



# URBAN SERVICES

The Prince Albert Grand Council – Urban Services is an incorporated entity accessing supports for First Nations in the City of Prince Albert. Our main programming is geared towards Employment via LFD and low income parents.

## ABORIGINAL SKILLS, EMPLOYMENTS & TRAINING STRATEGY – LABOUR FORCE DEVELOPMENT

The LFD program continues to offer ongoing support for those First Nations who reside in Prince Albert and area by providing a variety of employment/training initiatives, which ensure that clients are accessing relevant ABE/Technical & Vocational training, based on viable career goals. This urban contribution agreement is administered by the Prince Albert Grand Council Urban Services Centre Inc.

Funding for this program flows from Services Canada via SITAG to the Local Labour Force Development Offices throughout the province of Saskatchewan. PAGC Urban Services Centre Inc. Board consists of the 12 chiefs of PAGC membership along with the Executive Chiefs of the Prince Albert Grand Council. This entity approves budget forecasts and block-funding, as well as changes to policy regarding students and staff.

Accessibility is based on client identification of career-oriented goals, client follow through, proper registration, and provision of all relevant documentation. Other selection criteria considered are previous track records, total number of requests, and availability of funding resources. These decisions of support come directly from the Manager, Partnership Coordinator and support staff of the program. This LIMB maintains a continuous waitlist which gives us the proper time to ensure clients are eligible for support, as well as the onus is on the client to provide all documentation required for decisions.

The LFD program has a proven track record of being proactive in seeking viable partnerships and sustainable supports for Urban First Nations.

## CONSTRUCTION CAREERS PRINCE ALBERT

CCPA continues to make impressive progress in connecting clients interested in pursuing careers in the construction area. This partnership between SIIT/PAGC/CAN SK provides individuals with necessary supports to access entry level positions related to the construction/trades careers. The supports include but are not limited by; Construction Safety Training System, driver training programs, and Construction Worker Preparation Pre-Employment Programs

## LABOUR FORCE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS

The Prince Albert Grand Council – Urban Services Centre Inc. offers other community/employment supports such as volunteer tax preparation, resume writing, faxing/photocopying/inter-net research, disability funding/referrals, as well as long distance calls regarding employment and/or emergency situations.

*1967 have accessed these supports from April to March 31, 2015*



## URBAN REFERRAL & PARENTING SUPPORT SERVICES

The PAGC Urban Referral & Parent Support Program provides services to families with children 0-6 years of age, living in at risk conditions. The mandate of this program is to provide assistance to families through community-based programs that are holistic and accessible. The program also advocates and works with families to strengthen social, economic and educational linkages within the city.

The Urban Referral and parent support assists in the delivery of special occasions such as:

- Urban Christmas Dinner – 310 people served
- Calvary Church – 12 families
- Summer Outing Program – 6 families – 15 participants
- Emergency support advocacy – 12
- Tax preparation – 330
- Youth programming – mentor students
- Parenting programs – 63 including children

Developing partnerships within the city of Prince Albert assists in the program delivery and has a high participant involvement as a result. Partnering with other organizations is a strength that encourages families towards empowerment and with a result of making positive changes in their lives.

## MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS

This program is in partnership with the Kid's First Initiative, a worker is supported through PAGC, who liaison with the schools offering support to families in the Kid's First Program as well as with our Urban Clients who wish to access treatment, and counseling regarding family dynamics and addictions. Currently housed at King George Community School.

## KOOKUM – PARKLAND HEALTH DISTRICT

The Urban Office houses two in-house elders who work mainly with the Kid's First clientele and staff. They are a great asset to the staff and offer guidance and support for staff and clientele.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Prince Albert Grand Council Urban Services Centre Inc. is committed to providing high quality programs and services reflective of Urban First Nations member's needs and priorities. The staff will continue to work hard, demonstrate dedication and commitment in order to ensure that this is achieved

The staff also participates in numerous other community initiatives, such as, Aboriginal Headstart, skills Canada, Community Network Coalition, Construction Career PA, Kids First, Prince Albert Regional Inter-sectoral Committee as well as community futures.

### 2014 / 2015 Funded Clients

