

MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

FORUM REPORT

MARCH 12-13 | 2020
WINNIPEG,MB





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Now in its third consecutive year, the Manitoba First Nations Family Violence Prevention Program Forum continues to be a valuable source of knowledge sharing and mobilization for the 63 First Nations in Manitoba.

This year, the plenary and break-out sessions provided relevant and culturally-appropriate information on the effective prevention and intervention of family violence.

Plenary sessions included a range of presentations from individuals working on the front lines, a survivor, and a family member, community members and the Shelter Networking Group. Circling Buffalo Inc., and Indigenous Services Canada also provided updates on provincial programming and shared a video on promising family violence prevention programming occurring across communities.

The breakout sessions provided traditional cultural teachings to help in understanding and breaking the cycle of family violence.

A key focus this year was on how family violence induces trauma that leads to other issues of health and well-being, such as drug use. A presentation by a paramedic working to reduce the opioid/methamphetamine crisis emphasized that substance abusers are in immediate need of trauma-informed treatment.

A report on the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people called attention to 231 areas where justice is urgently needed to address the ongoing systemic violence.

This report provides an account of the forum proceedings and feedback from participants. If you would like additional information or have questions related to this report, please contact Alexandra OToole, Regional Coordinator, Circling Buffalo Inc. through the contact page at www.circlingbuffalo.ca.

In unity we can prevent & reduce family violence

LETTER FROM THE BOARD
CIRCLING BUFFALO INC.







Tansi, Aaniin, Wotziye, Ho, Han, Boozhoo!

Given the rise of a global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, this year is turning out to be unprecedented in recent memory.

Unfortunately, this world-wide health emergency only worsens pre-existing health and wellness issues in our communities, as this pandemic separates those in need from those who can treat and care for them and provide them with preventative tools and information.

While this year's forum took place in the shadow of this pandemic, we were fortunate to hold the event before mandatory social isolation became necessary. We are pleased that there were no reported cases of infection of the COVID-19 virus among forum presenters, staff or participants.

As Indigenous peoples, we have a long history of epidemics. In the past 200 years since contact with Europeans, Indigenous peoples have been subjected to smallpox, tuberculosis and the 1918 Spanish flu.

But we also have a long history of healing from these epidemics, with many of our ceremonies and teachings helping to heal ourselves, our families, our communities and our nations.

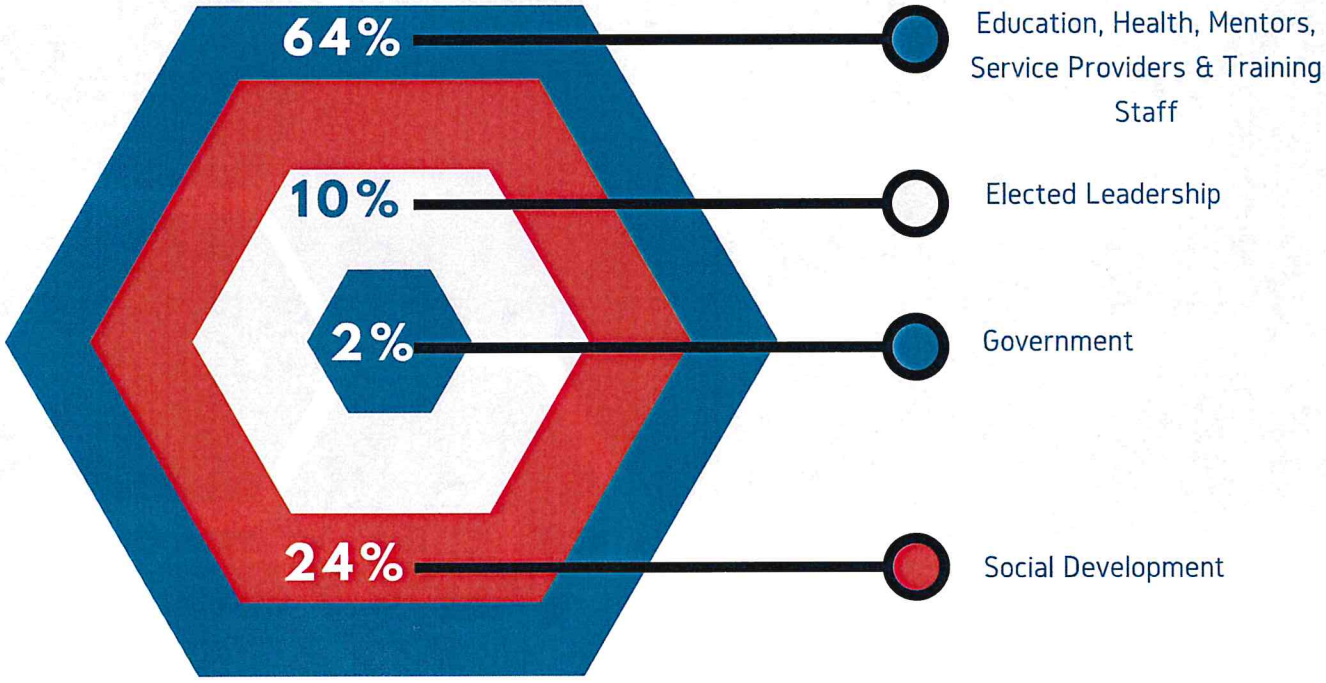
Through cooperation and respect for each other and doing what we can to care for one another while practicing social distancing, we can help keep one another safe.

