FIRST NATIONS HEALTH MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
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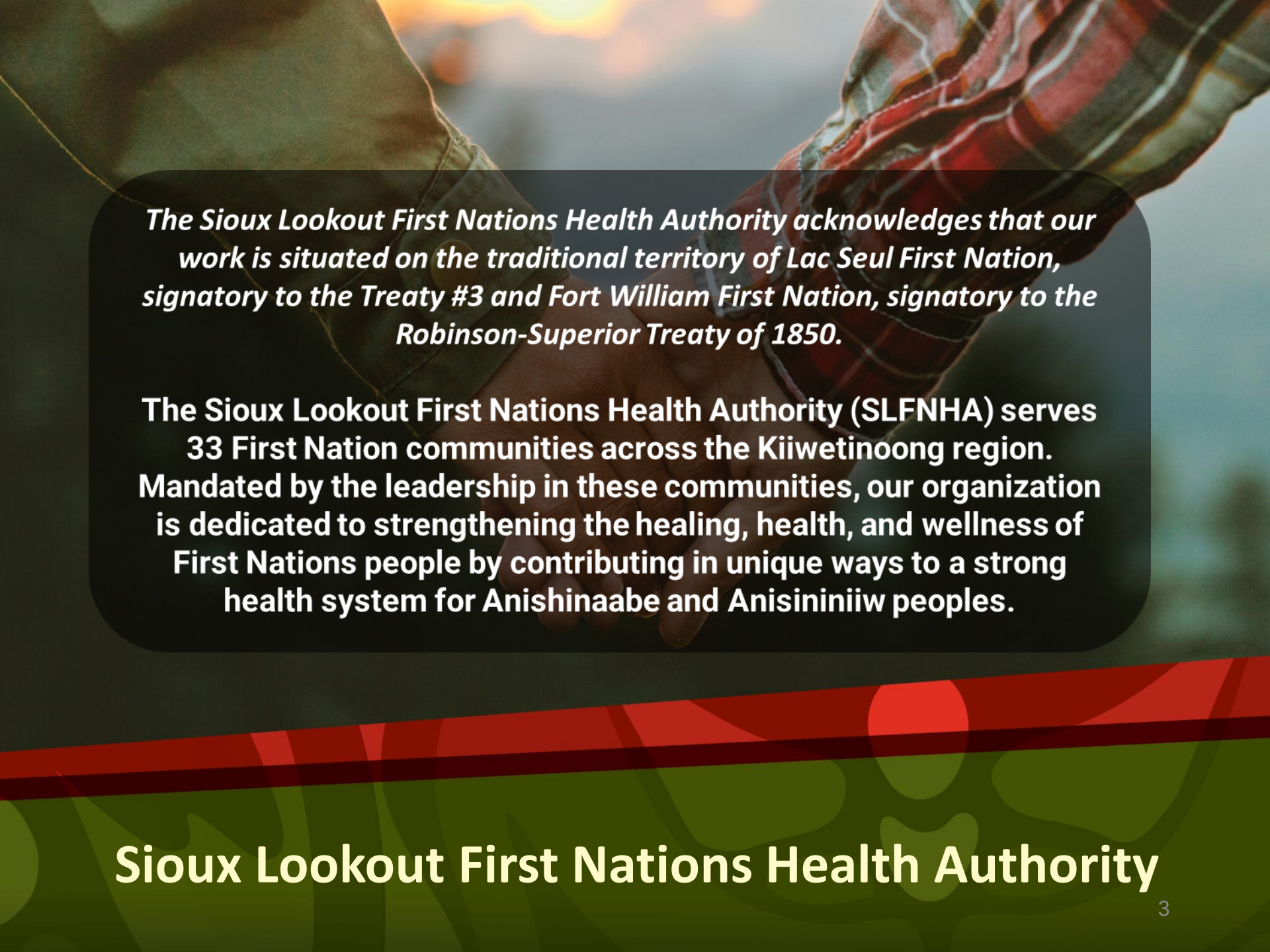
ANISHINAABEWAADIZIWIN [Way of Life]

Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are currently on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the îethka Nakoda Nations (Chiniki, Bearspaw, Goodstoney), the Otipemisiwak Métis Government (Districts 5 and 6), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta..



The Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority acknowledges that our work is situated on the traditional territory of Lac Seul First Nation, signatory to the Treaty #3 and Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850.

The Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) serves 33 First Nation communities across the Kiiwetinoong region. Mandated by the leadership in these communities, our organization is dedicated to strengthening the healing, health, and wellness of First Nations people by contributing in unique ways to a strong health system for Anishinaabe and Anisininiiw peoples.

