



Michif Child and Family Services

2025 2026



Vision

Métis and Inuit families and communities are nurtured through love, respect, honour, strength and heritage within their distinctive cultures.

Mission

Métis and Inuit families and communities have the right and responsibility to care for children within their cultures. Michif Child and Family Services will work to strengthen the capacity of families to care for children through culturally relevant community-based programs. We believe in the inherent strength of our families and in the need to build on the capacity of our community to care for and nurture our children.

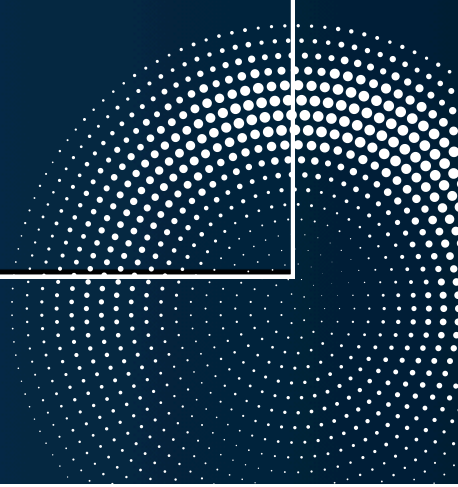
Who we are

Guiding Principles

- Métis families and communities are cornerstones of the Métis Nation and the service delivery system must reflect the vision.
- The family is the center of Inuit culture and cooperation and sharing is a basic principle in Inuit society.
- Responsibility for decision-making regarding Métis and Inuit children lies with the family, extended family and community whenever possible.
- The organizational structure promotes and supports community governance at all levels.
- The service delivery system will encompass both formal and informal elements.
- The service delivery system must be operated in an efficient and effective manner.
- The service delivery system will be outcome-based and will reflect the core founding principles of Michif Child and Family Services.



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President of the Manitoba Métis Federation David Chartrand



For generations, our Nation has cared deeply about the health and wellbeing of our children and families thanks to the values of the matriarchs and other leaders instilled in us. With these values in our hearts and minds, and with the hard work of our front-line staff and managers, we have continued to build one of the best Indigenous Child and Family Services systems in the world.

The same strength and determination that built our Nation is what guides us today. As the Red River Métis people, resilience is woven into who we are. Throughout our history, we have overcome challenges that at times seemed insurmountable by drawing strength from our culture, our communities, and one another. Even through this difficult time, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to upholding the reputation our Nation has earned. United, we will move forward together and emerge stronger than ever before.

We do this as we continue to fight for every penny that has been taken from our children as we pursue a second Child Special Allowance (CSA) Litigation for children who were in care after 2019. The pre-2019 CSA class action we won in 2024 has opened new doors for so many former children in care and I'm proud of the work by your Authority in returning this money back to where it belongs – with our youth. I look forward to achieving justice for our children who were in care after 2019.

Earlier this year, the Red River Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Treaty's implementation legislation started its progression through the House of Commons. Though it is not passed yet, I look forward to this important piece of legislation moving quickly through the House and Senate this Fall. Our Elders and gross-roots leaders have dreamt of this for generations and we look forward to this finally becoming reality.

I would like to express my gratitude for the guidance of our Elders, the advice and perspectives from our Youth, and the steady handsof our Agency's Board of Directors, as well as your staff for the dedication you have shown to strengthening theAgency as we move forward.

I'd also like to thank Minister Buors for her leadership in the portfolio and for always bringing her expertise and advocacy to the Cabinet table in the best interest of our children youth, and families.

Meeqwetch,
David Chartrand

Minister Responsible for Métis Child and Family Services Mona Buors



I am pleased to serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis Child and Family Services for the Manitoba Métis Federation and to work towards the advancement of full jurisdiction over our Métis CFS system.

This past year tested our Michif Child and Family Services (Michif CFS) Agency in ways few could have anticipated. We experienced significant challenges, including difficult outcomes that impacted tenured and valued staff, including the prevention supports that have previously shown tremendous success for our families. While these realities cannot be overlooked – they do not define who we are.

What defines us is the resiliency demonstrated by our staff, caregivers, leadership, partners, and the families we serve. Through uncertain times, your devotion to the Red River Métis families we service never wavered.

As we look ahead, we do so with optimism to a system built on preventative services for our Red River Métis CFS system. As the minister responsible, my commitment to the advancement of jurisdiction has not wavered, and your Red River Métis government continues to push forward and seek resolve with provincial and federal partners to bring these efforts to reality for our CFS system.

This is an opportunity to rebuild and strengthen our Red River Métis CFS system – designed by our people, for our people. It gives us the opportunity to ensure that culture, community, and self-determination guide the services we deliver to our families, and how they are supported. Together, we will lay the foundation for a stronger, prevention-based CFS system that reflects our values, customs, and traditions – while creating lasting change for generations to come.

While the road ahead will require continued effort, partnership, and perseverance, we move forward with confidence in our collective strength. I want to thank everyone of you for your trust over the past year, and I want to acknowledge the creative work you do to find solutions to the systemic barriers we face while we await the full implementation of jurisdiction for our Red River Métis CFS system.

To every staff member at Michif CFS—thank you. Your continued presence, support to one another, and commitment in advancing the work that matters most has not been overlooked. I also extend my appreciation to MCFS Executive Director Maggie Marin, MCFS Chairperson Echo Finlay, and the Board of Directors for their continued leadership.

A special thank you as well to President David Chartrand and the Cabinet of the Manitoba Métis Federation for their continued work in the advancement of our Métis CFS System.

Merci,

Mona Buors

Minister Responsible for Métis Child and Family Services

MMF – National Government of the Red River Métis

Chief Executive Officer for the Métis Child and Family Services Authority Karla Hildebrand-Eden



It is my privilege, on behalf of the Métis Child and Family Services Authority, to provide this message in recognition of the important work undertaken by our Métis Child and Family Services Agencies over the past year.

Our Agencies are at the heart of the Métis Child and Family Services system. Every day, their leadership, staff, caregivers and community partners work to support children, youth and families—often during some of the most difficult and vulnerable moments in their lives. This work requires compassion, sound judgment, perseverance and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of the people they serve.

