

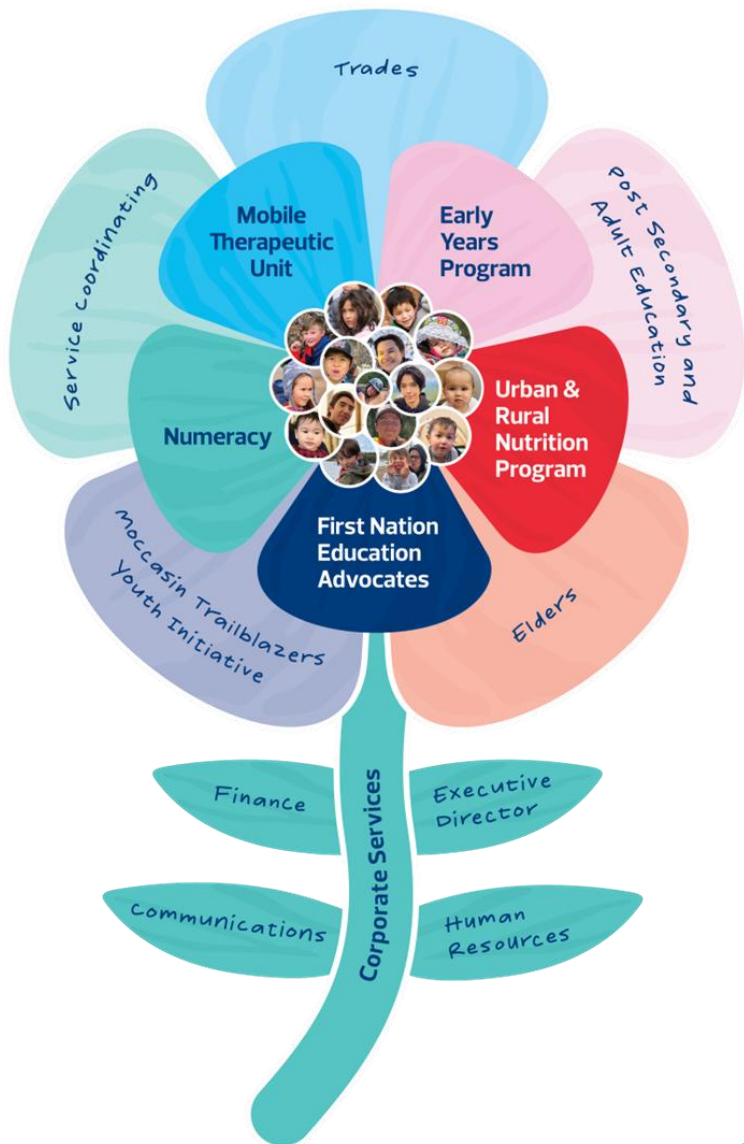
National School Food Summit
May 27-28, 2026
Wanuskeewin Saskatchewan

YFNED Nutrition Services – Traditional Food is Essential





- **13 Communities**
 - 12 rural and 1 urban
- **11 SGFN's**
- **3 Unceded**
- **8 Language groups**
- **All our communities are north of 60**
- **29 schools**
 - 11 under the authority of the First Nation School Board
 - 4 under CSFY(French First Language) authority
 - 12 Ministry operated
 - 3 Ministry operated Catholic Schools



YFNED Urban and Rural Nutrition Programs have been in operation since 2020

- **Funded through Jordan's Principle**
- **Supported with cultural programming**
- **Providing two nutritionally dense meals for every Indigenous child 0-18 years old**
- **Urban Nutrition addressed the needs of 1050 children**
- **Rural Nutrition addressed the needs of 1036 children**

Our children. Our education. Our way.



Timeline YFNED Nutrition Program

2020 – Rural Nutrition Program implemented – funds flowed directly to the 12 Rural Yukon First Nations to implement in their community- all Indigenous children 0-18 in the rural communities

2021 -Urban Nutrition Program implemented – to address two urban Yukon First Nations and all Indigenous children 0-18 years residing in Whitehorse

Mandate is to provide two nutritional dense meals to every Indigenous child in the Territory

Both programs are funded through Jordan’s Principle and until the February 2025 Operational Bulletin were funded in 3 year cycles

Funding costs are at \$15 per child per day



Rural Nutrition Program

- 18 cooks that worked in 12 communities
- Cooks worked in FN community centers, FN buildings and schools
- 2 nutritionally dense meals served daily to Indigenous children
- Community work with Elders and Knowledge Keepers to harvest foods from the land and use in the nutrition program
- Funding flowed directly to the YFN's and YFNED supported through service coordination

Urban Nutrition

- 36 Cooks in 6 Elementary Schools, 5 High Schools & 3 kitchen sites attached to food delivery/expediting
- Expediting specialized van to deliver foods to 6 Elementary schools that do not have adequate kitchen infrastructure to prepare meats in the kitchens
- Bi-weekly snack program where teachers do online orders with snack delivery every second Tuesday
- Weekly snack delivery for one Indigenous daycare
- Monthly community feasts



Happening this weekend!



