



# The First Nations Information Governance Centre

– *Supporting First Nations Governments*

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# What is the First Nations Information Governance Centre?

First Nations now have a dedicated Centre that will serve as the home of the ***First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (RHS)*** and build upon that successful process to provide:

- **Credible First Nations Information** based on sound survey and data collection processes that involve First Nations at all levels (community, region, national)
- Increased **Research Capacity** for First Nations
- **Training** Opportunities and sharing of RHS experiences and tools
- **RHS Research Data Centre** – making RHS data available to First Nations, Students, Academia, Federal/Provincial /Territorial Governments, Organizations
- Opportunity to undertake **specialized surveys and secondary analysis** of existing RHS data
- Strive to **partner** with entities that seek to achieve success in working with First Nations within processes that respect First Nations jurisdiction to own, protect and control how their information is collected, used and disclosed



# The FNIGC:

- Mandated, by resolution, through the AFN Chiefs in Assembly, December, 2009.
- Reports to the Chiefs in Assembly annually
- Received resolutions of support from 8 First Nations Regions across the Country.
- Governed by a Board of Directors appointed by each First Nation Region and 2 Ex Officio representatives from the Assembly of First Nations.
- Members of the Organization are appointed by each First Nation Regional Organization who will meet annually.
- Federally Incorporated under the Canada Incorporations Act on April 22, 2010.
- Established strong bylaws relating to the organization's business and affairs and accountabilities.



# The FNIGC and Regional Centres

- The FNIGC is designed to be a **network** of regionally controlled centre's supporting national, regional, and local research.
- At the centre of this network is a national office or “**hub**” that **supports**, to the degree necessary, the regional affiliates.
- Each First Nation Region is different from the next and the **regional infrastructure is the backbone in building capacity** for research and knowledge generation.
- The FNIGC and the regional offices follow a **First Nations research agenda** in a framework that ensures integrity, ethics and a cultural values.



**The development of Regional Centre's will be determined by each Region based on regional interests and strategic direction**



## We have been asked....”Why do we use the term “Governance” in our name”?

The term governance is used to reflect the long history of the RHS process. The RHS process changed how research is currently conducted in First Nations communities in Canada.

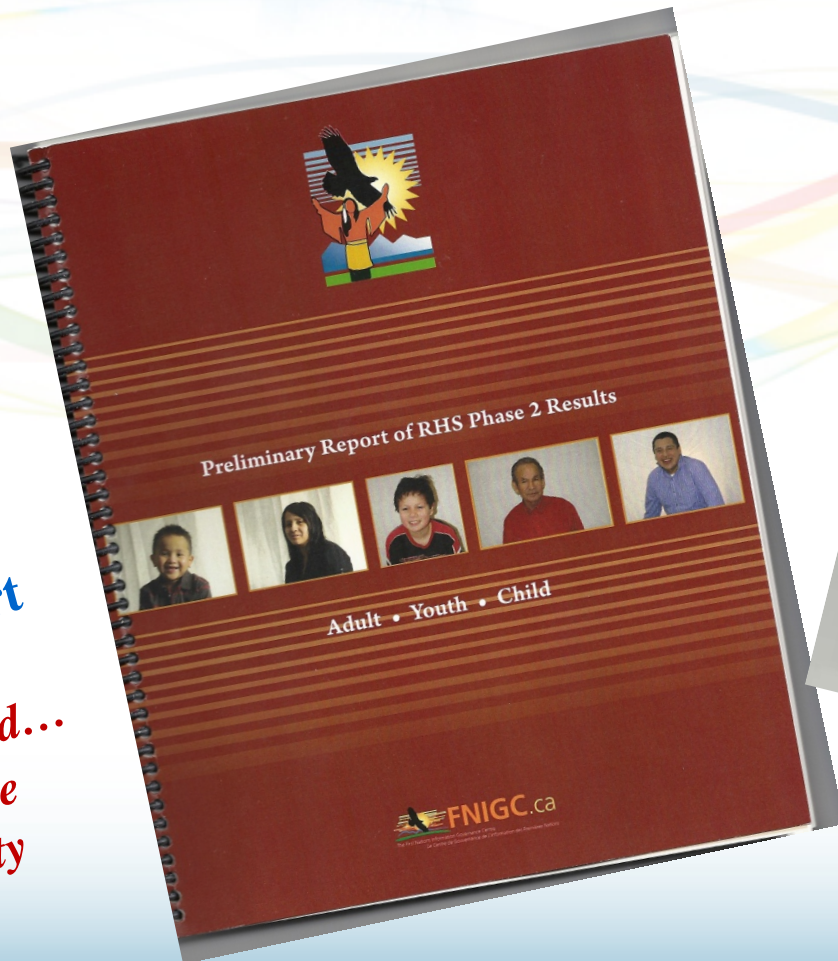
The RHS is about **“self determination” in the area of research** and it is First Nations themselves that will govern how its information is collected and used by outsiders.