As the administrative and oversight body for the Métis Child and Family Services system, the Authority is committed to supporting strong, accountable and effective Agencies while ensuring that services reflect the distinct identity, culture, values and aspirations of the Métis Nation. Our role is not only to provide oversight, but also to create the conditions that allow our Agencies to succeed.

Throughout the past year, the Authority and Agencies have continued to work together to strengthen service delivery, enhance accountability, improve outcomes and build greater consistency across our system. This partnership is essential. The challenges facing child and family services are complex, and meaningful change requires a coordinated approach grounded in shared responsibility, open communication and a commitment to continuous improvement.

At the centre of this work are our children, youth and families. We remain committed to a system that places greater emphasis on prevention, early intervention, family preservation and culturally appropriate supports. Whenever possible, children should be supported within their families, extended families and communities, surrounded by the relationships, culture and identity that provide them with a strong sense of belonging.

For Métis children and youth who do enter care, maintaining connection to family, community, culture and Métis identity must remain a priority. Knowing who you are and where you come from is fundamental to belonging and well-being. Our collective responsibility extends beyond ensuring safety; it includes helping children and youth develop the relationships, identity and connections that will support them throughout their lives.

The broader child and family services environment continues to evolve, particularly as Indigenous governments exercise greater authority over the well-being of their children and families. This represents an important opportunity for the Métis Nation. The Authority remains committed to working collaboratively with the Manitoba Métis Federation, our Agencies, governments and other partners to advance Métis priorities and support the continued transformation of child and family services.

Our progress would not be possible without the people who carry out this work every day. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Boards of Directors, Executive Directors, leadership teams, frontline staff, caregivers and community partners who continue to demonstrate extraordinary dedication to Métis children and families.

I also want to acknowledge the families who place their trust in our system. Your experiences, voices and perspectives must continue to inform how we improve our services and how we build a stronger system for future generations.

I am proud of what our Agencies have accomplished this year and grateful to everyone who has contributed to this important work. There remains much to do, but through our shared commitment and collective leadership, we will continue moving forward toward a stronger future for Métis children, youth and families.

Karla Hildebrand-Eden
Chief Executive Officer
Métis Child and Family Services Authority

Chair of the Board of Directors Echo Finlay



Greetings on behalf of the Michif Child and Family Services Agency.

This past year has reminded us that change is no longer something we prepare for occasionally—it is the environment in which we work every day. The pace of change continues to accelerate, bringing new challenges, new opportunities, and new expectations for how we serve our children, youth, and families.

As a Board of Directors, we recognize that success is not measured by our ability to predict every challenge that lies ahead. Rather, it is measured by our willingness to adapt, to grow, and to respond with purpose and integrity. We remain committed to thoughtful governance, strategic planning, and ensuring that Michif Child and Family Services continues to evolve while staying true to the values that define us.

Throughout my time on the Board, I have been continually inspired by the leadership of the Manitoba Métis Federation. In times of uncertainty and change, the MMF has remained a lighthouse among the rocks—a steadfast beacon of strength, stability, and vision. That leadership provides the foundation upon which our Agency continues to build, reminding us that our work is grounded in the enduring values of the Métis Nation and our unwavering commitment to our children and families.

While the Board provides governance and strategic direction, it is our staff who bring our mission to life each and every day. Across every department and every community we serve, our employees demonstrate extraordinary compassion, professionalism, resilience, and dedication. They walk alongside children, youth, parents, caregivers, and communities during some of life's most difficult moments, always striving to make a meaningful difference. This work requires courage, empathy, sound judgment, and an unwavering belief in the strength and potential of the families we serve. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend my deepest gratitude to every member of our team. Your commitment to culturally grounded, family-centered service reflects the very best of our Agency and honors the trust placed in us by our communities.

I also wish to thank my fellow Board members for their thoughtful leadership and dedication, as well as our Elders, community partners, and the Manitoba Métis Federation for their continued guidance and support. Together, we remain focused on strengthening our Agency and creating brighter futures for Métis children, youth, and families. As we look to the future, we do so with confidence—not because the path ahead is certain, but because we know the strength of the people who walk it together. Through collaboration, adaptability, and a shared commitment to our mission, Michif Child and Family Services will continue to grow, respond, and serve with excellence.

It is an honour to serve as Chairperson of the Board, and I thank each of you for the role you play in advancing this important work. To our staff, thank you for the compassion you show, the challenges you embrace, and the hope you bring to children and families every day. Your work matters, and it makes a lasting difference. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for all that you do. It is a privilege to serve alongside you.

Sincerely,
Echo Finlay

Executive Director Margaret Marin



I am pleased to present our annual report for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. This has been one of the most challenging and transformative periods in our agency’s history. Over the past year, we experienced significant operational changes, including periods of service disruption and interruptions to important programming for the broader community we serve. While this year tested our agency in many ways, it also demonstrated the resilience, strength, and dedication that continue to define Michif Child and Family Services.

Despite these challenges, our commitment to the children, families, and communities connected to Michif never wavered. Throughout this period, we worked together to navigate operational changes, reassess priorities, reallocate resources, and develop new approaches to sustain essential services. These efforts not only allowed the agency to continue moving forward but also laid the foundation for greater stability, renewal, and future growth. This progress was made possible through the dedication and collaboration of the Minister, the Authority, the Board of Directors, and staff at every level of the organization.

During my brief leave, the Executive Team provided stability, guidance, and direction for the organization. I would like to formally recognize Quinton, who served as Acting Executive Director for part of the reporting year. His steady leadership, alongside the strength and commitment of the Executive Team, ensured continuity of operations and provided meaningful support to staff during a demanding time. As we move forward, we remain focused on rebuilding and strengthening programs where possible, enhancing service delivery, and ensuring that the voices of youth, families, and communities continue to guide our work and shape our future.

