



**Indigenous Children
Eye Examination**

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Background

Access to vision care is challenging for many Indigenous communities in rural Northern Ontario due to the limited number of trained eye care professionals. Often these communities consist of a large youth demographic, and vision care is important to detect, assess, and treat vision problems that may interfere with a child's health, learning, and social development.

Dr. Kourosh Sabri, a paediatric ophthalmologist at McMaster University and McMaster Children's Hospital established the Indigenous Children Eye Examination (ICEE) project in 2019 to deliver eye care to all Indigenous children aged 18 years and under who are serviced by Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA).

Why join ICEE?

ICEE provides a unique opportunity to provide eye care to communities where resources and services are limited or difficult to access. By joining the ICEE team in providing eye care services to the communities along James Bay, over 6,000 Indigenous children can receive adequate vision care. All children requiring vision correction are provided with eyeglasses and children identified as requiring tertiary specialty care are treated by Dr. Kourosh Sabri.

Location

Currently, the project serves communities in Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Moose Cree First Nation, and Moosonee, and aims to expand to other communities along the James and Hudson Bay, such as Kashechewan First Nation and Weenusk First Nation.

Schedule

The ICEE project sends a team of qualified eye care professionals to Northern Ontario at least four times per year. Flights typically leave Hamilton, Ontario early Saturday morning and return Monday evening.

What's included

All travel expenses such as airport parking, flights, accommodation, and meals are fully covered by the ICEE project. All eye care professionals will receive remuneration for clinic hours worked within the respective communities.

Requirements

Eligible candidates must be a qualified eye care specialist (paediatric ophthalmologist, optometrist, or dispensing optician) registered with their respective college. All ICEE team members must provide COVID-19 vaccination proof.

Funding

The project is funded by the Jordan's Principal branch of the Federal Ministry of Indigenous Services Canada.

Contact Information

For more information, please visit: www.iceenow.ca. To learn more about our next ICEE trip or become an ICEE team member, please contact our lead optometrist, Dr. Yasmin Jindani, a clinical and research optometrist who works closely with Dr. Sabri on this project, at jindaniy@mcmaster.ca.