

Cultural safety and access to services in early intervention

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Cultural safety is a change in approach

- Peetigway Famiï is a weekly early Childhood program for Aboriginal children 0-6 and their caregivers in the Central Okanagan.
- Our Philosophy – Children are sacred gifts from the Creator and childhood plays an important role in the future development of our children.
- The program is delivered where the people live – Okanagan Metis and Aboriginal Housing Society.

**Peetigway Famiï – translates to
Come in Family in Michif language**

PEETIGWAY FAMIÏ

- Norah and I had a good day at the Art gallery meeting moms and babies. It sounds like a simple fun day. I had a hard time encouraging myself to go. All night I was thinking about what excuse can I make so I don't have to go. I have a hard time with Social Anxiety especially when I'm going out to an event with people I've never met in my life. It felt awesome to over come this day. I'm proud that I did go. Norah is what motivates me to do more things because she needs a strong built mom, a women to look up to. How can I make my daughter a confident women if I myself am hiding from people. She helps me fight my fears, she helps me push myself out of my comfort zone. I thank above ☐ ☐ everyday for giving me this miracle that I so needed. ❤️☐❤️☐❤️☐
Something so simple to you could be a battle to face for someone else.☐ ☐

Quote from a mom

- We invite different therapists in to Peetigway once a month from the Child Development Centre to give a presentation on their services.

But first they come to participate in the program and eat with the parents and take part in activities before giving their presentation.

Importance of relationships and building trust

- **Outreach, outreach and some more outreach 😊**
- Peetigway provides a culturally safe (i.e., free of racism and culturally respectful), socially supportive program for parents to be consulted about their child and offered opportunities to participate in the child care program, parent education and support programs, and service referrals as needed.

OUTREACH and Social Support