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[Who We Are]

By integrating First Nations culture in health services, Anishinaabewaadiziwin honours and respects the traditions and culture of Kiiwetinoong communities by upholding their beliefs, values, customs and practices.

Team members include traditional healing practitioners, Elders, experienced cultural trainers, language educators, land-based knowledge keepers, and fluent Anishininiiw and Anishinaabemowin translators.

SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE:

- TRADITIONAL HEALING SERVICES
- CEREMONY AND TEACHINGS
- CULTURAL IMPLEMENTATION
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING
- PROVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES THAT INTEGRATE CULTURAL RELATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES INTO PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

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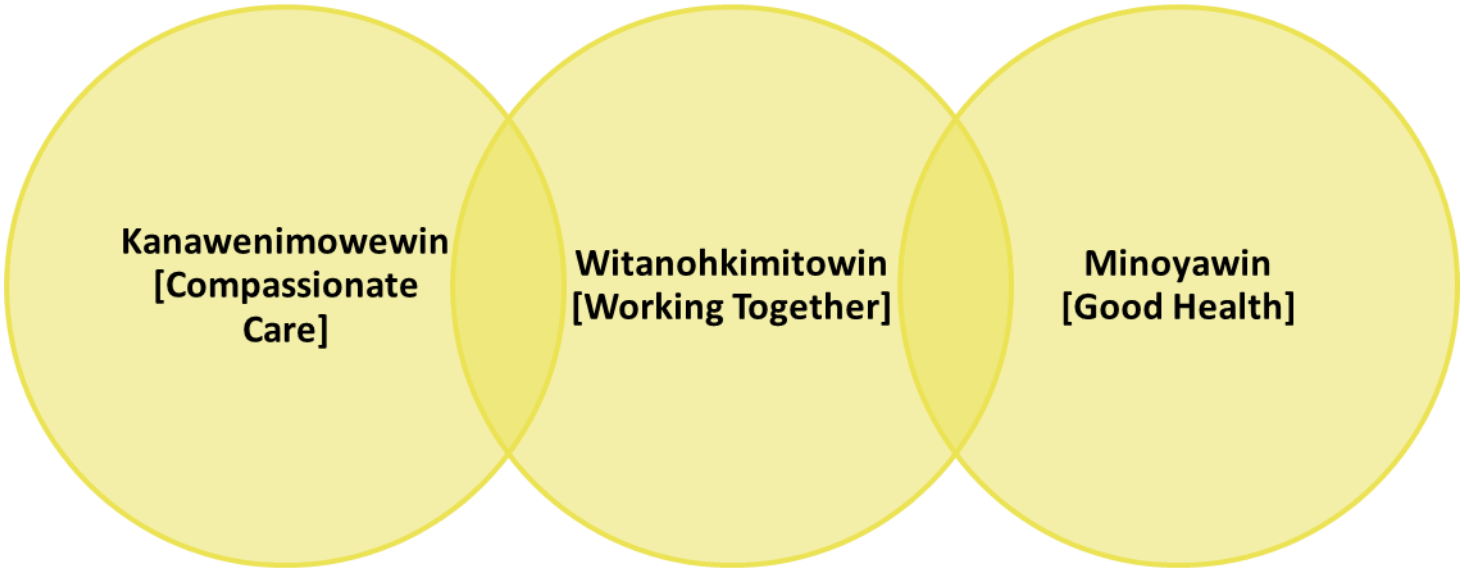
[Who We Are]

Guided by traditional values, protocols, and practices, the Anishinaabewaadiziwin [Way of Life] department supports SLFNHA's vision of *"resilient and healthy Nations supported on their path to wellness"* by honouring and respecting the traditions and cultures of the communities by upholding their teachings, beliefs, and values.