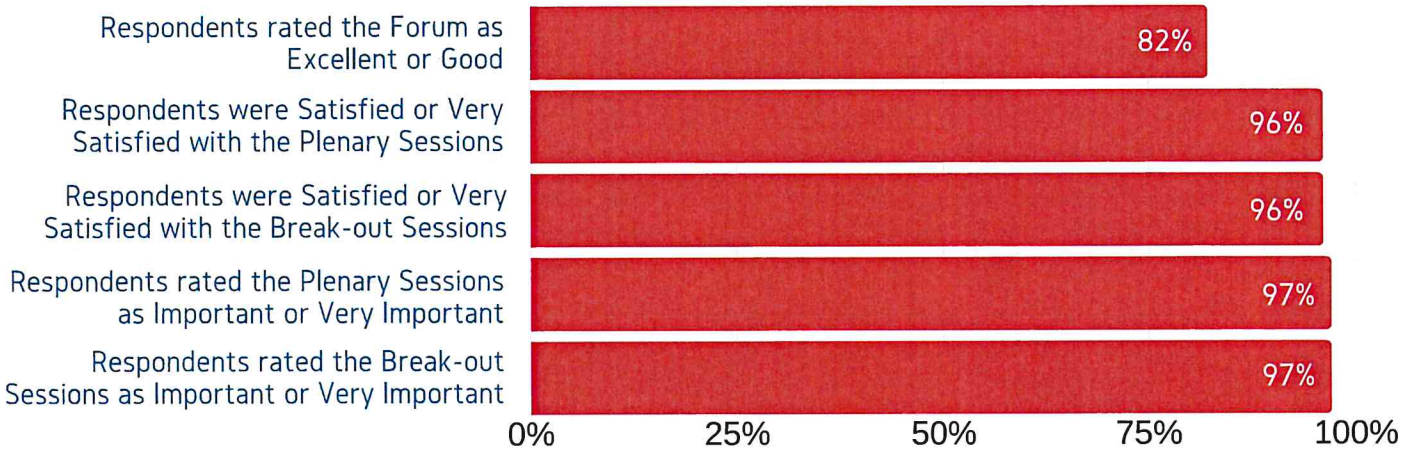
During this time prayers are being said and ceremonies conducted to ask for help in combatting the COVID-19 virus. We also must keep in our prayers those who are being impacted by family violence.

We hope you all find solace during this troubling time. In this report, you will find an overview of our last gathering of individuals committed to preventing family violence in our communities.

THE PARTICIPANTS

63 First Nations in Manitoba





WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAID

"Amazing, informative, educational. Provides useful tools."

"Very interesting topics, hold another one in summer."

"I would attend again, if I had another chance."

"Amazing, can't wait for next year."

FORUM AGENDA



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THURSDAY, MARCH 12

MORNING

7:30 - 8:00AM	Breakfast Served Pipe Ceremony Fred Stevens, Knowledge Keeper, Sapotaweyak Cree Nation
8:00 - 8:30AM	**Registration**
8:30 - 8:45AM	Welcome & Greetings Xavier Gould, Master of Ceremonies
8:45 - 9:00AM	Opening Song Kind Hart Woman Singers Opening Prayer Fred Stevens
9:00 - 9:15AM	Opening Remarks Circling Buffalo Inc. Chief Francine Meeches & Chief Betsy Kennedy
9:15 - 9:30AM	ISC Overview: Family Violence Prevention Program Tina Kabestra, Social Development Operational Specialist, Regional Programs and Partnerships
9:30 - 10:45AM	Manitoba First Nation Women's Shelter Directors Panel Natalie Apetagon, Norway House Cree Nation; Flora Castel, Mathias Colomb Cree Nation; Sheri Schweder, Shamattawa First Nation; Susan Kobliski, Nelson House Cree Nation; Katina Cochrane, Fisher River Cree Nation
10:45 - 11:00AM	**Health Break, Ice Breaker**
11:00 - 12:00PM	Domestic Violence: The Dynamics of Domestic Violence Within the Family and Engaging the Community Through the Restorative Justice Program Shane Wepruk, Detective Sergeant, Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator, Winnipeg Police Service

AFTERNOON

12:00 - 1:00PM	**Lunch Break**
1:00 - 2:00PM	**Breakout Sessions** *Session 1: Our Journey with Intergenerational Trauma* Katina Cochrane *Session 2: Grandmother Teachings* Susan Kobliski *Session 3: Creating Relationships Through the Spirit of Horse Nation* Curtis Mckay
2:00 - 2:15PM	**Health Break**
2:15 - 3:15PM	**Breakout Sessions** *Session 1: Our Journey with Intergenerational Trauma* Katina Cochrane *Session 2: Grandmother Teachings* Susan Kobliski *Session 3: Creating Relationships Through the Spirit of Horse Nation* Curtis Mckay
3:15 - 4:15PM	**Breakout Sessions** *Session 1: Our Journey with Intergenerational Trauma* Katina Cochrane *Session 2: Grandmother Teachings* Susan Kobliski *Session 3: Creating Relationships Through the Spirit of Horse Nation* Curtis Mckay
4:15 - 4:30PM	**Summary of Day One Remarks & Door Prizes**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13

