

SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Private Home Placement (PHP)

Background

The main objective of this three-year research initiative is to “improve coordination between First Nations and provincial schools to ensure smooth transitioning.” Additionally, the main activity is “to develop and implement programs and strategies to support First Nation students entering provincial schools.” (MFNERC, EPP Proposal, 2012)

This initiative is a collaborative project involving the PHP Review Team, which consisted of MFNERC staff, service providers, First Nations and Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada (AANDC). Along with input required from PHP service providers, house parents, and parents, the main data collection required information from former and current PHP students.

Update

For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, AANDC approved an additional one-year funding for the *Private Home Placement (PHP)* under the Education Partnerships Program (EPP).

PHP Workplan Activities:

As a result of the approved funding, MFNERC has agreed to the proposed 2012-2013 PHP Work Plan activities, and hired a contractor to implement the following activities:

- Conduct ongoing partnership meetings with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Manitoba Education, First Nations and MFNERC to support the follow-up activities
- Present the PHP Review Report Findings, PHP Framework and Handbook to select stakeholders
- Schedule an additional 10 regionals and/or community-based PHP Sessions for individual First Nations
 - Conduct additional regions/community-based sessions on the PHP Framework and Handbook inclusive of the best practices, policies, procedures and protocols.

Starting in September 2012, the PHP Contractor, will be contacting schools with PHP Programs to schedule information sessions, and conduct workshops on the recently published *PHP Framework, Handbook and the Report Findings*.

Attachments:

- Information letter to First Nations Schools (Dated August 22, 2012)
- PHP Framework, Handbook and Program Review Report (August 2012)

For more information regarding the above, please contact the Director of Support Services at Toll Free: 1-866-319-4857, or , 204-594-1290