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The research team focused on authentic engagement with the community members of Thunderchild First Nation throughout the research process. This type of engagement is necessary to understand what is needed to implement programs that address and improve oral health of children within the community.

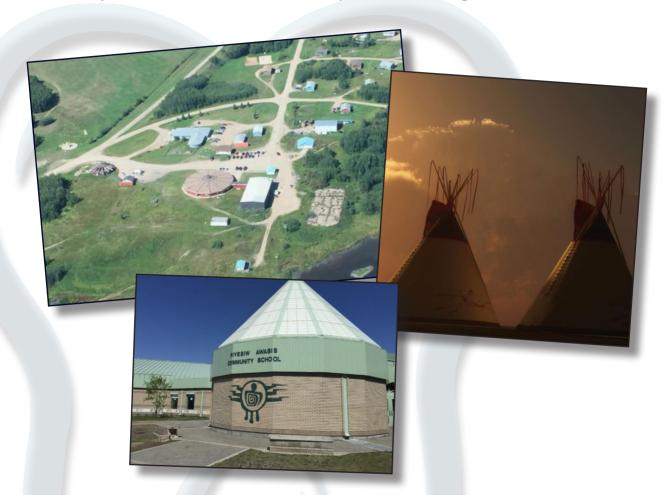
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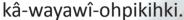
Thunderchild is an independent Cree First Nation, Saskatchewan, Canada. ka-pitikonahk anima pêyako nêhiyaw askihkân, Saskatchewan, Canada. Also known as ka-pitikonahk, with a membership/population of approximately 2990, with an estimated 50 percent residing on the reserve.



mîna êsi kiskêhtamihk ka-pitikonahk, ê-itasicik nânitaw 2990, êkwa nânitaw âpihtaw ê-kayikohk ê-wîkicik askihkânihk.

Teeth are important for good health. Caring for them begins when the 1st tooth peeks through the gums.

mîpita mistêhtâkwana osci miywâyâwin. mâci-miyo kanawêhta mayaw





Fact: Dental caries is the most common chronic childhood disease in Canada – Canadian Institute Health Research (2013)

Kiskêhtamowin: mîpitowin anima mistahi awâsisak kâ-ayâcik ôta kâ-kanâtahk askiy – Canadian Institute Health Research (2013)

Baby teeth are important for learning to eat.



awâsis mîpita anihi ê-mistêhtâkwahki kâ-mâci-mîcisohk.



Baby teeth are important for learning to speak.



awâsis mîpita mistêhtâkwana osci ta-nihtâ pîkiskwêcik.

Baby teeth help guide permanent teeth into the right position in the mouth.



awâsis mîpita wîcihtâsona kwayisk kotakwa mîpita ta-ohpikihki mitônihk.

Teeth are for smiling.



mîpita osci ta-pahpêwihkwîhk.

From birth to 12 months:

Only use water in a bottle if left to sleep.
Wipe your baby's gums with a soft, clean, damp cloth twice a day.

As soon as the first teeth appear, clean them at least once a day with a soft bristle toothbrush.



ikospê kâ-nôkisicik iskohk nîsosâp pîsimwa:

apacihtâ nipîy nônâcikanihk kîspin nakatinâw ka-nipât. kâsîha kiciwâsimis pihcâyihk otônihk apacihtâ kâsiyân nîswâ kîsikâw. Mayaw mîpita sâkipayiki, kanâcihtâ pêyakwâ tahto kîsikâw apacihtâ kîstâpacihcikanis ahpô yîkicihcês.

From 1 to 3 years:

Take your child for a dental visit by 12 months. 'Lift the lip' to check for early childhood tooth decay. Switch to a cup by 15 - 18 months and brush daily.



Ikospihk pêyak iskohk nisto itahtopiponêw: itohtaw kitawâsimis isi mîpitiyiniwa nânitaw nîsosâp pîsimwa. 'âpacipita miskisaya' asawâpahta mîpit

From 3 to 4 years: osci nisto iskohk nêwo itahtopiponêw: Teach your child to brush twice a day for 2 minutes. kiskinwahamow kiciwâsimis ta-kîstâpitêhot nîswâ tahto kîsikâw niso cipahikanis nânitaw.





Use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste and teach to spit rather than swallow. Apacihtâ apisîs kîstâpitêhowi apoyes êkwa kiskinwahamow ta-sihkohk pihci ta-kohcipayicikêhk.

Make sure all surfaces of the teeth are cleaned. Kihcinâho kîspin kahkiyaw mîpita ê-kanâcihtâhk. Wash your hands before and after brushing teeth. kâsîcihcê pwâmayisk êkwa kîsi kîstâpitêhowowin.

Rinse toothbrushes thoroughly after and dry. Kanâtâpâwatâ kîstâpacihcikanis kwayisk êkwa pâsa.



Replace toothbrushes every 2 to 3 months, after being sick and when bristles become flattened. mêskocipita kîstâpacihcikanisa nântaw nîso iskohk nisto pîsimwa, kîsi ahkosowin êkwa nipakipayiki.

Visit the dentist or dental therapist once a year for a check-up



nitawi-wâpamahkan mîpitiyiniw ahpo mîpit wîcihitâsosk pêyakwâ tahto askiy ta-wâpamiskik.

Toothbrushing is one of the best ways to prevent cavities.



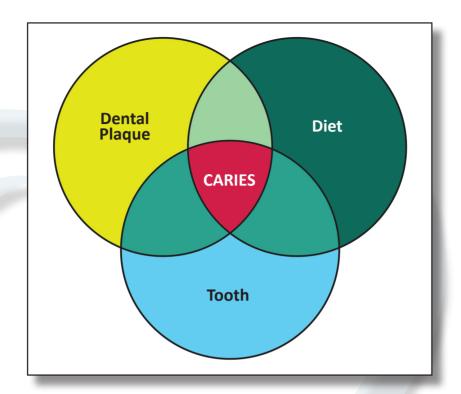
kîstâpitêhowin miywâsin ta-nakinamihk mîpit iswanâtahki.

Supervise until the child is 7 years old. Make sure all surfaces are cleaned.



nâkatêyim awâsis iskohk têpakoht itahtopiponêci. kihcinâho kwayisk ê-kanâcihcikâtêki pokîkway.





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