MORNING

8:00 - 9:00AM	Registration & Breakfast Served
9:00 - 9:15AM	Opening Remarks & Overview of Day Two Xavier Gould, Master of Ceremonies
9:15 - 9:30AM	Circling Buffalo Inc. Program Updates Alexandria O'Toole & Jeremy Sinclair
9:30 - 10:00AM	UMatter Project: Developing a Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program for Indigenous Youth Cara Kolt, Ka Ni Kanichihk
10:00 - 10:15AM	**Health Break, Ice Breaker**
10:15 - 11:00AM	MMIWG Presentation Hilda Anderson-Pyrz, Manager, MMIWG Liaison Unit, MKO
11:00 - 12:00PM	Illicit and Prescription Drugs from The Lens of a Paramedic, Focusing on Compassion and Stigma Reduction Cory Guest, Paramedic Public Education Coordinator, Emergency Medical Services, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
12:00 - 1:00PM	**Lunch Served**

AFTERNOON

1:00 - 2:00PM	I <3 (Heart) Someone Who Uses Drugs Shohan Illsley, Executive Director, Manitoba Harm Reduction Network
2:00 - 2:15PM	**Health Break**
2:15 - 3:15PM	Surviving Domestic Violence Kendra Weenie, Sweetgrass First Nation
3:15 - 4:00PM	First Nation Family Violence Prevention Projects Video & Panel Joan Muswagon, Norway House Cree Nation; Sarah Samuel, Northlands Denesuline First Nat
4:00 - 4:15PM	**Closing Remarks & Door Prizes**
4:15 - 4:20PM	Closing Prayer Fred Stevens
4:20 - 4:30PM	Closing Song Kind Hart Women Singers
4:30PM	Travel Cheques Disbursed





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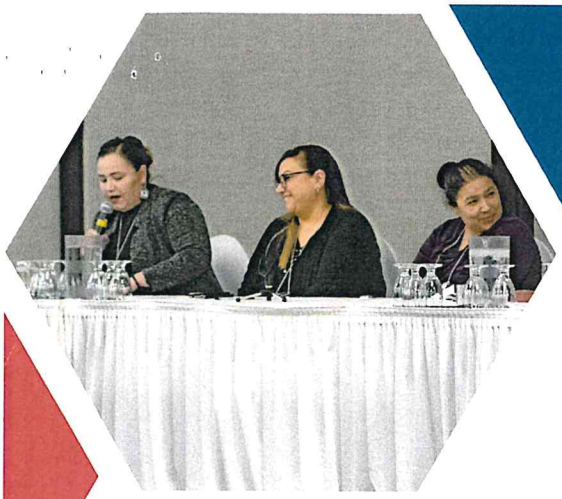
The forum took place over two days, allowing participants to attend the plenary sessions and three workshops offered in breakout rooms. Every presentation and workshop involved opportunities for the exchange of knowledge via interactive, participatory learning and question and answer sessions.

Agenda Activities

I. Opening Activities

- Pipe Ceremony: Fred Stevens, Knowledge Keeper, Sapotaweyak Cree Nation
- Opening Prayer: Flora Castel, Mathias Colomb
- Opening Song: Kind Hart Woman Singers
- Opening Remarks from Circling Buffalo Inc. Board Members: Chief Francine Meeches (Chair), Swan Lake First Nation & Chief Betsy Kennedy, War Lake First Nation (regrets)
- Welcome & Greetings: MC Terry McKellep

This year, a Pipe Ceremony was conducted by Fred Stevens, Knowledge Keeper, Sapotaweyak Cree Nation. An opening prayer was offered by Flora Castel, Mathias Colomb. An Opening Song was provided by the Kind Hart Woman Singers. Circling Buffalo Inc. Board Member Chair, Chief Francine Meeches provided information on Circling Buffalo Inc.'s organizational mandate, services and programming, as well as highlighted current trends and issues on domestic and lateral violence among families, communities and workplaces.The Kind Hart Women Singers is an all-women, family singing group that sings songs in the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Lakota and Oneida languages. Kind Hart Woman Singers are Asini Aski Ithiniwak, Muskego and Anishinaabe.



DAY ONE FORUM SUMMARY

II. Plenary Sessions

A. Indigenous Services Canada
Presenter: Tina Kabestra, Social Development Operational Specialist, Regional Programs, Programs and Partnerships

The presentation included a report on operational activities at the federal level related to family violence among Manitoba First Nations. An informative presentation on the federal Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) was provided, which included detailed information on its purpose, level of funding, application process and reporting requirements.

B. Manitoba First Nation Women's Shelter Directors Panel
Presenters: Natalie Apetagon – Norway House Cree Nation, Sheri Schweder – Shamattawa First Nation, Susan Kobliski – Nelson House Cree Nation, Flora Castel – Mathias Colomb First Nation, Katina Cochrane – Fisher River First Nation

The Panel presented on the shelter services and supports available to women and families among the five women's shelters located on First Nations in Manitoba. Collectively, the shelters offer culturally appropriate resources and counselling to help women and families transition out of domestic violence situations into independent living. They strive not only to keep women and families safe, but to provide them with the tools of self-empowerment.

