

# **Giwiidosendimin** (We Walk Together) Circle of Healing Project LAUNCH

**Year 1 Activities and  
Evaluation Findings 2019-2020**

Presentation for Red Cliff Tribal Council  
March 23, 2021



# What is Project LAUNCH?

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**LINKING**

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**ACTIONS for**

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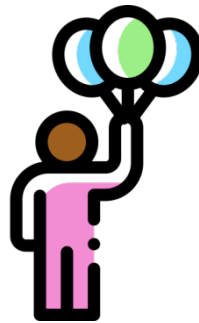
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**CHILDREN'S**

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**HEALTH**

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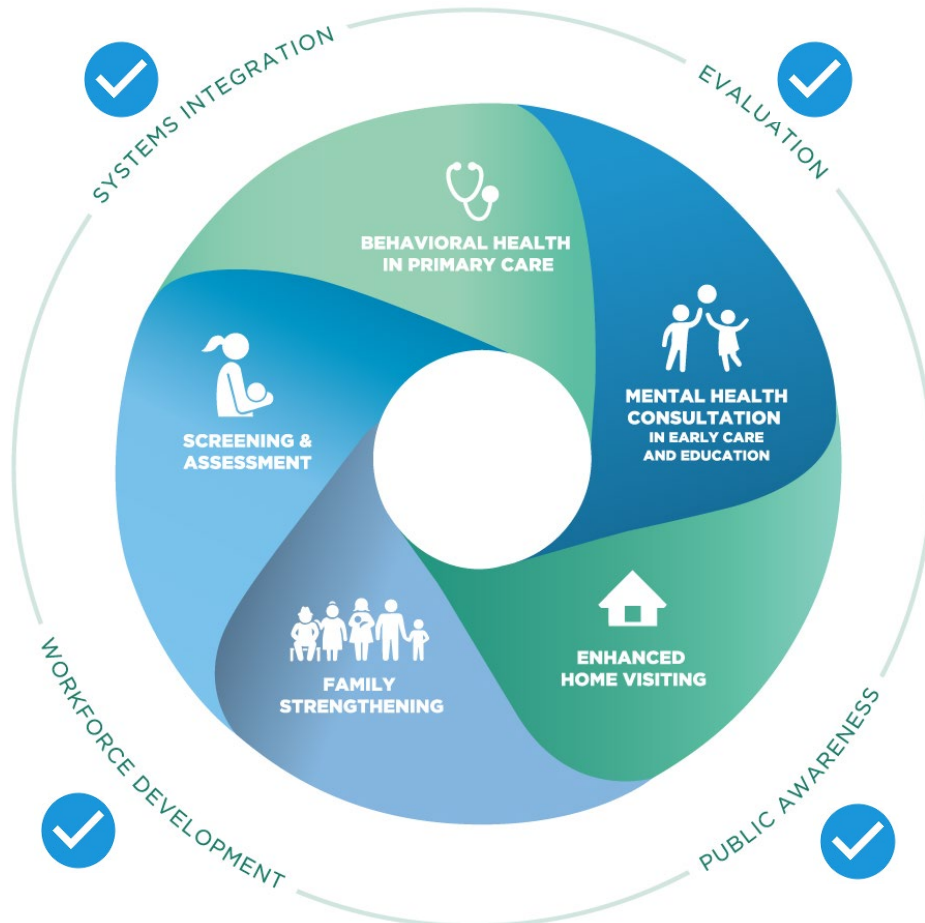


Population of focus is prenatal and children ages birth to 8 years

Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Red Cliff 1 of 15 awards nationwide

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safe, supportive  
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# Giwiidosendimin

## Red Cliff Project LAUNCH

- ✧ **Red Cliff Community Health Center Administrator:** Diane Erickson
- ✧ **Project Director:** Johanna Wilson
- ✧ **Administrative Assistant:** Shaleena Montano
- ✧ **Family Navigators:** Midge Montano, Rachel Topping
- ✧ **Home Visitors/Doulas:** Amaris Andrews, Amanda Peterson
- ✧ **Social-emotional Support Specialist:** Julie Erickson
- ✧ **Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant:** Dawn Nixon
- ✧ **Evaluation Team** (Brazelton Touchpoints Center)
  - Elisa Vele, Project Director
  - Catherine Ayoub, Director of Research and Evaluation
  - Emma Rosenbaum, Research Coordinator

