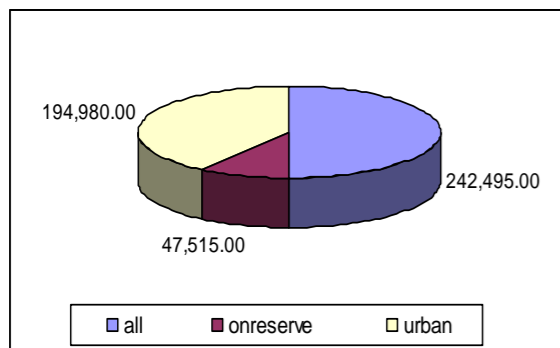


## WHY DO IT NOW....

### OUR POPULATION IS GROWING FAST.....

2006 Census Data: In Canada, 1,000,000. One-fifth live in Ontario. Our population grew five times faster (28.8%) than non-Aboriginal population (6.2%).



## COMPARISONS

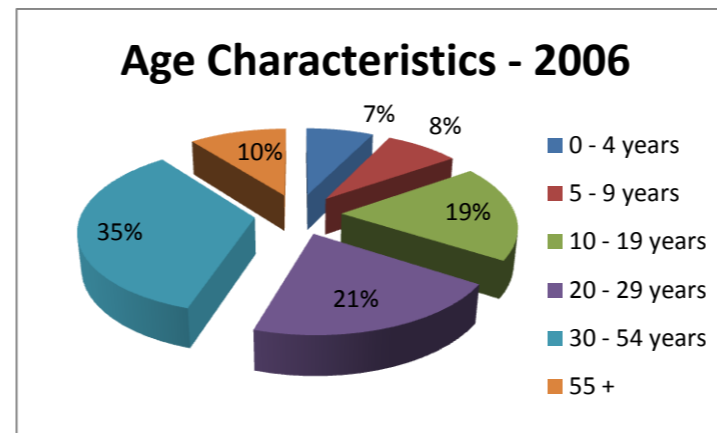
One third (35.7%, or 86,665) of Aboriginals are less than 20 years of age and one quarter (25.1%, or 2,953,205) of non-Aboriginals are under the age of 20.

Between 2001 and 2006, the younger Aboriginal population grew faster than the younger non – Aboriginal population. The Aboriginal age group of under 5 grew 15.5% and the 10-14 age group grew 27.9%, while the non-Aboriginal population under 5 decreased and the 10 to 14 age group grew only 2.9%.

## THAT'S ONTARIO...WHAT ABOUT THE BANAC CATCHMENT AREA

### WELL, HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

Would you believe that 34% of our population is under 19 which coincides with Ontario stats. Also, 15% are under the age of 10. Wow.



### To Sum It All Up:

- 80% are urban.
- 18% of Ontario live in this area.
- We are growing 5 times faster and in areas where your population with children is decreasing .

## LOOKING BACK TO OUR HISTORY ....

In 1941, Castledon states that one of the things basically wrong is the attitude of the Canadian people themselves towards the Indians. They are treated as wards and inferiors.

In 1945, The Honourable Mr. Glen declared the dawning of a new day and a new deal for Indians, but things didn't change...

In 1969, the White Paper was a Canadian policy that proposed to abolish the Indian Act of Canada, the rejection of land claims, and the assimilation of First Nations people into the Canadian population with the status of other ethnic minorities rather than a distinct group. Status Indians in Canada responded with a paper "Citizens Plus" or the "Red Paper")

In 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper in his apology stated that:

*"The Treatment of Aboriginal children in Indian Residential Schools is a sad chapter in our history. The 2 primary objectives were to:*

1. *Remove them from their family, community, tradition and cultures;*
2. *Assimilate them into the dominate culture*

This is based on Aboriginal spiritual beliefs were inferior & unequal.

### **"TO KILL THE INDIAN IN THE CHILD"**

Today, we recognize this policy of Assimilation is wrong and has caused great harm and has no place in our Country.

## PROJECT GOAL

The aim of this project is to bring people together towards articulating a Regional Vision for WELL Aboriginal children/youth

## WHO WILL MAKE THIS HAPPEN?

### Aboriginal Capacity Building Circle (ACBC)

The **BANAC FAMILY** comprised of: FIRST NATIONS, FRIENDSHIP CENTRES, METIS and WOMEN'S GROUPS

### REGIONAL GROUPS from:

Enahtig Healing Lodge & Learning Centre; Aboriginal Health Circle; Biinoojjiisauk and; Aboriginal Child Welfare Advisory Circle

### OUR MAINSTREAM PARTNERS from:

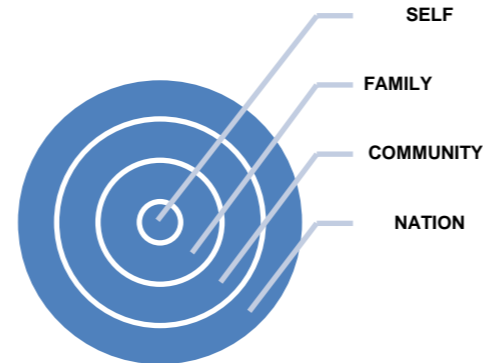
Children's Treatment Network; Kinark Child & Family Services; Simcoe County Children's Coalition, Canadian Mental Health Association, Catulpa, County of Simcoe & Ministry of Children & Youth.

## THE ACBC VISION

To build capacity and relationships in agencies, organizations and systems within the Region to

strengthen services offered to children, youth and families.

## AN ABORIGINAL APPROACH



## USING THE MEDICINE WHEEL AS A TOOL



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# BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY



# TOGETHER

**“THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO  
AFFECT CHANGE IS  
COURAGE”**  
*Merle Assance Beedie*