Anishinaabewaadiziwin is committed to providing professional services by exhibiting:



Anishinaabewaadiziwin Framework

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Anishinaabewaadiziwin Framework

Wiintamakewinan:

- The guiding principles and foundational pillars that promote, support, and guide the work of the department.
- All research-based and data collection initiatives follow the Indigenous research methods of respect, relationships, relevance, reciprocity, and responsibility

Kihkihnohamakewinan:

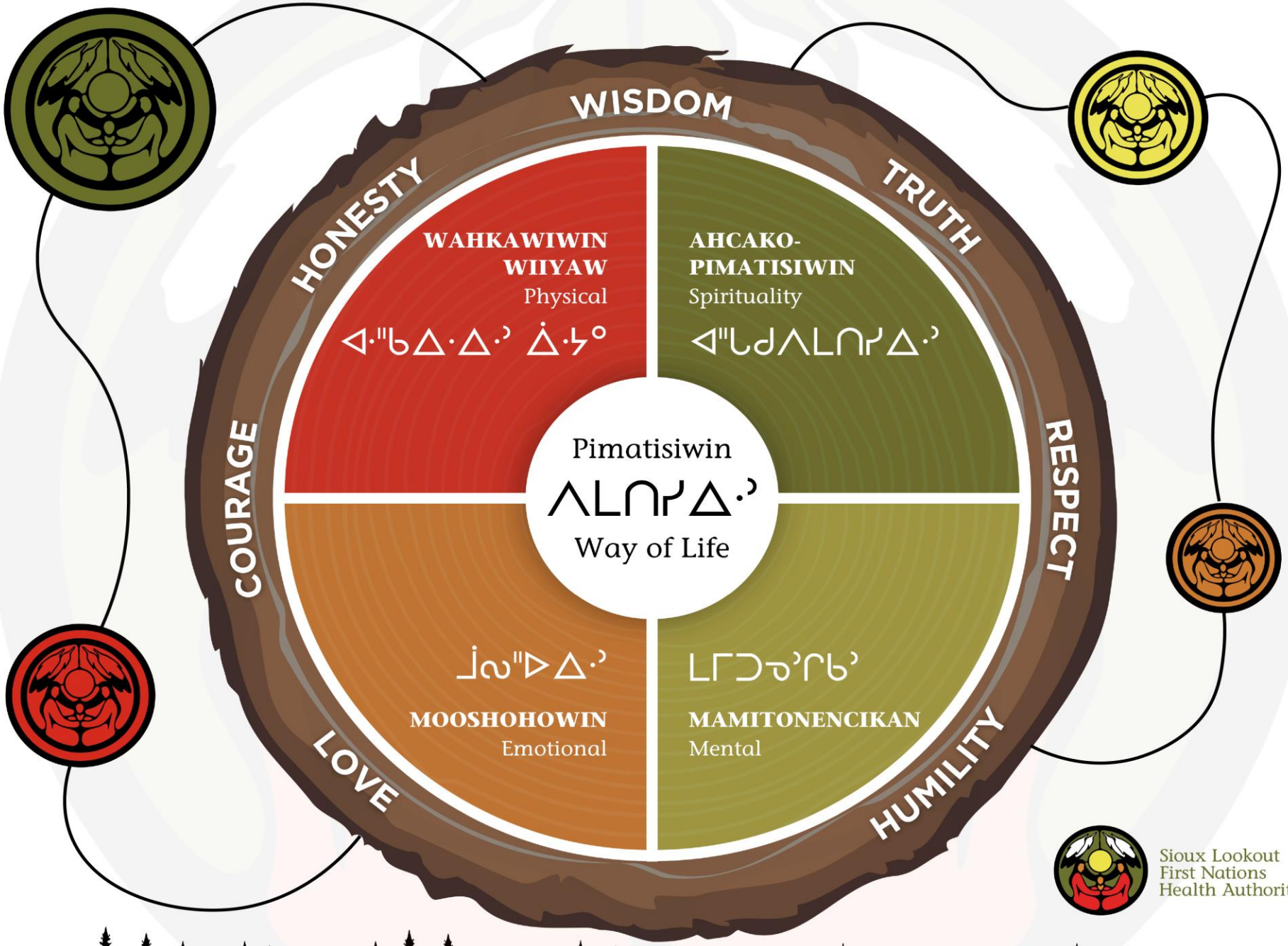
- The department will offer professional development, cultural competency education and training to all staff, create educational tools such as a SLFNHA specific cultural education curriculum, offer virtual cultural sessions, and provide support for staff orientation.

Wiicihiwewinan:

- The department intends to provide a supportive structure grounded in culture for all staff. In this area, the department will also provide support for communities as needed in areas of program development, training, and professional development.
- The department will also create and support talent laddering and mentorship opportunities for Indigenous staff.

Minowitanohkimitowin:

- The priority area focuses on building and strengthening relationships, applying Anishinaabe and Anisininiiw communication approaches and protocols, and special projects in the provision of community related services and supports.