# Our Shared Vision

Our System of Care is Connected, Informed & Built upon Traditional Wisdom

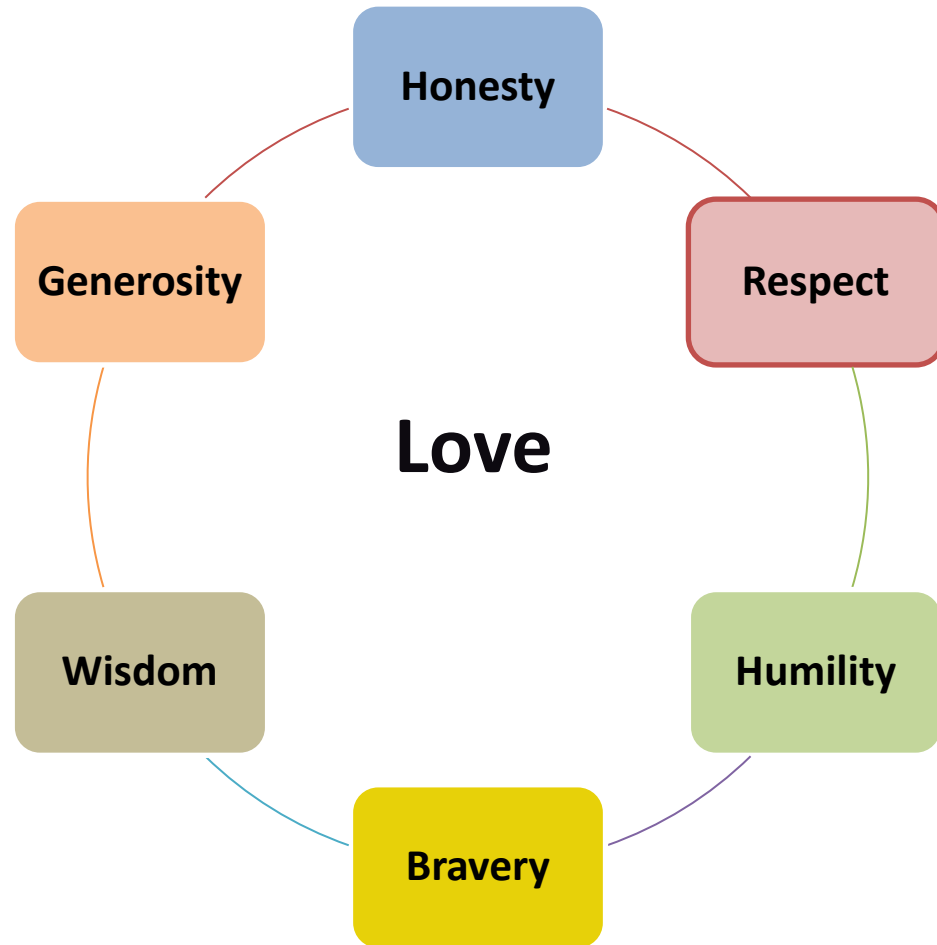
Our Efforts Will Continue

Our Providers Receive the Support they Need to be Successful

Our Families are Strong, Nurturing and Connected

Our Children Develop in a Good Way

# Seven Teachings of the Anishinaabe



# Giwiidosendimin, Red Cliff Project

## LAUNCH Year 1 Objectives

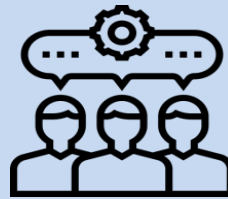
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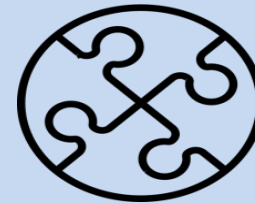
Develop and strengthen **collaborative relationships** between child and family serving organizations



Provide **information to the community** about infant, early childhood, and family wellness



Strengthen the capacity of early childhood providers through **professional development**



Integrate **infant and early childhood mental health consultation, social-emotional support and family strengthening activities** into child and family-serving programs



Provide **home visiting/doula services** to expectant families and families with young children