I also want to recognize the staff, their perseverance, professionalism, and unwavering belief in the importance of this work carried the agency through a period of uncertainty and change. Their commitment to one another and to the communities we serve has been deeply appreciated.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Métis Government, President David Chartrand, Minister Mona Buors, and the Métis Child and Family Services Authority, including Chief Executive Officer Karla Hildebrand-Eden and Associate Chief Executive Officer Desiree Gillespie, along with all Authority and agency staff. I also extend a special thank you to Echo Finlay, Chair, and the Michif Board of Directors for their continued partnership, leadership, and commitment during this important period of transition and renewal. As we look ahead, Michif remains committed to strengthening culturally responsive services, building stronger community partnerships, and ensuring children and families remain connected to their identity, culture, and supports. Guided by our mission, vision, and values, we will continue walking alongside families with respect, compassion, and hope for the future.

Meegwetch,
Margaret Marin
Executive Director
Michif Child and Family Services



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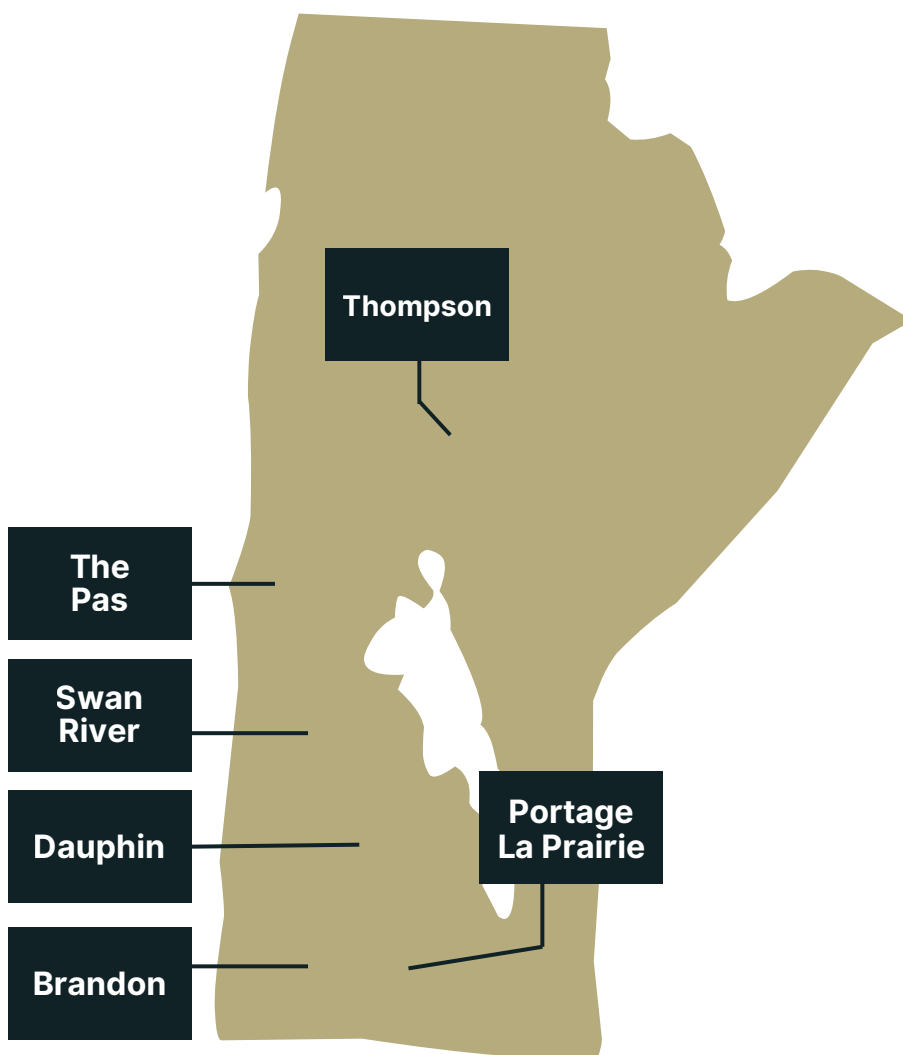
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Thank you

The Board of Directors and Executive Director extend their sincere appreciation to the Executive Team, supervisors, and all staff for their ongoing commitment, dedication, and teamwork. Your collective efforts across every area of the agency ensure we continue to provide quality services and support to children, youth, and families. Working together as one agency, your collaboration and commitment make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we alongside.



Manitoba Métis Federation



We sincerely thank our Indigenous Governing Body, the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), for your unwavering support and generous contributions to child welfare. Your commitment makes it possible for Michif Child and Family Services to provide vital services to Red River Métis children, youth, and families.

Through your leadership, our communities are strengthened and continue to thrive. Guided by the MMF, Red River Métis children are given the opportunity to grow up in nurturing family environments that honour their history, culture, and identity.



"We must cherish our inheritance. We must preserve our nationality for the youth of our future. The story should be written down to pass on."

- Louis Riel

Programs and Services

Family Services

Our Family Services team continues to demonstrate resilience and dedication to the children's and families they walk alongside.

They are striving to work towards building our children in care's connections to their family members. Ensuring sibling visitations are occurring and doing family finding so that the child can learn their routes and connections. With the families we have been walking alongside we have also worked on networking and building connections to family and resources to build on their strengths. These steps are critical in helping children maintain and strengthen lifelong connections with family, which remains central to our service approach.

Another major focus this year has been ensuring that staff have attended Signs of Safety training and are utilizing the tools they are learning. A large purpose of using Signs of Safety tools in meetings with families is to ensure the families voices are heard during the case planning process. The tools aid in showing families concerns (identifying past harm, future danger and complicating factors); highlighting what is going well (looking at their strengths and safety networks) and outlining clear goals and next steps. Utilizing the Signs of Safety methods has also assisted families in building connections to family and resources.

There have continued to be regular case reviews in collaboration with the Permanency Planning Committee (PPC) which have allowed for thoughtful planning, networking, and implementation of best practices for all children within our agency. Further they have focused on Lifebooks which ensure our children have memories to document while they are in care. These books are provided to the children so they have their stories. They have also been working on ensuring all our children over 12 have their own bank account and identification so that they can learn independence earlier on. As well as supporting children in obtaining their Métis citizenship through MMF applications.



