a clothing exchange, parent-child activities etc.)
- It is a licensed facility under the Ministry of Education, funded by Saskatchewan Learning/Early Learning and Child Care.



TODAY

- E-Tahkanawasot Care Centre offers childcare to students attending **Oskāyak High School**.
- Parents must be under the age of 22
- We offer an exceptional, caring environment for Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers and School Age Children.
- We provide culturally responsive programming and expose children to a wide variety of educational opportunities that encourage self-expression, communication, logical thinking, and problem-solving.
- We create a setting to engage children in a variety of educational opportunities. This stimulates physical, social, emotional and cognitive development with the goal of maximizing the child's potential.

MISSION

- The mission of E-Tahkanawasot Care Centre is to provide individualized quality care for children whose parents are attending classes at **Oskāyak High School**.

E-Tahkanawasot Care Centre provides an atmosphere where **INDIGENOUS CULTURAL**, values and child-rearing practices are emphasized. Fostering positive self-esteem begins at birth. The Day Care continues this supportive growth.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

- **Philosophy:**

- First Nations culturally programming is key for the growth of the children. The Four Directions Teaching, the use of Smudging, Tipi Teaching, Resource People and Elders involvement are key parts of this foundation
- Our program is based on the "play and exploration" principle. Children are competent and active learners who develop and thrive through play in an environment that includes:
- Opportunities for safe exploration and play with a variety of natural materials and activities.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Daycare environment and activities:

- The daycare has bright, cheerful, child-safe rooms with stimulating toys and equipment
- Children have regular routines as well as programmed activities. They have outdoor play in a designed nature play area.
- Every day different activities are planned that focus on improving language, sensory, motor, and social-emotional development.
- Activities and pictures are posted so a parent can see what their child did each day.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Monitoring and supporting child cultural development:

Children will be taught the Four Directions Teachings. With the help of Elders and Resources People, Smudging, and Tipi Teachings will also be taught.

Monitoring and supporting child development:

The staff and parents meet on a regular basis to assess each child's development progress using

The ASQ-3 Questionnaire consisting of:

- Receptive language development
- Expressive language development
- Fine-motor skills
- Self-help skills
- Social-emotional skills

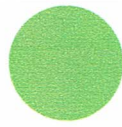


CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Monitoring & supporting child development:

- The information from the ASQ -3 Questionnaire is used to prepare daily and weekly program activities and plans that recognize the **age, interests, and developmental level** of each child
- Progress reports for each child are prepared and shared with parents to plan a program for each child and document achievements



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Nutrition:

- The children's food is prepared and cooked at the school cafeteria by our Cook
- We provide a nutritionally balanced diet using a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, cheese, and egg dishes.
- Our menus are posted so parents can view them and we welcome suggestions.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Resources:

- **Speech and Language Pathologist**
 - Provides tips and resources for parents to help improve their children's speech and development through play
 - Visits twice a month
- **Nurses**
 - Provide immunizations
 - Dental education for parents
- **School Doctor**
 - A Doctor comes to the school once a week to attend students

STAFF

- **Director:**

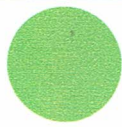
Director oversees the daily operations, administration, and program planning regarding E-Tahkanawasot Care Centre

- **Early Childhood Educators:**

Each child is assigned to an Early Childhood Educator who works to provide the children with stimulating, developmentally appropriate activities. This is done with loving care

- **Cook:**

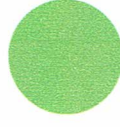
Plans menus in association with the Director and prepares all the children's food daily



PARENT PROGRAM

Services & resources for parents

- Offers parents opportunities for socialization and recreational parent and family outings. It is an integral part of the program and we encourage parents to participate
- We work closely with the school counsellor to support them through the challenges they face as students and young parents
- The centre can refer you to the School Counsellor or Social Worker who can help you



ENVIRONMENT