C. Domestic Violence: The Dynamics of Domestic Violence Within the Family and Engaging the Community Through the Restorative Justice Program
Presenter: Shane Wepruk, Detective Sergeant, Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator, Winnipeg Police Service

The presentation focused on a court diversion programming offered to offenders of domestic violence through the Restorative Justice Centre. The participants are put into programming that includes: a healthy relationships program, addictions counselling, thinking awareness, anger management, cultural programming, and after care and support from a community corrections worker. To be eligible, an individual must have no previous domestic violence charge involving the same victim and no previous domestic violence charge in the past five years. The program includes external community triage partners that are tailored to meet the individuals needs. To date, the program has had 82 individuals diverted to the centre with 53 completing the programming and 16 in progress. Thus far, not a single violent offence has been committed by a participant after completing the program.



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III. Breakout Sessions

Three concurrent breakout sessions were held in the afternoon on the first day:

SESSION 1: Katina Cochrane, Our Journey with Intergenerational Trauma

This workshop focuses on the effects of intergenerational trauma on First Nations people. First Nations people carry intergenerational trauma in our families and communities from oppressive policies and institutions, particularly when it comes to the justice system. The Blanket exercise shows how this oppression 'weighs' on a person. As part of the exercise, participants put a blanket over someone sitting on a chair in the front as negative statements about that person are said out loud. The maximum amount of blankets a person can be covered with before they become too heavy is seven. At the same time, positive statements are said aloud about the person and a blanket is taken off every time a positive statement is said. The facilitator noted that her mother told her that Mom spending 10 years in residential school was like giving a heavy bundle to a child that they have to carry for the rest of their lives. Another aspect of this exercise is showing how the justice system makes intergenerational trauma worse. While the heavy blankets are on a person, a cop siren blares and the person is arrested. Police dont see or pay attention to the blankets.

SESSION 2: Susan Kobliski, Grandmother Teachings

These Grandmother Teachings are given from a place of kindness and to women and girls on how to reclaim their woman power. Women are like fire, they radiate warmth, light and energy. A grandmother's love has no limits, she takes everyone in. The workshop talks about the lifegiving power of women, and female medicines and ceremonies, and of child rearing. The 'Walking out Ceremony' was described: when a child turns one—a child doesnt touch the ground until he/she walks for the first time.

SESSION 3: Curtis McKay, Creating Relationships Through the Spirit of the Horse Nation

The facilitator is from the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. In this session, participants do not have to ride a horse, they only have to handle a horse. The aim of working with horses is to learn to build a relationship of trust with the horse. You need to be the leader and make them feel safe with you. You also learn to solve problems and to listen. Horses will teach us how to interact, but we need to change ourselves inside for them to understand us.



DAY TWO FORUM SUMMARY

VI. Plenary Sessions

D. Circling Buffalo Inc. Program Updates
Presenters: Alexandria OToole and Jeremy Sinclair

Program information and updates were shared on the four broad programs currently managed and operated through Circling Buffalo Inc., the Manitoba First Nations Family Violence Prevention Program, Health Canada Stream 1 & 2 programs and the Shelter Networking group that provides support to the five First Nations shelters in Manitoba: Fisher River, Mathias Colomb, Shamattawa, Norway House and Nelson House. A key highlight was that the Health Canada Stream 2: Healthy Relationships for Youth program has the goal of bringing motivational speakers to all 63 First Nations to speak with youth in grades 7 to 9. To date, more than 40 communities have been visited.

E. UMatter Project: Developing a Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program for Indigenous Youth
Presenter: Cara Kolt, Ka Ni Kanichihk

Cancelled due to impending social isolation of the COVID-19 Virus.

F. MMIWG Presentation
Presenter: Hilda Anderson-Pyrz, Manager, MMIWG Liaison Unit, MKO

A presentation was made on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people. This inquiry was established by the federal government in response to calls to address the systemic violence against Indigenous women, girls and two-spirited people in Canada. The final report released 231 Calls to Justice, based on testimony from family hearings, institutional hearings and expert hearings, which included the testimony of survivors as experts on these issues. The Calls to Justice emphasize that current approaches must be transformed to support preventative measures, rather than being reactive. These approaches must be based on Indigenous self-determination and leadership as well as build from strengths and using methods that are culturally-appropriate and based on trauma-informed care. A brainstorm session was held to identify safe spaces in each community.



DAY TWO FORUM SUMMARY

G. Illicit and Prescription Drugs from The Lens of a Paramedic, Focusing on Compassion and Stigma Reduction
Presenter: Cory Guest, Paramedic Public Education Coordinator, Emergency Medical Services, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service

This presentation focused on how to address the health crisis of Opioid / Methamphetamine abuse. The speaker noted that 'scaring youth' does not tend to work, because the root cause of substance abuse is trauma. The current system needs to be changed to address this trauma as a health problem. Patients should not be brought to a hospital, but to a treatment centre and the curricula on substance abuse needs to be updated as it is 10 to 20 years old. It is important to properly treat the patients as soon as possible. The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act was highlighted. Under this Act, family and friends afraid to call to report drug overdoses cannot be criminalized if they are calling to save a life, even if they have a recreational amount of drugs on them. A number of current drugs on the market that are laced with fentanyl and that are prevalent in Manitoba were identified, including their extreme effects on users. At the moment, 'Meth' is the most powerful stimulant on the planet as it releases huge amounts of dopamine into the brain, which takes the brain two to three years to reset and start producing normal amounts of dopamine.