This further reinforces our commitment to culturally rooted practice and identity development. These efforts not only affirm each child's cultural identity but also open doors to additional resources and community belonging.

Our approach continues to be grounded in intentional family engagement. By walking alongside families with purpose and compassion, we have fostered meaningful relationships and networks that support long-term safety, stability, and wellness for children. We have seen how a coordinated, inclusive, and culturally attuned approach to family services not only builds stronger families but strengthens our agency's overall impact.



Thank You to Our Caregivers

We extend our sincere gratitude to all of our Kinship Care, Foster Care, Place of Safety, and Emergency Home providers for your unwavering commitment throughout the past year. Your dedication to caring for children and youth in our care has made a meaningful difference in their lives.

Your willingness to support family reunification, assist youth as they transition out of care, and provide stability during transfers reflects the compassion, resilience, and strength that define our caregiving community. Each of you plays a vital role in ensuring that children and youth receive the care, guidance, and sense of belonging they deserve. Through the ongoing support of our Resource team, along with continued recruitment, licensing, training, and caregiver support, we are strengthening our ability to preserve family connections, honour culture, and keep children connected to their communities whenever possible.

Together, we continue to walk alongside children, youth, and families with care, respect, and hope. Thank you for your partnership, your generosity, and your commitment to building brighter futures for the children and families we serve. If you are interested in becoming a Caregiver with our agency feel free to call 204-638-7896 and ask to speak to a Resource worker in your geographic area or email info@michifcfs.com



Group Care

The Agency operated seven (7) emergency bed spaces across Four Winds in Dauphin and Sunrise House in Brandon, providing short-term, child-centered care for children experiencing unexpected transitions and separation from family. Over the year, these homes supported 21 admissions, offering stability and responsive care during periods of uncertainty.

Placement durations decreased toward yearend as strengthened family finding efforts enabled more children to transition quickly into kinship and family based care. This shift reflects the Agency's commitment to reducing reliance on staffed facility homes and ensuring children remain connected to family, culture, and community whenever possible.

Staff at Sunrise House and Four Winds demonstrated consistent dedication to meeting the social, emotional, and cultural needs of children during their stay. Continued investment in training, development, and programming has further enhanced staff competency and confidence, ensuring care remains responsive, culturally appropriate, and aligned with best practice standards.



Direct Services Workers

Direct Service Workers remain a vital extension of the Agency's commitment to strengthening children, families, and communities through practical, relationship-based support.

Over the past year, DSWs completed **532** service contracts across our regions, providing critical one-on-one assistance including transportation to medical appointments and therapy, supervised family visits, cultural connection opportunities, school and community support, and other individualized services tailored to family needs.





Registered Education Savings Planning and Registered Disability Savings Planning

We continue to support youth through financial planning, Identification and account setup remain a key priority to ensure all eligible youth benefit from these supports.



Michif Spirit Program

The Michif Spirit Program supported 76 young adults aged 18–26 as they transitioned from care toward independence and long-term stability. This included assistance with securing safe housing, accessing education and training opportunities, navigating financial supports, accessing CSA funds, and connecting with community resources and collateral services. This year saw a continued need for housing-related support, reflecting the broader challenges young adults face when aging out of care systems. Through individualized planning and practical assistance with rent, financial aid, and service navigation, staff helped young people build foundations for self-sufficiency, connection, and belonging. The program continues to play an essential role in reducing barriers for youth leaving care and strengthening pathways toward stable adulthood, community connection, and long-term wellness.

Resource Development

Over the past year, the Resource Development team has continued to focus on recruiting, assessing, training, and supporting foster homes and alternative care resources to meet the needs of children and youth requiring placement. The team remained committed to ensuring children were placed in safe, stable, and nurturing environments while supporting caregivers through ongoing communication, collaboration, and service coordination.

Particular emphasis continued to be placed on recruiting homes for sibling groups, adolescents, emergency placements, and children with complex behavioral, emotional, developmental, and medical needs. The agency also remained focused on increasing culturally appropriate placement options in order to better support children in maintaining connections to their identity, family, and community.

Throughout the year, the Resource Development team completed foster home assessments and licensing requirements in accordance with provincial standards and agency policies. This included completion of home studies, criminal record and child abuse registry checks, annual licensing reviews, and ongoing monitoring to ensure compliance with licensing requirements.

Supporting caregivers remained a significant priority. The agency continued to provide foster parents and alternate caregivers with consultation, crisis support, and ongoing guidance to assist with placement stability and the increasingly complex needs of children in care. Caregivers were connected to community resources, clinical supports, training opportunities, and service providers as needed. Staff collaborated with service teams and caregivers to strengthen communication, problem-solving, and planning to support children and youth.

The agency recognizes that foster parents and caregivers continue to provide critical care, advocacy, and stability for children and youth, often under challenging circumstances. The dedication, flexibility, and resilience demonstrated by caregivers throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.





Placement stability and caregiver retention remained areas of focus throughout the year. We made efforts to improve matching, increase responsiveness to caregiver concerns, and provide additional support for high-needs placements whenever possible. Despite these efforts, recruitment and retention challenges persist as the complexity of children's needs increases and caregiver demands grow.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all foster parents, respite providers, kinship caregivers, staff, and community partners for their ongoing commitment and dedication. Their care and advocacy continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children, youth, and families served by the agency.

Support Response Team

The Support Response Team (SRT), consists of six trained staff members who provide critical support to employees during times of crisis or in the aftermath of traumatic events. SRT offers immediate emotional support, assisting individuals in processing their experiences and related psychological or physical responses. In addition to one-on-one support and group debriefings, staff are connected with valuable mental health resources, including crisis lines and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).



Training and Practice

The primary focus of the Training and Practice Lead role has continued to be providing mentoring and support for staff. These supports and mentoring opportunities are to assist staff in enhancing their skills. The support and mentoring has occurred over 53 sessions which have ranged from providing orientation sessions for new staff, reviewing and providing assistance for staff in completing various documents, assisting with evaluations and fielding with family service workers.