Timeline National Food Program



2024/2025 fiscal year the Federal Government announces a National School Food Program

Mandate is to feed more children

Funding costs are at \$1.44 per child per day if it is was implemented in all 29 Yukon schools

YFNED is honoured that the Government of Yukon approached YFNED to implement the NSFP

Elections and government processes delay implementation to the January of 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Limited funds leads to a pilot plan to implement in 7 schools – 5 rural and 2 urban feeding 940 students @ \$9.00 per child per day

Government of Yukon has determined this will continue for the 2026/2027 school year



Traditional Food



Farm Program



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Food is community, culture & connecting

Our children spend 1/2 of their “awake” time in school

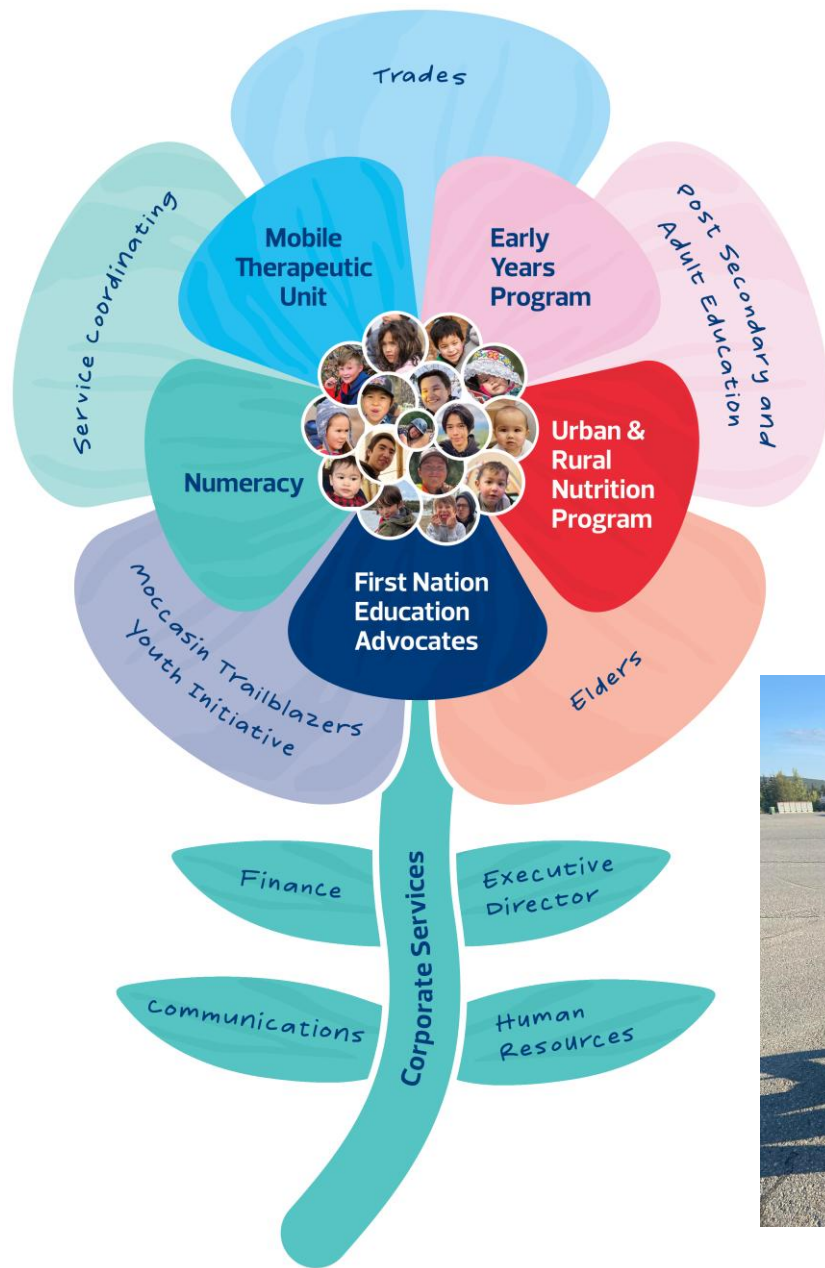
It is essential that a school nutrition program provides healthy food options

The healthy food options must include our Indigenous traditional foods

It is also essential that school nutrition program provides the community, culture and connection for our Indigenous children

When we have well fed children we are creating successful learners and community members





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