# **Building and Strengthening Collaborations**

## **Giwiidosendimin Wellness Council**

- 19 members from 11 different organizations

## **Communication among key community partners**

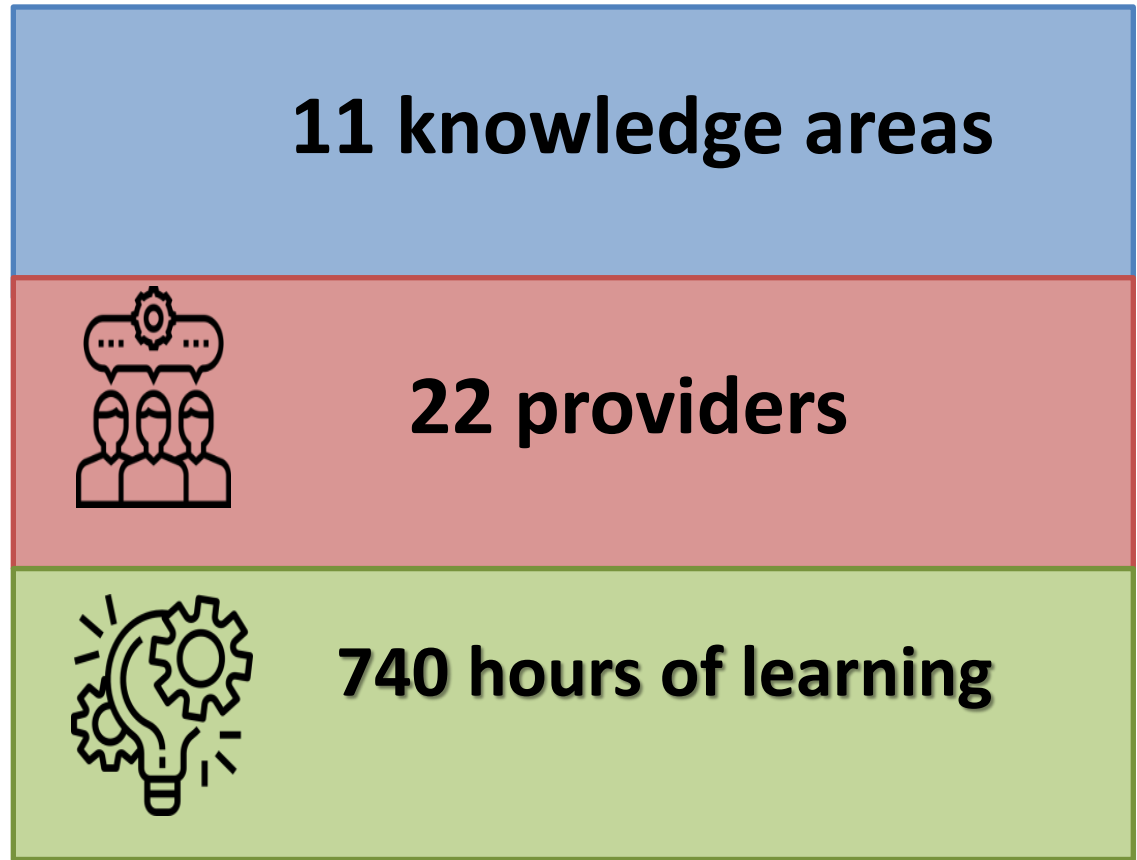
- ✓ Community members (including Parents)
- ✓ Red Cliff Community Health Center
- ✓ Zaagichigaazowin Home Visiting
- ✓ Red Cliff Behavioral Health Department
- ✓ Red Cliff Early Childhood Center
- ✓ Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare
- ✓ Tribal Court/Legal



*“I think that everybody getting together and remembering that we're all there for the common goal helped.*