The past year has included in depth training for the Training and Practice Lead regarding Signs of Safety. The purpose of the in-depth training was for the Training and Practice lead to be trained in the model in order to train staff internally. The Signs of Safety model is a strengths-based, safety-organized approach to child protection designed to help professionals and families build meaningful safety for at-risk children. It provides practical tools for assessment, planning, and engaging families in behavioral change. The Training and Practice Lead is now able to train staff internally on this framework and provide in-depth mentoring for staff. One of the Signs of Safety implementations has included doing mapping sessions with teams or individuals to assist with their case planning. Another implementation has been a Signs of Safety Working Group which includes 7 participants who meet once a month to enhance their skills.

Along with integrating the Signs of Safety model there has continued to be individual and group training sessions for staff. There were 16 group sessions offered which included topics such as; Time Management Strategies, Documentation training, Respectful Workplace and Genopro Training.



Dreams Take Flight 2025

On October 8–10, six youth participated in the Dreams Take Flight experience, traveling from Winnipeg to Disneyland for a memorable day of adventure. Upon arrival, the group met their leaders, received program gear, and prepared for an early departure the next morning.

The group departed in the early hours of October 9, enjoying a specially organized flight complete with meals, entertainment, and thoughtful touches from volunteers. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, they were warmly welcomed before heading to Disneyland.

At the park, the youth experienced a full day of rides, character visits, and activities, with highlights including Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance. Each child also received a gift card to select souvenirs, adding to the excitement of the day. Following the visit, the group returned to Winnipeg overnight and reunited with caregivers. The experience was described by participants as “magical” and unforgettable.

This opportunity provided lasting memories for the youth, and we are grateful to have been part of such a meaningful experience.



Métis Child and Family Services Christmas Party

Métis Service System- Our inaugural Holiday Party took place at the Red River Exhibition Centre and welcomed over 1000+ participants, including families, agency staff, and community volunteers. The celebration featured rides, food, and festive activities, showcasing the joy, unity, and strength of our Métis community.



Citizenship

With the ongoing support of the Métis Authority, our agency continues to prioritize establishing Red River Métis citizenship for the children, youth, and families we serve. This work strengthens cultural identity and ensures access to the rights and supports available to Métis citizens.

Over the past year, the Case Aide has led this initiative across all regions, providing direct assistance to children and youth in completing their applications. Her efforts have resulted in **88 citizenship applications submitted, with 60 individuals now confirmed as Red River Métis citizens.** The remaining applications are in progress.

Regional Progress:

- Portage: 40 submitted | 29 confirmed
- Brandon: 8 submitted | 7 confirmed
- The Pas: 2 submitted | 2 confirmed
- Thompson: 3 submitted | 3 confirmed
- Dauphin: 25 submitted | 15 confirmed
- Swan River: 10 submitted | 4 confirmed

In addition to citizenship applications, she has expanded her support to include Treaty applications, genealogical research through St. Boniface, and more recently, Orphan Benefit applications for several youth. This broadened scope reflects a strong commitment to ensuring families receive culturally appropriate assistance and have access to all entitlements available to them.

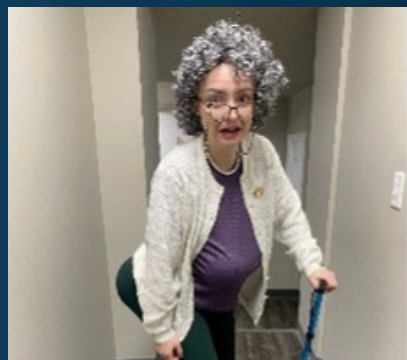
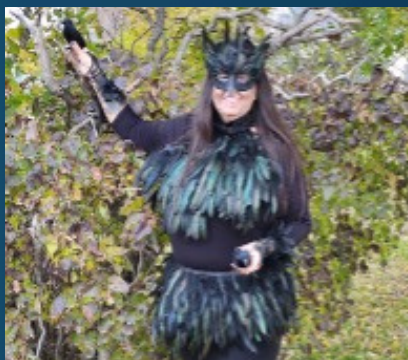
This work continues to strengthen cultural connection and identity for Métis children and youth across our service regions.





Year in Review

Over the past year, we experienced significant operational changes. Despite these challenges, our commitment to the children, families, and communities connected to Michif Child and Family Services (MCFS) remained unwavering. Below are a few pictures of our team and community events from April, 2025 - March, 2026.

