

Not for Profit Excellence Award

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care is one of the largest Aboriginal multi-service organizations in Canada and provides a range of responsive individual, family and community programs and services within the region for all Anishinabek people. This year Dilico has experienced significant growth and entered into strategic partnerships with organizations and service leaders throughout the city of Thunder Bay. In December of 2009 they opened Heath Park Site, which marked a successful partnership between Dilico and Red Rock Indian Band. This site will aid Dilico's children's mental health and child welfare services which will be more accessible to families within Thunder Bay.

They have two new innovative programs underway including the Children's Oral Health Initiative and the Early Intervention and Identification Demonstration Project. Dilico provides a holistic approach to care in the areas of child welfare, mental health, addictions and health. They ensure that their clients have access to cultural resources and opportunities, and fulfill their client's needs by including services such as cultural teachings, sweat lodge ceremonies, drum making, feast and traditional crafts within their programs.

Dilico's diverse and dynamic team includes more than 450 professionals working within the District of Thunder Bay, and this team is continuously growing and expanding its services to create further employment opportunities. Dilico encouraged community members to "StepUP" during its 2009 October Child Abuse Prevention Campaign, helped develop and implement the Provincial "I am Your Children's Aid Campaign," and is always working to involve the community through Christmas hampers, as well as participation in other local community initiatives like the 2010 Alzheimer Walk for Memories. Congratulations to Dilico Anishinabek Family Care for winning the Not for Profit Excellence Award.