

# NEW BRUNSWICK ABORIGINAL PEOPLES COUNCIL

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## *News Release*

(28 May 2015, Fredericton, New Brunswick)-The New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council is pleased to announce the approval of the Financial Fitness for Urban Aboriginal Parents Proposal. The project was approved for \$99,985.26 by the National Association of Friendship Centers under the Urban Partnership Program (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada).

The New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council (NBAPC) is now in our 44th year as a political advocate and a representative organization representing the Off Reserve status and non-status Aboriginal Peoples and rights of Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy people residing in their traditional ancestral homelands in the Province of NB.

Financial Fitness for Urban Aboriginal Parents is designed to provide people with necessary skills to manage their family budgets, operate businesses, achieve financial goals, use credit wisely, get approved for home mortgages, and grow their community assets. This project is also about more than money. Urban Aboriginal people's ability to manage the flow of money through their households is tied to their ability to care for themselves, their family, and their community. This project is dedicated to helping empower urban Aboriginal people to take control of their financial futures.

The project will commence in June 2015. The purpose of this project is to design a resource for urban Aboriginal families, set up a pilot program and put on workshops. It should also be mentioned that this project is in partnership with Under One Sky located in Fredericton.

NBAPC would like to thank the funding agencies, National Association of Friendship Centers and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for the project opportunity.

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