H. I <3 (Heart) Someone Who Uses Drugs
Presenter: Shohan Illsley, Executive Director, Manitoba Harm Reduction Network

This presentation focused on the topic of Harm Reduction, building from last year's introductory presentation. An area to better understand is how we use language to speak about substance use. The presentation included a group discussion to draw similarities with how many of us use something to enhance our life experiences and / or to cope (ex. cigarettes, drinking alcohol, drinking coffee). A video was shown about the criminalization of substance use in America, and although the video was based on American statistics, similarities can be drawn for Canada.

I. Surviving Domestic Violence
Presenter: Kendra Weenie, Sweetgrass First Nation

Kendra Weenie spoke about her experience as a survivor of domestic abuse. She travelled to Winnipeg from Saskatoon to share her personal story. When her daughter was only one-week-old, Kendra experienced abuse from her daughter's father to the extent where she fled next door and begged for help. She ends up successfully using social media to find her abuser after he removes his monitoring bracelet and flees. She also shares her tips for good mental health and self esteem (ex. praying regularly). More information on her story can be found in her book: Surviving Domestic Violence: My Journey of Self-care and Healing.



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J. First Nation Family Violence Prevention Projects Video & Panel
Speaker: Joan Muswagon

Throughout 2019/20, the Circling Buffalo Inc. team collaborated with Nu Media Inc. and travelled to the First Nations of Manitoba to document some of the good work that takes place with the FVPP funding. One of the communities visited was Norway House Cree Nation. Joan Muswagon, Community Wellness Manager, oversaw her community's Family Violence Prevention event (the annual Maggie Paul Wellness Gathering) last year. She invited Circling Buffalo Inc. and Nu Media Inc. into the community to participate in and document the 3-day event. At this year's forum she spoke to the audience about how much the funding and the Maggie Paul Wellness Gathering has a positive impact on the community. She discussed the challenges and triumphs with facilitating an event like this, and she encouraged those who do not yet take advantage of the funding to do so in the upcoming year. The fifteen minute video that was debuted at this year's forum highlighted four of the Manitoba First Nations visited, and was met with a standing ovation while the credits were rolling.

V. Wrap up and Closing Ceremony

Closing Prayer
Fred Stevens, Elder, Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Closing Song
Kind Hart Woman Singers

The Forum was completed in a good way with a Closing Prayer by Knowledge Keeper Fred Stevens and a Closing Song by the Kind Hart Women Singers.



FORUM EVALUATION

As per previous forums, participants were asked to complete a four-page, anonymous evaluation form to provide detailed feedback on their forum experience. (This form is attached as Appendix A)

A total of 42 registered participants completed the form. About two-thirds (64%) of participants worked in fields other than Social Development (24%), government (1%) and elected leadership (10%). These other fields included: Education, Health, Mentoring, Service Provision, Training and Mental Health

Participants were asked to rate each plenary and breakout session on two scales: Level of satisfaction with the overall presentation of information and the Level of importance of the topic/content.

Level of Satisfaction		Level of Importance	
1	Very Satisfied	1	Very Important
2	Satisfied	2	Important
3	Somewhat Satisfied	3	Somewhat Important
4	Not Satisfied	4	Not Important

In addition, the form provided space for participants to add comments for each speaker. Below is a detailed summary of the evaluation results by the plenary presenter(s) and break out sessions. Please note that there are varying levels of response rates for each speaker, which impacts overall percentages.



RESULTS OF FORUM EVALUATION

a) Summary of General Feedback

On the evaluation form, participants were asked for general feedback on the forum, as well as for their opinions on what they enjoyed most about the forum, what they would change/improve, and their suggestions for future topics and speakers.The general feedback on the forum was quite positive and included excellent suggestions for improvement. Generally, participants attested to gaining much valuable knowledge from the forum and many expressed a willingness to continue attending FVPP forums in order to gain knowledge to use and share in their communities. More than one respondent commented that the forum was "amazing."

What they enjoyed most:

Overall, the majority of respondents most enjoyed the breakout sessions because of their cultural teachings. In terms of the plenary sessions, the Shelter Director's Panel and the presentation on Illicit and Prescription Drugs from The Lens of a Paramedic, Focusing on Compassion and Stigma Reduction, as well as the presentation on Domestic Violence: The Dynamics of Domestic Violence Within the Family and Engaging the Community Through the Restorative Justice Program were highlights for many attendees.

What they would change:

Many attendees indicated that they would not change anything about the forum. The aspects that attendees would like changed were related to logistics, rather than to the speakers. An area for improvement is the venue of the forum, as the parking and food options were seen as lacking by the majority of respondents. There was also a request to schedule an evening activity for participants from out of town.

There were recurring comments on implementing better time management as follows:·

- Question and Answer Periods should be shorter·
- More time should be allocated to sessions·
- More time should be allocated to break-out sessions for people to discuss issues and network·
- More time allocated for ice-breakers or relationship-building

Overall, many attendees felt they were sitting for too long and would appreciate more interactivity, including activities at tables, such as beading, while listening to speakers. Many attendees also expressed the desire to have handouts and/or a USB provided to each participant with the speaker or panel presentations and any supplemental information, so participants can share in their communities.