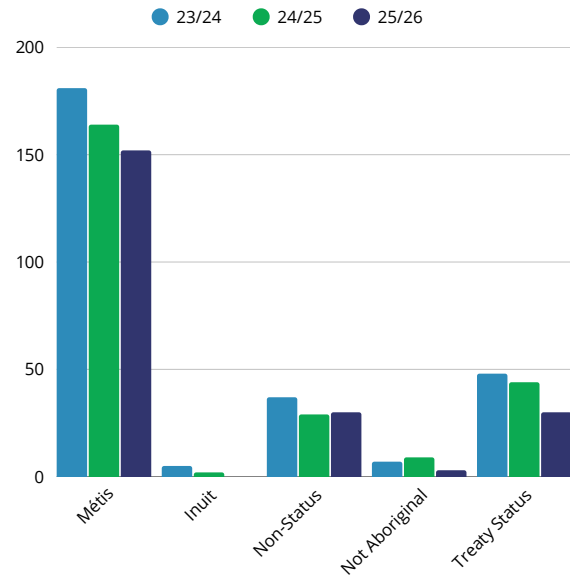




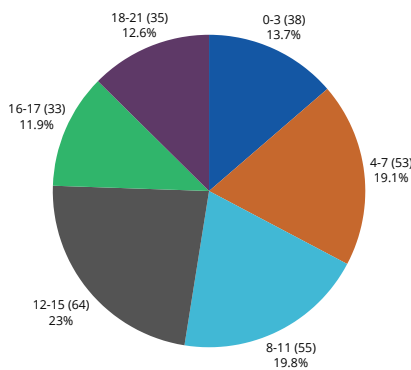


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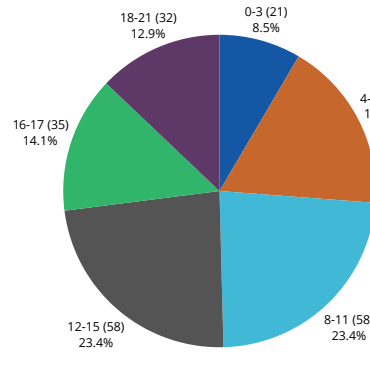
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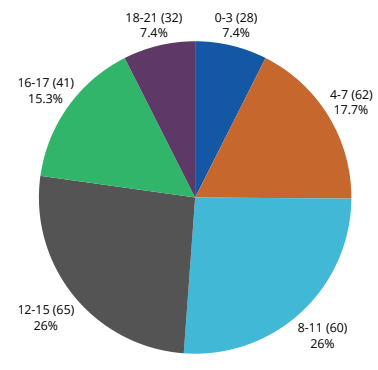
AGE OF OUR CHILDREN IN CARE



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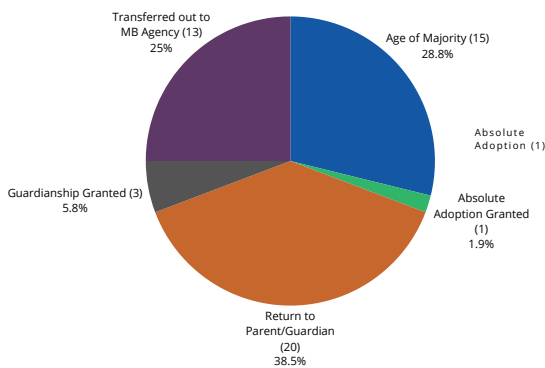


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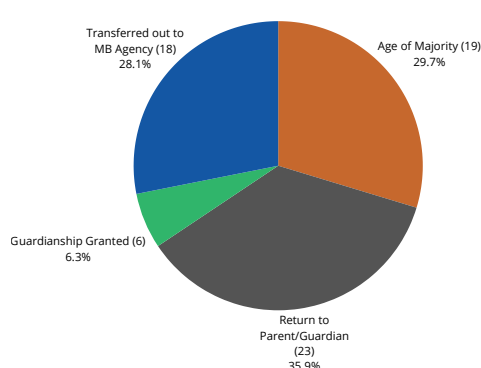


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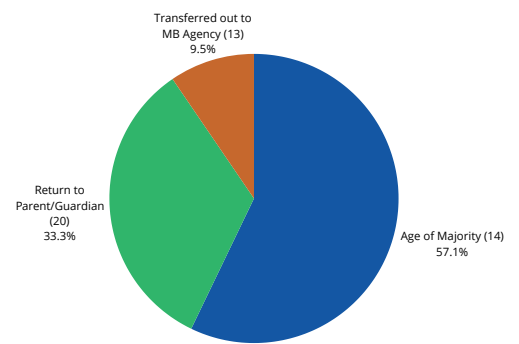
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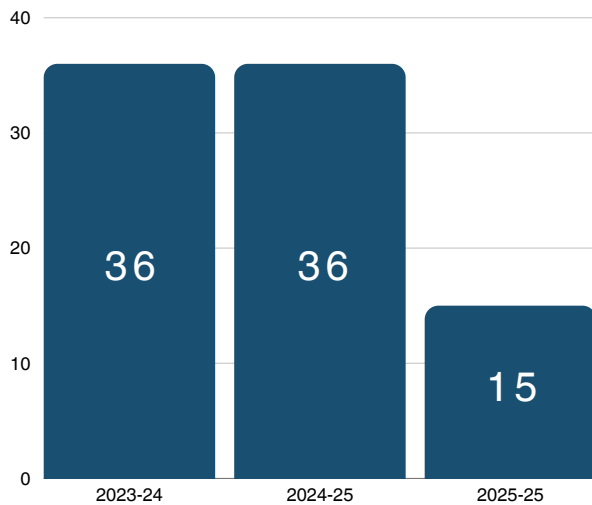
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Portage La Praire	8	2	15	8	55	3
Brandon	11	4	23	11	36	1
Dauphin	10	1	71	4	101	0
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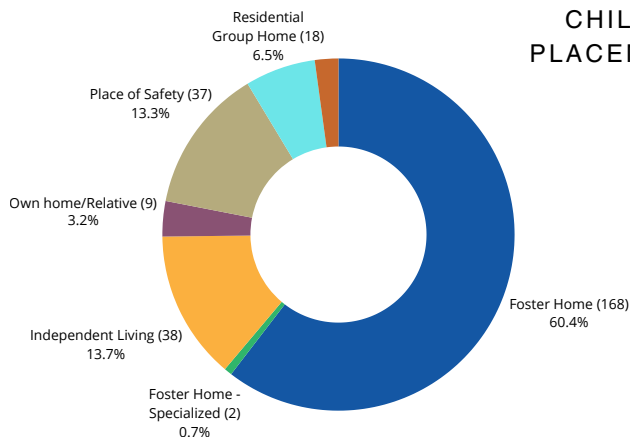
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The Pas	0	0	1	1	10	4
Thompson	0	0	3	4	4	1