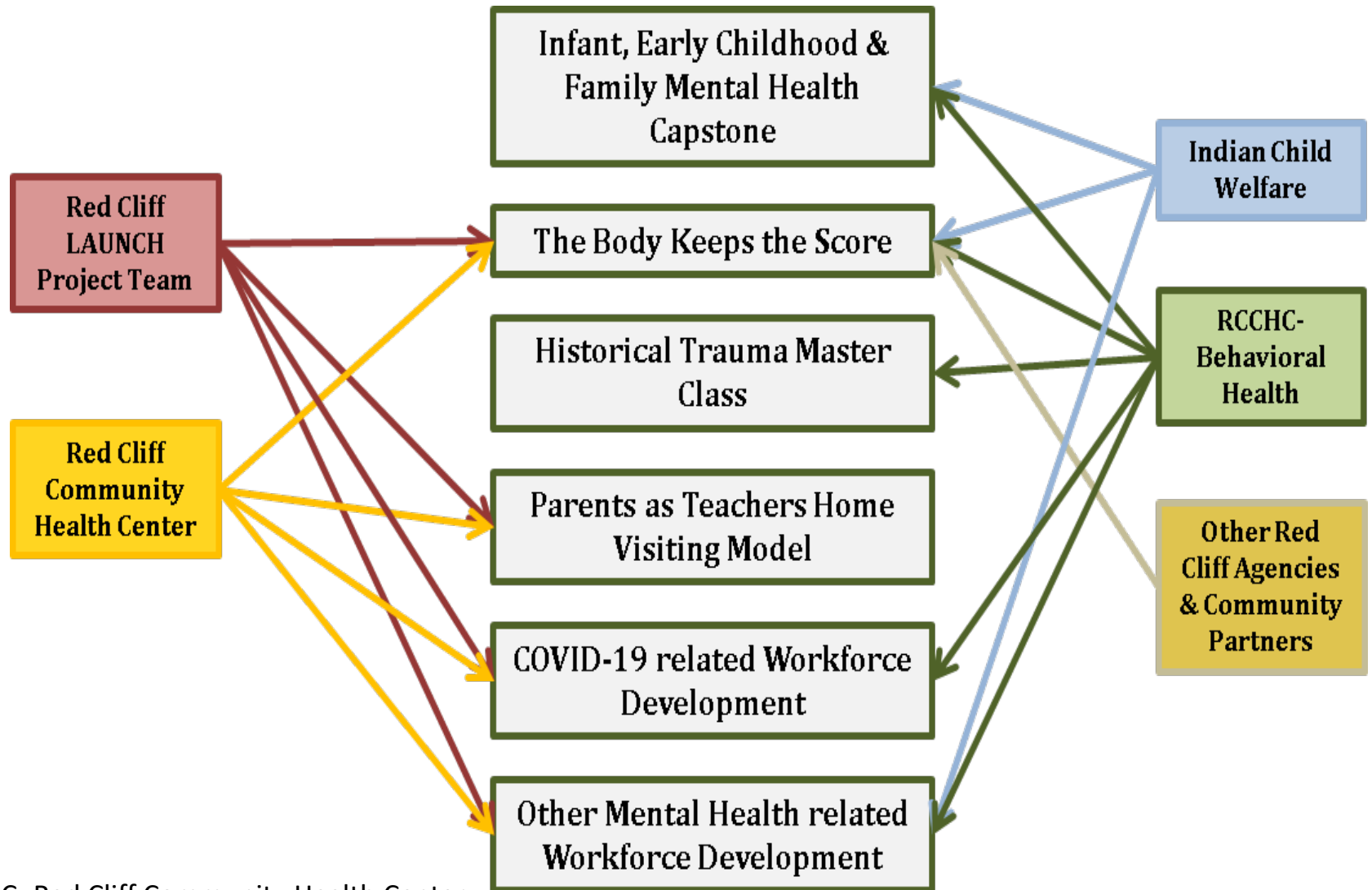
*[Our goal is] to help families because that's why we're all in this similar job. We're all in unique positions, but all there for a common goal.”*

# Workforce Development



Each provider attended at least one offering focused on early childhood mental health and/or trauma/trauma-informed care and resilience

# Workforce Development



*“The biggest successes I would say would be the amount of trainings that we have been able to offer for our team and [community providers] to participate in.*

*It seems like there's been a lot of ground covered to get us all on the same page, so I think that's something to be proud of.”*

# Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation



**ECC, Tribal Court, Behavioral Health, CC, ICW, ZHV**



**41 providers**



**174 consultations**

# **Social-Emotional Support Services at the Red Cliff Early Childhood Center**



**Classroom environments and social-emotional development**



**30 ECC Staff**



**Supporting 87 children**

# Zaagichigaazowin Home Visiting



**82 home visits**



**18 caregivers**



**15 infants**

# Screenings and Assessments



**ECC and Zaagichigaazowin  
Home Visiting**



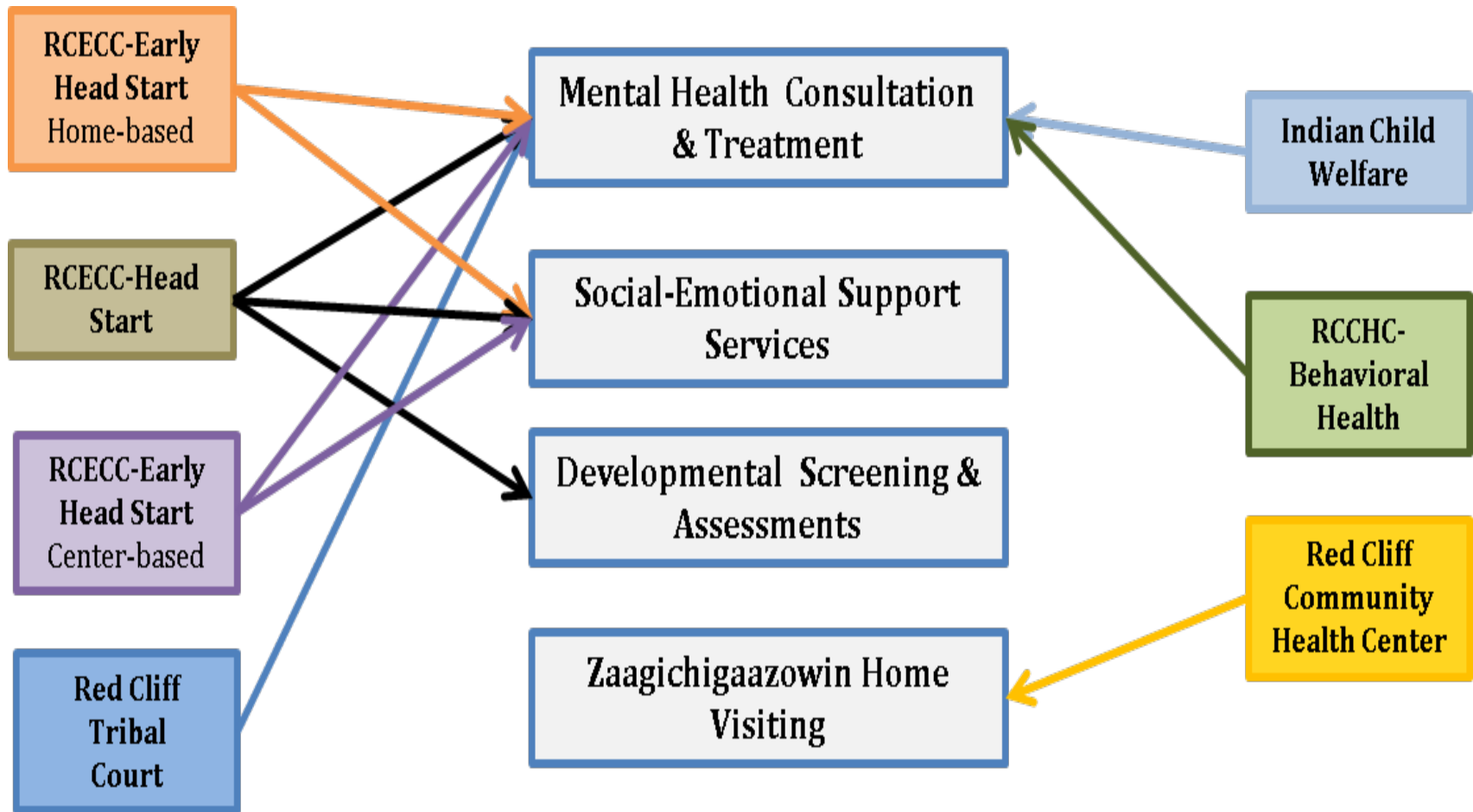
**5 screening tools  
used**



**67 screens  
completed**



# Interventions



RCECC- Red Cliff Early Childhood Center  
RCCHC- Red Cliff Community Health Center

***“[I] never had that support to understand what our children in our families go through emotionally. And LAUNCH has just brought so much; just to have more of an understanding on how to help them through difficult times by having that support to us has been absolutely amazing.***

***We're continuing to understand exactly what that is as we work with the mental health consultant, exactly what it can become and how we can use her as a resource to develop our practice. That's been amazing.”***

# Year 2 Activities

**Strengthening  
relationships across  
programs**

**Community  
education on young  
child wellness**

**Infant and early  
childhood mental  
consultation**

**Social-Emotional  
Support Services at  
the ECC**

**Professional  
development  
opportunities**

**Zaagichigaazowin  
Home Visiting Services**

**Family strengthening  
and cultural  
programming**



*Chi-miigwech to the Red Cliff community  
for their generosity, time, patience & wisdom*