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b) Summary of Feedback By Plenary Presenter(s)

A number of potential topics were offered:

- It would be nice to have stand-up exercises. Sitting for too long
- Returning to the circle; meanings of ceremonies; importance of names; building self-esteem / self-worth·
- More hands-on activities
- Have domestic abuse survivors present their story either as a guest speaker or workshop facilitator
- Intervention and prevention ideas projects and/or activities
- Youth speakers
- Men & violent relationships
- Would prefer Canadian stats and Canadian issues
- RCMP Frontline workers - male and female
- Presentations in Indigenous languages
- Impacts of Family Violence on Children, e.g. start using drugs/alcohol or bullying
- More presentations on Overcoming Family Violence and Domestic Violence·
- More applied practices
- Teachings by male elders for young men and lady elders talking to young women and girls
- Men who are abusers and have healed
- Trauma informed counselling - giving people coping strategies, things that will help people express their trauma
- How to help men and children deal with domestic violence
- More presentation material aids and visuals
- A presentation on how to get written proposals into agencies for funding



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Indigenous Services Canada
Presenter: Tina Kabestra

Overall, most respondents found the presentation helpful for accessing FVPP program supports and understanding the decision-making processes of the program. The majority of respondent comments positively rated both the format of her presentation and the value of its content. All respondents (100%) rated this presentation as very important or important. One respondent requested an increase in ISC funding.

Level of Satisfaction

- 45% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (18)
- 50% of Respondents were Satisfied (20)
- 5% of Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied (2)
- No Respondents were Not Satisfied

Level of Importance

- 63% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (25)
- 38% of Respondents rated the session as Important (15)
- No Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important
- No Respondents rated the session as not Important



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Manitoba First Nation Women's Shelter Directors Panel

Presenters:

- Natalie Apetagon – Norway House Cree Nation
- Sheri Schweder – Shamattawa First Nation
- Susan Kobliski – Nelson House Cree Nation
- Flora Castel – Mathias Colomb Cree Nation
- Katina Cochrane – Fisher River Cree Nation

The majority (95%) rated the Panel's information as very important or important and an equal percentage of respondents (95%) were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall presentation format and content. In addition, some respondents requested more information about how clients from other communities could access the shelters or more information on intakes and referrals, as well as how to start a family healing centre or shelter in their own community.

Level of Satisfaction

- 51% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (21)
- 44% of Respondents were Satisfied (18)
- 5% of Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied (2)
- No Respondents were Not Satisfied

Level of Importance

- 63% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (24)
- 32% of Respondents rated the session as Important (12)
- 5% Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important (2)
- No Respondents rated the session as not Important



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Domestic Violence: The Dynamics of Domestic Violence Within the Family and Engaging the Community Through the Restorative Justice Program

Presenter: Shane Wepruk, Detective Sergeant, Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator, Winnipeg Police Service

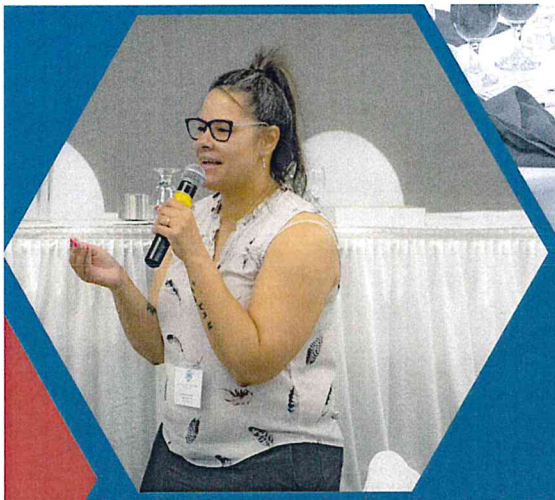
All respondents (100%) rated the information delivered in this presentation as important or very important and 97% were very satisfied or satisfied with the content and format. The only comments were that the speaker spoke too quickly at times and also that a copy of his PowerPoint presentation should be distributed to forum attendees

Level of Satisfaction

- 65% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (24)
- 32% of Respondents were Satisfied (12)
- 3% of Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied (1)
- No Respondents were Not Satisfied

Level of Importance

- 77% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (27)
- 23% of Respondents rated the session as Important (8)
- No Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important
- No Respondents rated the session as not Important





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Circling Buffalo Inc. Program Updates
Presenters: Alexandria OToole and Jeremy Sinclair

While all respondents (100%) were satisfied with this presentation and all (100%) rated it as important or very important, some respondents commented that they would like more information on successes and challenges on family violence prevention and what is happening in other communities.

