

AN ACT RESPECTING FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, AND MÉTIS CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES
PATHWAY TO JURISDICTION

Q: Where are we on our Pathway to Jurisdiction?

A: Community Engagement

In 2021 Chief and Council decided to pursue child and family services jurisdiction. Our next step is to engage with the community to create the foundation for both legislation and Best Interest of the Child (BIOC) principles.

Q: What can we expect from community engagement?

A: Community gatherings, family meetings, focus groups, surveys

An engagement plan, developed by Kaniikaniit Consulting, will include a variety of engagement opportunities. Members can expect to see information and invitations for community engagement summer/fall

Q: What will happen with all our input and information?

A: Develop BIOC, laws, programs, policies, community practices

Values, principles, traditions, practices, priorities, and stories will be gathered by Kaniikaniit and then synthesized and shared with WMFN. We will always keep your information confidential. We will extract themes and learnings in a manner that protects you. Community engagement prior to drafting ensures the pathway to child and family services jurisdiction is community led.

Q: Will we get a chance to see the law before it is enacted?

A: Yes, there will be additional community engagement

Drafts of the BIOC principles and the legislation will be based off of the 2022 community engagement. Once a first draft is developed, members can expect additional review by Chief and Council, legal counsel, and community engagement.



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