

## 7 How long will the survey take to finish?

The child survey will take about 30 minutes. The youth survey will take about 45 minutes. The adult survey may take up to 1 hour.

## 8 What will happen to my survey answers?

After you complete the survey all the information you provide will be locked up and protected by REEES Field Workers. Each Field Worker has been trained on the **First Nations principles of OCAP™, which stands for ownership, control, access and possession**: a set of guidelines that require your data be kept confidential and safe. REEES Field Workers recognize and respect the importance of privacy and fully understand how to keep your information protected.

Personal information, including names and addresses, will be stored separately from your survey answers — and that information remains securely stored in your region. Anonymous data from the REEES will be published in Regional and National reports. **No personal information about individuals who have taken part in the survey will ever be released.**

## 9 How do I fill out the survey?

After you have been contacted and have agreed to participate, a REEES Field Worker will bring a laptop computer with the survey questions on it to a convenient location (for example, your home, school or community centre). You can fill out the survey on the computer on your own or you can ask the Field Worker to help you. The Field Worker will stay with you to answer any questions you have or help you complete the survey.

## 10 Who is paying for this survey?

FNIGC gets funding for the REEES from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), along with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. FNIGC distributes the funding to First Nations member organizations in each region, who then carry out the survey in First Nations communities.

You can also contact FNIGC directly at:

**1-866-997-6248**

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# 10 Questions about the First Nations Regional Early Childhood, Education and Employment Survey (FNREEES)

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## 1 What is the “FNREEES”?

The First Nations Regional Early Childhood, Education and Employment Survey (FNREEES, or REEES for short) is a new survey being done to learn more about early childhood development, education, and employment in First Nations communities across Canada.

The REEES is being carried out by the **First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC)**, a non-profit First Nations organization that has been doing surveys on reserve and in northern communities since 1997, and its **Regional Partners**.

The information collected from the REEES will help First Nations communities, organizations, and all levels of government develop programs and policies that aim to improve the well-being of First Nations people living on reserve and in northern communities. The REEES is **by First Nations people for First Nations people**.

## 2 Where is this survey taking place?

The REEES survey is happening in 250 First Nations communities in 10 regions across Canada: Yukon, Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. REEES Regional Coordinators will manage the survey in collaboration with the FNIGC.

## 3 Why was I selected to take part in the survey?

Your community was one of 250 First Nations communities across Canada selected at random to take part in the REEES. Your leadership was contacted in advance and has agreed to participate in this survey.

A certain number of people in each chosen community have been selected at random to represent their community in the REEES — but only those who agree to participate in the survey will be interviewed.

Though survey participation is voluntary, your input is an important part of the overall success of the survey. Your participation makes it possible to obtain accurate information about early childhood development, education and employment in your region.

## 4 How did you get my name?

Your name was randomly selected from your band or community membership list. This means that your name was chosen by chance (like the winning numbers in a lottery) which ensures that the people chosen to take part are representative of the entire population.

## 5 Why is my participation in the REEES important?

Your participation in this survey is voluntary, but very important. Your answers to these questions will make it possible to gather better information about childhood development, education and employment in your community. More complete information means a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges that lead to success in First Nations on reserve and northern communities.

You can also change your mind about doing the survey at any time.

## 6 What kind of questions will I be asked?

The REEES contains questions about early childhood development, education, and employment. It was built in a holistic way using a Cultural Framework to make sure that the questions are relevant to life in First Nation communities.

The REEES contains three separate questionnaires: **one for children** (up to 11-years-old), **one for youth** (12 to 17-years-old) and **one for adults** (18 years and older).

Questions will deal with: school attendance, school experiences, educational success, family support, tutoring, employment, unemployment, traditional activities, physical and mental health, knowledge of First Nations languages, and housing.