Level of Satisfaction

- 48% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (13)
- 52% of Respondents were Satisfied (14)
- No Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied
- No Respondents were Not Satisfied

Level of Importance

- 65% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (17)
- 35% of Respondents rated the session as Important (9)
- No Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important
- No Respondents rated the session as not Important



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MMIWG Presentation

Presenter: Hilda Anderson-Pyrz, Manager, MMIWG Liaison Unit, MKO

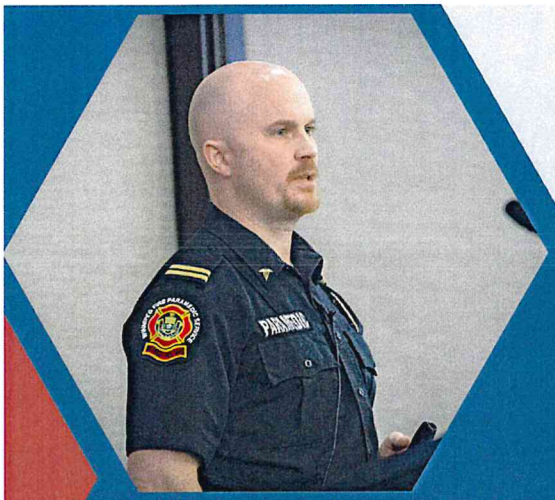
The total combined number of respondents very satisfied or satisfied with this speaker is 91%, while 94% of respondents reported the presentation as 'Important' or 'Very Important.' The comments were mostly positive, noting that the NIMMIWG2S Calls to Action provide a solid road map for future action. However, the delivery of the information was described as lacking in energy.

Level of Satisfaction

- 34% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (11)
- 56% of Respondents were Satisfied (18)
- 9% Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied (3)
- No Respondents were Not Satisfied

Level of Importance

- 52% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (16)
- 42% of Respondents rated the session as Important (13)
- 6% Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important (2)
- No Respondents rated the session as not Important



RESULTS OF FORUM EVALUATION

Illicit and Prescription Drugs from The Lens of a Paramedic, Focusing on Compassion and Stigma Reduction
Presenter: Cory Guest, Paramedic Public Education Coordinator, Emergency Medical Services, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service

Virtually all respondents reported being very satisfied or very satisfied with this presenter (97%) and all respondents (100%) described the presentation as 'Important' or 'Very Important.' Overall, the general comments for this speaker were extremely positive, with requests to have him speak to youth and to ensure that he is brought back to speak.

Level of Satisfaction

- 82% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (27)
- 15% of Respondents were Satisfied (5)
- 3% Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied (1)
- No Respondents were Not Satisfied

Level of Importance

- 88% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (29)
- 12% of Respondents rated the session as Important (4)
- No Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important
- No Respondents rated the session as not Important



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I <3 (Heart) Someone Who Uses Drugs

Presenter: Shohan Illsley, Executive Director, Manitoba Harm Reduction Network

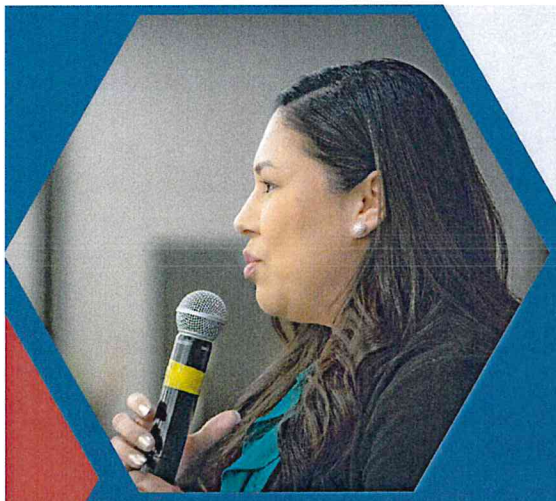
While the vast majority of respondents rated this presentation as important or very important (92), 8% rated it as not important or somewhat important. The level of respondents satisfied or very satisfied with this presentation (88%) was also lower compared to other plenary sessions. The comments were very mixed for this presentation: half of the comments highlighted how much valuable information they learned about drug use and awareness, while the remaining comments focused on how they felt this speaker talked too much about themself and their family history. This presentation also contained a lot of swearing, which was not appreciated by some respondents.

Level of Satisfaction

- 58% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (14)
- 29% of Respondents were Satisfied (7)
- 4% Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied (1)
- 8% Respondents were Not Satisfied (2)

Level of Importance

- 63% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (15)
- 29% of Respondents rated the session as Important (7)
- 4% Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important (1)
- 4% Respondents rated the session as not Important (1)



RESULTS OF FORUM EVALUATION

Surviving Domestic Violence

Presenter: Kendra Weenie, Sweetgrass First Nation

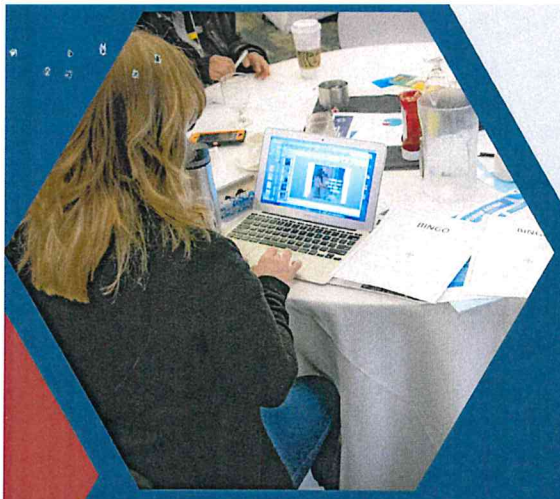
Overall, all respondents (100%) rated this presentation as very important or important and all respondents were very satisfied or satisfied (100%) with the presentation. The feedback on this speaker was that her personal story of surviving domestic violence is very powerful and should be shared in every community.

