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ISPICIWIN

*(Journey)*

*Heritage Family Services*



## About Ispiciwin

Ispiciwin, located in historical Lacombe, Alberta, is a 3 bed specialized complex needs group care program for youth who have had little to no success in regular group care programs. Our professional and dedicated team members assist the youth in fulfilling their potential and building capacity for their future. The purpose of the program is to work with high needs youth who due to their unique needs are unable to remain in familial care, or are unable to be placed in a less intrusive environment, such as foster care or kinship care. A key component will be Individualized Care Planning in regards to schooling, long term permanency planning. The program will assist youth transition to Disability Services when they approach their 18th birthday.

**Age of youth admitted: 12 -17 years old.**

## What is provided

**Schooling** – Community School with an Education Program tailored to suit youth's needs.

**Community Links** - AADAC, Aboriginal Resource Centre, Library, Metis Links, Mental Health, Native Friendship Centre.

**Recreation** – Community recreational outings, Cultural Outings.

**Therapy** – Individual, Family, Group Therapy, and Suicide Risk Assessments.

**Reporting** – Critical Incidents within 24 hours, Monthly Progress Reports, Care Plans Updated Quarterly.

**Staff Training** – TCI (Therapeutic Crisis Intervention), ASIST (Suicide Intervention), Aboriginal Awareness, Cultural Diversity, First Aid.

**Cultural Programming** - Aboriginal Awareness Training for staff to assist them in supporting children to maintain a connection with their cultural roots, access to the Aboriginal Resource Centre to help children learn cultural teachings including: the Medicine Wheel, The Seven Sacred Teachings, Smudging, Sweat Lodge Ceremonies, etc.

**On-call Support** – 24 hour On-call Support.

**Efforts to Outcomes (E.T.O.)** – Outcome Monitoring, Case Planning, Goal Creation and Attainment Scaling.

## Cost and Admission

**Admission Requirement** – Delegation of Powers, Signed Consent form, Information Consolidation, Reason for Referral, Client Demographics, Service Plan, Highlighted Client Special Needs.

### Program Costs\*

Program Related Recreation & Travel  
Clothing  
Educational Costs  
School Supplies

### Extra Billing for:

Any required one to one coverage  
Travel

**\* Note: Contractual Agreements may supersede these costs.**

*For per diem rates please call the Program Coordinator above, or Central Referral at  
1-403-505-3422*