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Izhi’taawin

[who we are and the way we do things]

IZHI'TAAWIN

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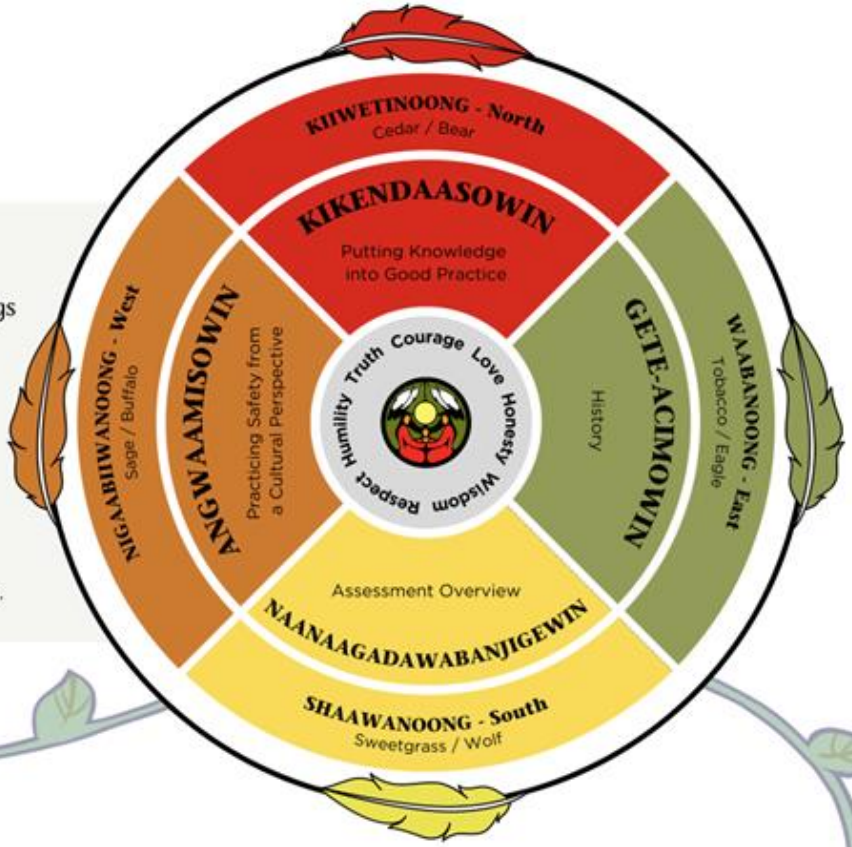
IZHI'TAAWIN [who we are and the way we do things] Model frames the common values shared by the communities serviced by SLFNHA.

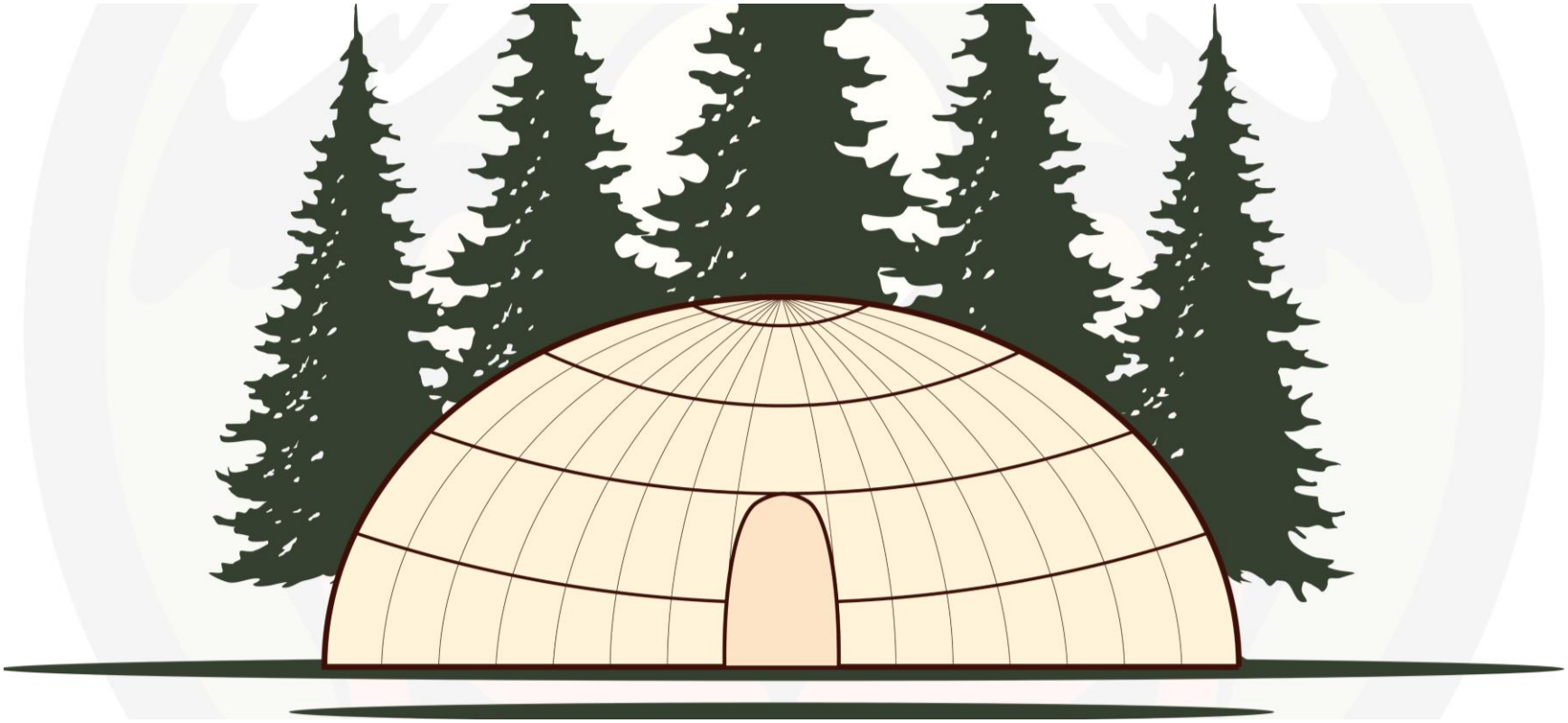
IZHI'TAAWIN [who we are and the way we do things] offers cultural education to all staff by applying traditional teachings, language learning, and customary practices through virtual or in-person sessions.



