

We take the safety and security of your information seriously. Here are some of the steps we take to ensure this:

- Once you have completed the survey it cannot be re-opened on the Field Worker's laptop.
- All personally identifying information is kept strictly confidential by your Regional Organization.
- None of your personal information will ever be released in any REEES report or publication.
- Everyone involved in the REEES has signed confidentiality agreements.
- No one in your community will be able to access your answers.
- Information collected by the REEES will only be published as "grouped results" with no information that could identify you or your community. For example: "One in three First Nations children reported attending an Aboriginal Head Start Program in their community."
- Field Workers are trained, and know how to protect your personal information.
- All of FNIGC's servers are located in Canada and are backed up on servers located in Ottawa and Akwesasne First Nation.
- Strict security firewalls are in place on all of FNIGC's computer servers where the survey information will be stored.

The REEES is being carried out by the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) and its Regional Partners.

The information collected by the REEES will help First Nations communities, organizations, and all levels of government develop programs and policies that aim to improve the well-being of First Nations people living on reserve and in northern communities. Your participation leads to stronger results, which helps support programs and services for First Nations people.

The REEES is by First Nations people for First Nations people.

For more information about the REEES in your area, contact your REEES Regional Coordinator:



You can also contact FNIGC directly at:
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Committed to collecting and protecting information about First Nation people

The First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) is a non-profit, First Nations-mandated organization that is Canada's premiere source of information about First Nations communities. In collaboration with its Regional Partners, FNIGC conducts two surveys on First Nations reserves and northern communities: the **First Nations Regional Health Survey** (FNRHS, or RHS) and the **First Nations Regional Early Childhood, Education and Employment Survey** (FNREEES, or REEES).

FNIGC is a pioneer in not only collecting First Nations information, but protecting it as well.

It is home to the First Nations Principles of **OCAP™** (Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession) a set of guidelines for how First Nations' data should be stored, distributed, and accessed. OCAP™ means that First Nations control data collection processes in their communities, and own, protect and control how that information is used.



FNIGC is committed to keeping your information safe.

This is what will happen to your survey information after you complete the REEES questionnaire.

After you complete the REEES survey your personal information will be kept secure by REEES Field Workers who have sworn an oath of secrecy and have been trained on the First Nations principles of OCAP™. Field Workers recognise and respect the importance of confidentiality and understand how to keep your information protected.

All regional data collected will be securely kept in your region, and will only be accessed by your REEES Regional Coordinators. (For more information about this contact your Regional Coordinator.)

National-level data collected by the survey will be used to produce FNIGC's National REEES report.

Preliminary results of the National REEES report will be released to First Nations leadership first. After being approved by FNIGC's Board of Directors, the final report will be released to FNIGC's funding organizations (AANDC) the media and the general public. It (and any other related reports) will also be made available on the FNIGC website.

