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Le Centre de gouvernance de l'information des Premières Nations

FIRST NATIONS INFORMATION GOVERNANCE CENTRE

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LEGACY OF UNETHICAL RESEARCH AND INFORMATION-GATHERING

- Long history of First Nation peoples and communities being subjects of research and seeing their information misused.
- Much of the research literature has been written from a colonial perspective resulting in a limited representation, and often with stereotypical and damaging depictions of First Nations peoples.
- The legacy of unethical research practices experienced by First Nations communities had led to mistrust in research and information-sharing with non-First Nations researchers, institutions, and governments.



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- Rooted in the mid-1990s work to develop OCAP® and the Regional Health Survey.
- First Nations non-profit, incorporated in August 2010 following a mandate from the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs in Assembly (#48–2009).
- Guided by principles, research ethics, and a cultural framework developed by First Nations for First Nations.
- Nations come together through Regional processes; Regions come together to do region-by-region national-level work.



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ABOUT FNIGC

Vision:

FNIGC envisions that every First Nation will achieve data sovereignty in alignment with its distinct worldview.

Mission:

With First Nations, we assert data sovereignty and support the development of information governance and management at the community level through regional and national partnerships. We adhere to free, prior and informed consent, respect nation-to-nation relationships, and recognize the distinct customs of nations.



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FIRST NATIONS DATA SOVEREIGNTY

First Nations Data Sovereignty is the right (inherent and constitutionally-protected) to exercise authority over First Nations data & information.

- Includes the right to govern the collection, ownership, and application of data.
- To protect the traditional knowledge, cultural expressions, and intellectual property.
- Reflects a First Nation's desires and interests to manage information in ways that are consistent with the nation's laws, practices, and customs.
- Is a crucial step toward a nations' exercise of self-governance and self-determination.



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Core Strategic Objectives:

- Our Approach is Community-driven and Nation-based.
- Our data are inclusive, meaningful, and relevant to First Nations.
- Our tools are effective, adaptable, and accessible.
- Our partnerships connect regions to strengthen data sovereignty.



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National Surveys

- Regional Health Survey (RHS) – ongoing
- Early Childhood, Education & Employment Survey (FNREES) - 2016
- Labour & Employment Development Survey (FNLED) – present

Research

- Research that aligns with FNIGC strategic direction and established principles and priorities
- Research on data sovereignty and information governance

Education & Training

- First Nations Data Sovereignty
- Information Governance & Management
- OCAP®



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FIRST NATIONS PRINCIPLES OF OCAP®

OCAP® acknowledges and respects that the right of First Nations self-determination includes the jurisdiction to make decisions about research and information gathering in their communities.

- OCAP® principles are a set of standards that establish how First Nations data should be collected, protected, used, or shared.
- Reflects First Nations commitments to use and share information in a way that brings benefit to the community, while minimizing any possible harm.
- The rights of First Nations communities to own, control, access, and possess information about their peoples is fundamentally tied to self-determination and to the preservation and development of their culture.



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MUTUAL BENEFITS OF OCAP®

Mutually-beneficial and respectful research is now the expectation of First Nations

- ✓ Can turn a good idea into a good process.
- ✓ Allows research to benefit the First Nation and the researcher working with the nation.
- ✓ Builds trust and relationships that can allow for access to distinct data, knowledge, and information.
- ✓ Relationships can increase opportunities for exchange in knowledge.
- ✓ Improves data quality, relevance, and value to researchers and the community.
- ✓ Rebuilds trust between First Nations and researchers and institutions to support further research opportunities.



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FUNDAMENTALS OF OCAP® COURSE

- Online training course developed in partnership with Algonquin College.
- Offers a comprehensive overview of the First Nations principles of OCAP®
 - 7 Learning Modules
 - Multimedia format
- Learners have 3 months from the date of registration to complete the course.



The screenshot shows the website for the "Fundamentals of OCAP®" training program. The header includes navigation links for Home, Media Room, News, OCAP, Resources, Our Work, and About, along with language options for English and Français, a LOGIN button, and a search bar. The main banner features the FNIGC Training logo, the FNIGC | CGIPN logo with the text "First Nations Information Governance Centre" and "Le Centre de gouvernance de l'information des Premières Nations", and an illustration of a computer monitor displaying a website layout. Below the banner, the text reads "Fundamentals of OCAP®".

Welcome to Fundamentals of OCAP®, FNIGC's first online training program

The First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) is pleased to introduce the *"Fundamentals of OCAP®"*, a new online training course developed in partnership with Algonquin College.

This comprehensive overview of the First Nations principles of OCAP® (Ownership, Control, Access and Possession) is a result of the requests we have received in recent years from First Nations, students, researchers, academics, federal officials and other interested individuals - nationally and internationally who are looking to gain a better understanding of OCAP® and how it pertains to principled research, data sovereignty, and information governance that respects First Nations.

On behalf of FNIGC, I hope you enjoy this online course and apply the valuable lessons and learning outcomes in your work with First Nations. We value your feedback and recommendations for this course and future training programs to be developed by the FNIGC, so please let us know if there is any way we might improve this course.

ALGONQUIN COLLEGE

In cooperation with Algonquin College, the FNIGC is pleased to bring you an online learning experience.

Register now 

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THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRST NATIONS CONTROL OF DATA

- FNIGC's national-level surveys are designed in partnership with First Nations communities:
 - From the Regional advisory groups who help identify priority areas for the surveys and consult on the content of survey questionnaires, to recruitment of First Nations Field Workers who gather the data and drive the deployment effort.
- Everything is guided by the Cultural Framework, which ensures that the data is reflective/representative of First Nations ways of knowing.
- FNIGC recognizes the importance of applying the appropriate cultural lens(es) to the data, so interpretation is meaningful and relevant to First Nations.



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FNIGC & THE FEDERAL BUDGET

- *Budget 2018:*
 - \$2.5 million to FNIGC to design a National Data Governance Strategy; and
 - Coordinate the establishment of Regional Information Governance Centres



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- *Budget 2019:*
 - To ensure that First Nations have the information they need to serve their members well, Budget 2019 proposes to provide \$78.9 million over seven years, starting in 2019–20, with \$13.7 million per year ongoing, to ***permanently fund the Surveys on Indigenous Peoples and the First Nations Regional Health Survey.***
 - These surveys provide important information on education, health, employment and language proficiency—information that is needed for decision-making in First Nations communities and for designing programs and services tailored to community needs. These surveys are ***conducted under the leadership of the First Nations Information Governance Centre***, in collaboration with Statistics Canada.



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