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Portage La Praire	2	0	12	5	44	1
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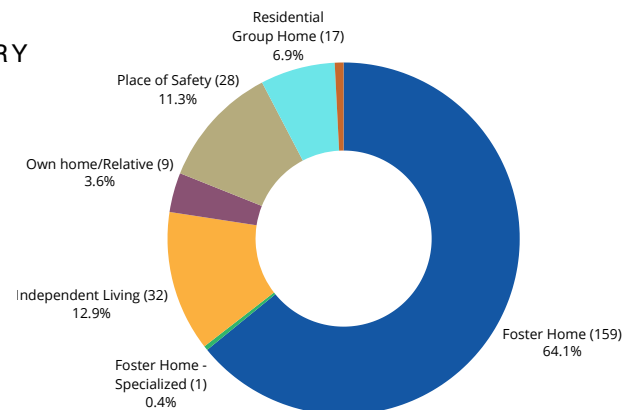
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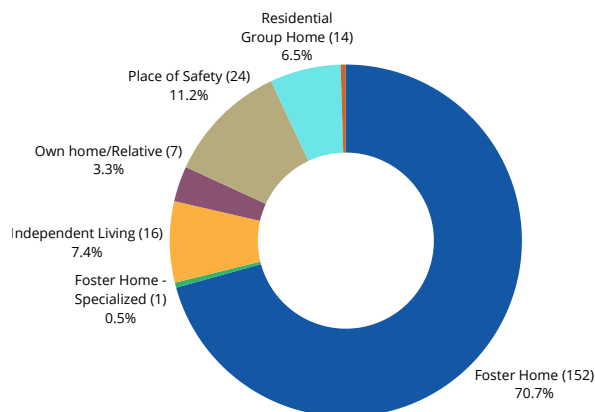
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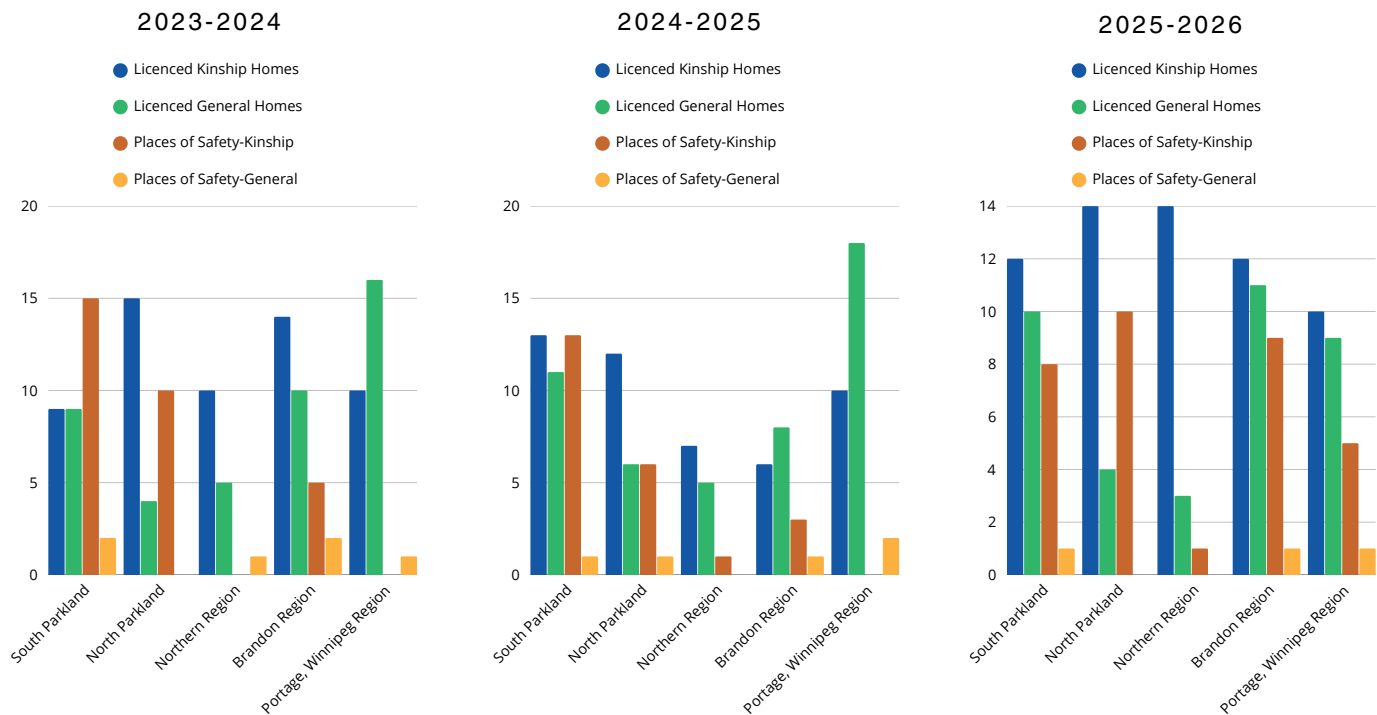