Collaborative Initiatives

Kiiwe Minoyaawin
[Return to Wellness]

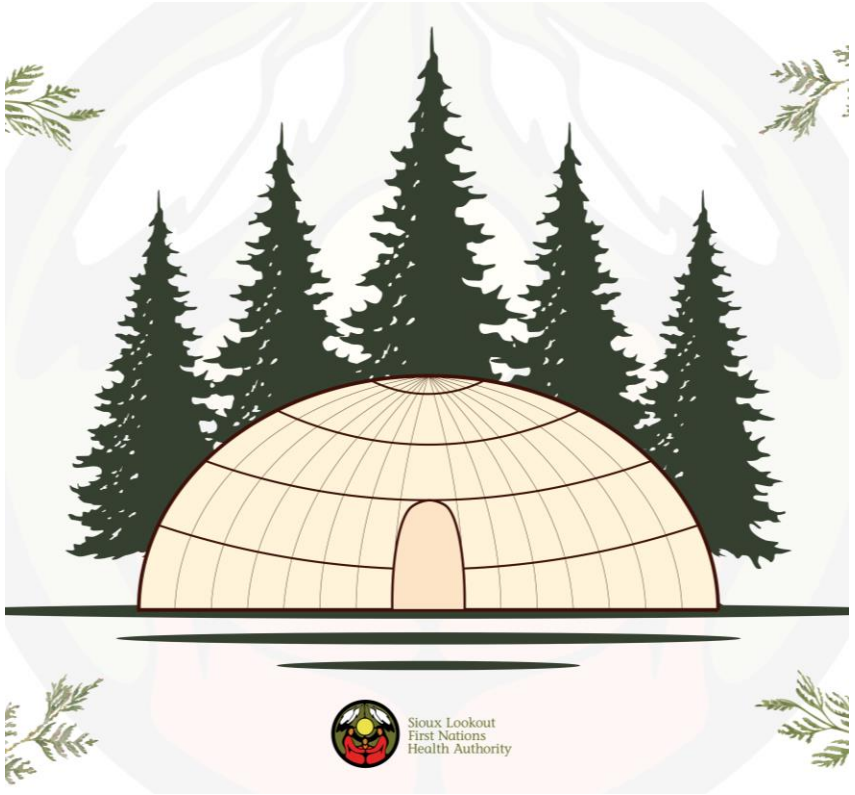
Mino-Tehewin Kihkinohamakewinan [Good Heart Teachings]



Mino-Tehewin Kihkinohamakewinan
[Good Heart Teachings]

Traditional Teachings

1. Life Path Teachings
2. Healthy Living
3. Ceremonies
4. Rites of Passage
5. Life Cycles
6. Life Skills
7. Mental Health & Wellness



Q & A

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