

Call for Submissions

Seeking Manitoba First Nations and Métis Art, Photographs & Stories for inclusion in Family and Parenting Booklets

The Healthy Child Manitoba (HCMO) and the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health (NCCAHA) are seeking articles, photographs, art, cartoons, stories and Indigenous language quotes about the diversity and strengths of First Nations and Métis families in Manitoba to be included in four early childhood development and health promotion booklets for Indigenous families. We also welcome your funny or inspirational short stories about parenting, including teachable moments you experienced as a parent or caregiver. Articles and stories can be up to 500 words in length, and should be written in an easy conversational style that highlights positive parenting. There will be no honorarium for use of photographs, but a small \$50 honorarium will be provided for all other creative submissions (art or written) that are selected for inclusion in one of the four parenting resources for Indigenous families.

Deadline for submissions is August 8, 2016

Each booklet will have a special focus area and include sections on what parents should expect during the pre-conception and pregnancy stages, and at each stage of a child's development from birth, 0-6 months, 7-12 months, 2-3 years, and 4-6 years. The special focus areas are:



- **Fatherhood**
- **Parents as teachers and caregivers**
- **Physical activity and nutrition**
- **Attachment: Strengthening family connections**

Guidelines for submission

Written or artistic submissions such as articles, art, cartoons or stories must be original pieces of work produced by the person who has submitted it. It cannot have been published in any other venue. Please be aware that if your submission is accepted for inclusion in one of our four booklets, it will be copyrighted by the NCCAHA in the publication of the booklets. Upon acceptance of your submission, you will be required to sign a release form.

Photographic submissions can only be accepted if they are submitted by the photographer of the photo. They must show positive and safe parenting practices, such as breastfeeding, putting babies to sleep on their back, etc. They must be submitted in a high resolution jpg format and include a signed permission form for each person in the photograph. In the case of persons under the age of 18 years, the permission form must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of those individuals.

Procedures for submission and acceptance for publication

- Send submission via email to Lisa Murdock (HCMO) at lisa.murdock@gov.mb.ca
- Include your name, Nation/community affiliation, mailing address, phone number and email address with your submission(s).
- We will acknowledge receipt of all submissions, however, it may take some time for your submission to be considered; please do not inquire about its status. We will be in touch as soon as we make our decision.
- If your submission has been accepted for inclusion, you will be contacted by us to sign permission and/or release forms. Payment of honorarium will be arranged at that time.
- **The deadline for submissions is August 8, 2016.**

This project has been reviewed by the UNBC Research Ethics Board. If you have any further questions about your submission, please contact Dr. Margo Greenwood at 250-960-6719. If you have any concerns about his project, please contact the Office of Research at the University of Northern British Columbia at 250-960-6735 or email reb@unbc.ca.