

MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION

BAND REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES

Advocating for our children



OUR VISION.....

Ensuring our children and families are provided support, guidance, and advocacy through culture, family and connections to their community.

A Band Representative acts on behalf of our First Nations children, families and affiliates involved in child welfare within Canada. Excluding Family and Criminal Law.

We provide families a better understanding of the Children and Family Services Act, agencies and legal processes.

We ensure customary care is the first option for families involved with any Children and Family Service within our Country.

ABOUT US

Our goal is reunification with our First Nation families by working together with all agencies and services involved.

We cannot intervene if a child is at risk, but we can ensure our First Nation children and affiliates remain with family and/or close to our community.

SERVICES



- We advocate for our First Nation children and families to have consistent access visits amongst one another and with extended family, and our community.
- We provide support to our First Nations families and affiliates entering the court system with a clear understanding of all options.
- We attend plan of cares, participate in Alternative Dispute Resolutions and sharing circles. We are available to attend in person or by phone while a Children and Family Services worker is present in the home.
- We can assist our First Nations families and affiliates understand the Child and Family Services Act.

WHY CAN'T A BAND REPRESENTATIVE GET INVOLVED WITH CRIMINAL OR FAMILY LAW?

- A Band Representative can only act on behalf of a family under the Children's and Family Services Act due to legislation. Part IV (4) of the Children's and Family Services Act allows First Nations to intervene with our children and families. Legislation with Family and Criminal Law, which is different, does not give a First Nation the authority to intervene with any other legislation.