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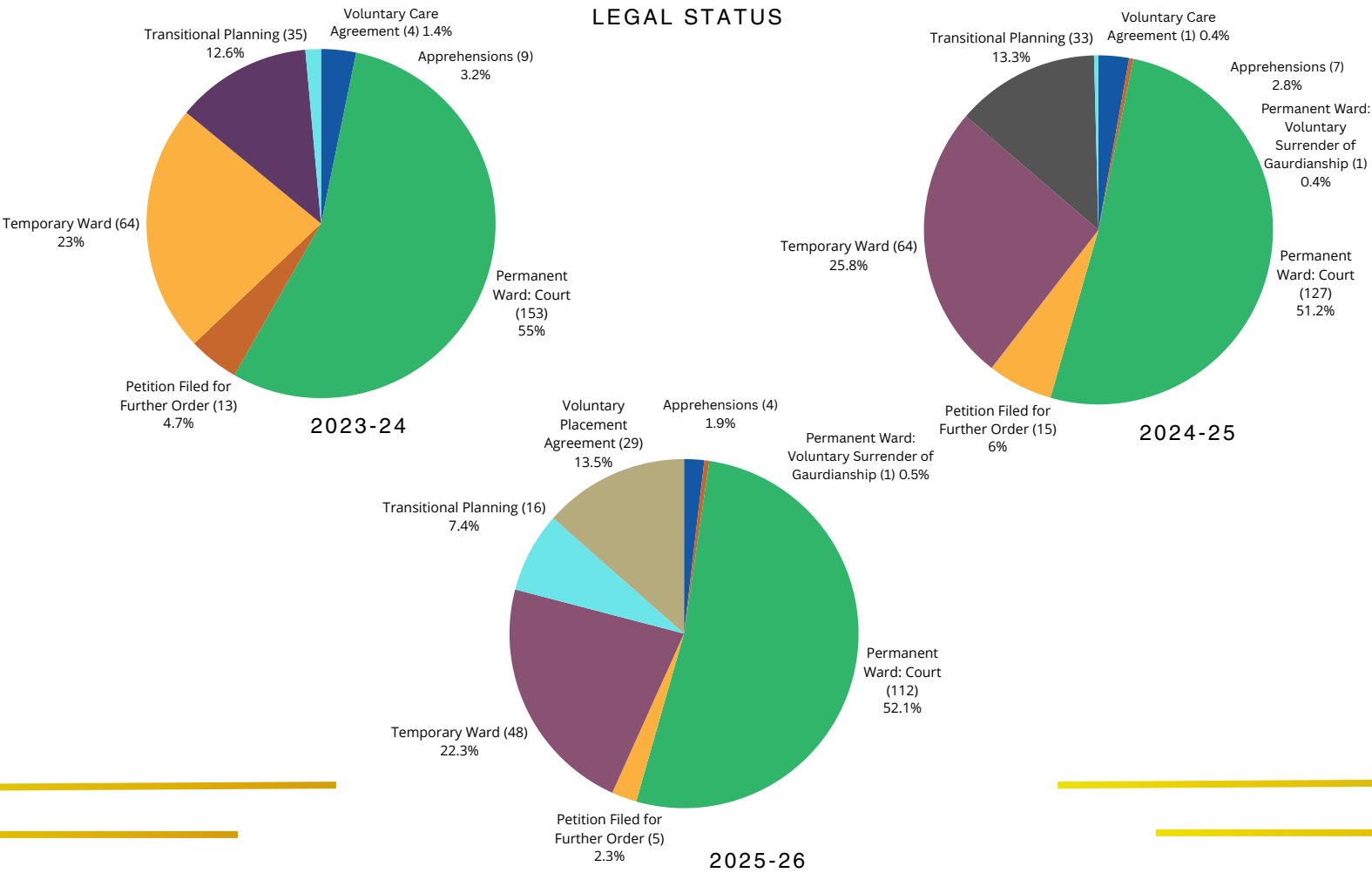


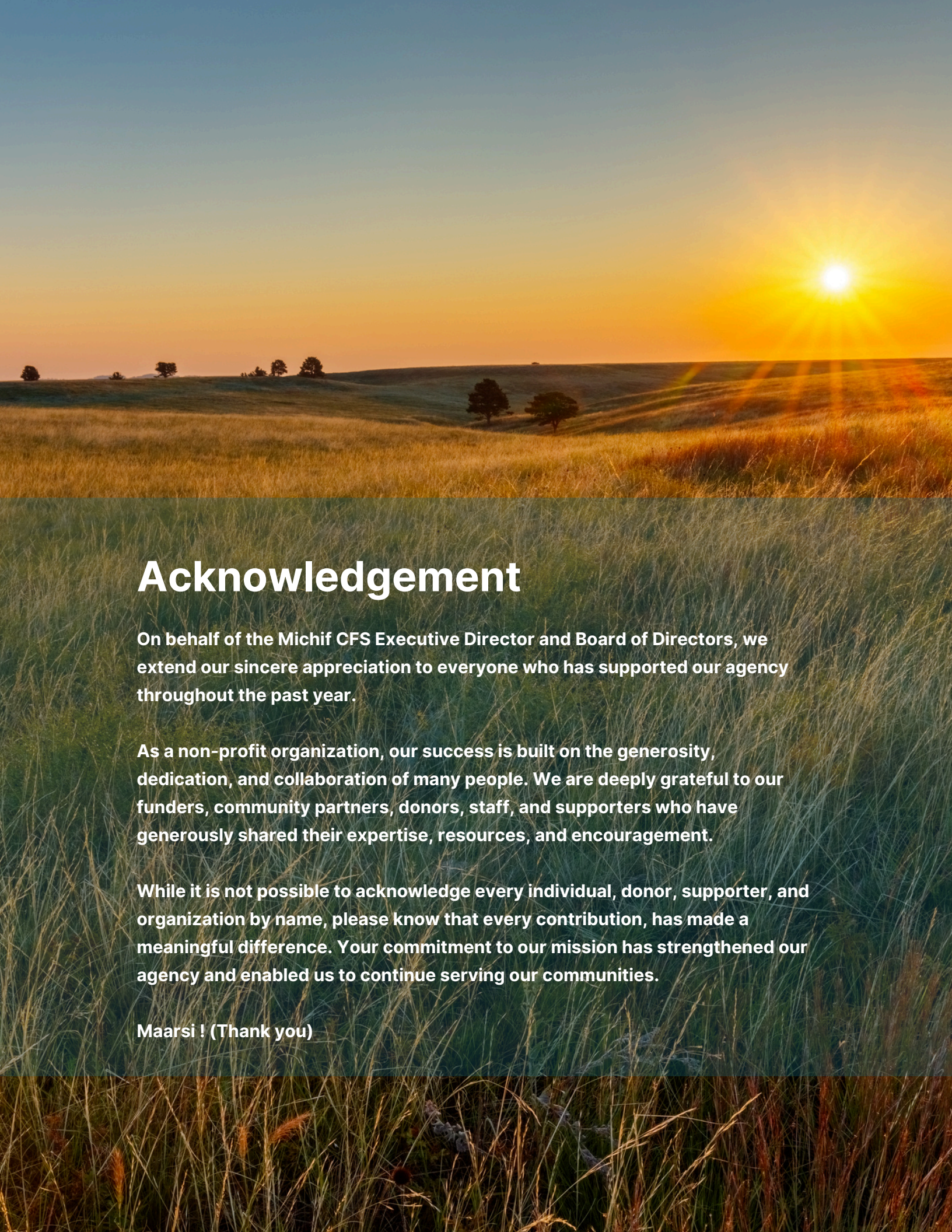
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FOSTER CARE HOMES BY REGION



CHILDREN IN CARE BY LEGAL STATUS





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