Level of Satisfaction

- 89% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (16)
- 44% of Respondents were Satisfied (2)
- No Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied
- No Respondents were Not Satisfied

Level of Importance

- 94% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (17)
- 6% of Respondents rated the session as Important (1)
- No Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important
- No Respondents rated the session as not Important



RESULTS OF FORUM EVALUATION

First Nation Family Violence Prevention Programs Video & Panel
Presenter: Joan Muswagon, Community Wellness Manager, Norway House Cree Nation

Overall, all respondents (100%) rated this video presentation as very important or important and all respondents were very satisfied or satisfied (100%) with the video. A repeated comment on this video was that it was "excellent" and offered encouraging and helpful information on what is happening in various communities in terms of returning to healthy lifestyles and using traditional cultural teachings.

Level of Satisfaction

- 64% of Respondents were Very Satisfied (9)
- 36% of Respondents were Satisfied (5)
- No Respondents were Somewhat Satisfied
- No Respondents were Not Satisfied

Level of Importance

- 73% of Respondents rated the session as Very Important (11)
- 27% of Respondents rated the session as Important (4)
- No Respondents rated the session as Somewhat Important
- No Respondents rated the session as not Important



RESULTS OF FORUM EVALUATION

C) Summary of Feedback by Break-out Session

For the break-out sessions, respondents were only asked to rate their overall levels of satisfaction and importance, and were not invited to leave general comments. Overall, respondents expressed high levels of both satisfaction and importance for the break-out sessions. Respondents rated the workshop on intergenerational trauma as slightly more important than the other breakout sessions.

In their general comments for the forum, the majority of respondents identified the break-out sessions as the aspect they most enjoyed about the forum.

The overall levels of satisfaction and importance for the break-out sessions are as follows:

Level of Satisfaction			
	Our Journey with Intergenerational Trauma	Grandmother Teachings	Creating Relationships Through the Spirit of the Horse Nation
Very Satisfied	62%	59%	58%
Satisfied	32%	38%	39%
Somewhat Satisfied	5%	0%	3%
Not Satisfied	0%	3%	0%

Level of Importance			
	Our Journey with Intergenerational Trauma	Grandmother Teachings	Creating Relationships Through the Spirit of the Horse Nation
Very Important	73%	73%	65%
Important	27%	24%	29%
Somewhat Important	0%	0%	6%
Not Important	0%	4%	0%







EVALUATION FORM

Circling Buffalo Inc. Family Violence Prevention Forum

Evaluation Form

March 12-13, 2020

We value your opinion regarding the quality and effectiveness of this forum. We want you take a moment throughout the forum to complete this evaluation form, as it will help us with planning future events.

***Please remember to return this evaluation form at the end of the Forum.**

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR AREA OF EMPLOYMENT?

☐ Social Development ☐ Government ☐ Elected Leadership

☐ Other (Please specify) _____

Please rate each of the following sessions that you attended, by circling a number from 1 – 4 based on how satisfied you were with the session and the level of importance to you:

4	Very Satisfied	4	Very Important
3	Satisfied	3	Important
2	Somewhat Satisfied	2	Somewhat Important
1	Not Satisfied	1	Not Important

Forum Session	Level of Satisfaction				Level of Importance			
Thursday								
9:15 – 9:30 (ISC) Speaker: Tina Kabestra	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
9:30 – 10:45 (Shelter Directors Panel) Speakers: Natalie Apetagon, Sheri Schweder, Susan Kobliski, Flora Castel, Katina Cochrane	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

Comments:

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Comments:

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4	Very Satisfied	4	Very Important
3	Satisfied	3	Important
2	Somewhat Satisfied	2	Somewhat Important
1	Not Satisfied	1	Not Important

11:00-12:00 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
(Domestic Violence)
Speaker: Shane Wepruk

Comments:

Break-out Sessions

Journey - Intergen trauma 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
Grandmother Teachings 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
Spirit of the Horse Nation 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

Comments:

**********END OF DAY ONE**********

Friday

9:15 -9:30 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
(Circling Buffalo Inc.)
Speaker: Alexandria O'Tolle & Jeremy Sinclair

Comments:

9:30-10:00 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
UMatter Project
Speaker: Cara Kolt

Comments:

10:15-11:00 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
MMIWG Presentation
Speaker: Hilda Anderson-Pyrz

Comments:

11:00-12:00 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
Lens of a Paramedic
Speaker: Cory Guest

Comments:

1:00-2:00 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
(I<3 Someone who uses drugs)
Speaker: Shohan Illsley

Comments:

2:15-3:15 (Domestic Violence) 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
Speaker: Kendra Weenie

Comments:

3:15-4:00 (FFVP Video & Panel) 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

Comments:

**********END OF DAY TWO**********

Overall, how would you rate this forum?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Poor

General Comments:

What did you enjoy the most about this forum? (e.g. session, speaker, breakout)

What would you change to improve this forum?

Do you have suggestions for future topics?

Do you have suggestions for future speakers?

Thank you for participating & being a part of the
Circling Buffalo Family Violence Prevention Forum!