It means **governance over ‘information” and governance over “information management”**. We collect quality data from our First Nation communities and it is our First Nation leadership that will use this information to showcase the realities of First Nation communities based on sound quality data and lobby for policy changes etc.

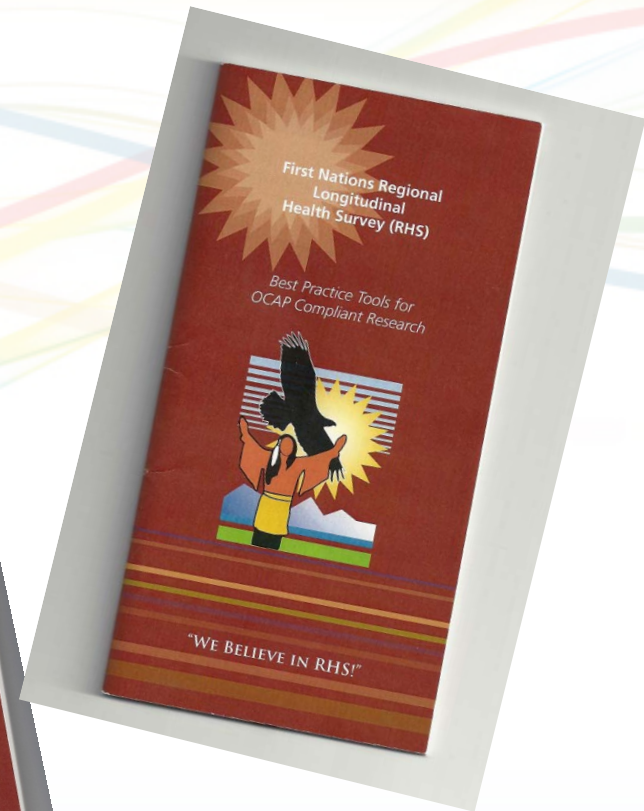
**Simply said, we provide the data and tools for First Nations to bring about change for our communities and strive to make the most of research and information that will truly benefit the health and well being of First Nations**



# RHS Phase 2 Preliminary Data Results Available Now



**Final Report  
June 2011**  
*--Stay Tuned...  
will include  
Community  
Survey  
Results*



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# RHS Phase 2 Preliminary Results Include:

## Adult Results:

- Selected Preliminary Adult Statistics
- Demographics
- Migration
- Income & Employment
- Education & Language
- Access to Services
- Housing
- Health Conditions
- Diabetes
- Sexual Health
- Injury
- Personal Wellness & Personal Safety
- Substance Use & Abuse
- Physical Activity & Nutrition
- Community Wellness
- Oral Health

## Senior Health & Wellbeing:

- Demographics & Employment
- Home Care
- Food Security

## Youth Results:

- Selected Preliminary Youth Statistics
- Family & Household Structure
- Education & Language
- Physical Activity & Body Mass Index
- Sexual Activity
- Health Conditions & Health Status
- Health Care Utilization
- Oral Health
- Injury
- Substance Abuse

## Children's Results:

- Selected Preliminary Child Statistics
- Household Environment
- Physical Activity & Nutrition
- Education & Language
- Health Conditions & Health Status
- Mental & Social Well Being
- Injury
- Oral Health
- Prenatal Health

**RHS is  
more  
than a  
Health  
Survey  
- it's  
Holistic**

*Check out the FNIGC Youth  
Results Video by First Nations  
Rap Artist: Wab Kinew -  
It's Amazing....*



# In Closing: The FNIGC:

- Is directly mandated and accountable to First Nations leadership
- Is guided directly by First Nations via regional appointment of Members and Directors to the Board
- Has a clear mandate for research, data collection and analysis, training, information management, dissemination and partnerships.
- Will Strive to partner with entities that seek to achieve success in working with First Nations, through the use of credible information and processes.
- Will promote and advance the First Nations Principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession of FN information.
- Will Assist in building First Nations capacity in research, information technologies, surveillance and data analysis
- Will measure improvements to First Nations health and well-being through the RHS and specialized surveys







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