

The Mushkegowuk Territory Community Rehabilitation Aides Project

In partnership with the School of Rehabilitation Therapy at Queen’s University, Weeneebayko Health Ahtuskaywin and the Mushkegowuk Council.

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Primary sites:	Mushkegowuk Territory (in Canada)
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Overview

Indigenous people of Canada experience disproportionately high amounts of disability – the prevalence of disability is roughly 10% more in indigenous groups than in non-indigenous Canadians. This is in part due to a lack of governmental support in the creation of accessible and culturally appropriate healthcare. There is a profound disparity in the availability of healthcare and rehabilitation services between indigenous people, particularly those living on reserve, and non-indigenous Canadians. There is also a lack of culturally relevant research for indigenous people. The Mushkegowuk Territory Community Rehabilitation Aides Project took a cooperative approach to improving the health and quality of life of the indigenous people living on Mushkegowuk territory. The project focused on transferring knowledge and skills to local people and empowering them to independently meet the community’s unique rehabilitation needs, particularly for people with disabilities.



Sources and Project Resources

1. The Mushkegowuk Territory Community Rehabilitation Aides Project website archive*
2. Indigenous people with disabilities in Canada: First Nations people living off reserve, Métis and Inuit aged 15 years and older: Aboriginal Peoples Survey, Canada, 2019*

*used to generate this report