

“The lack of diagnosis, treatment and resources to improve maternal and child health presents serious long-term repercussions for First Nation children and families, especially in remote communities,” said Fiddler. “The lack of assessments and services puts young lives in jeopardy, leaving children at very high risk for further complications that can severely impair their development.”

NAN assists with the delivery of community-based maternal health programs including the FASD & Child Nutrition and Health Babies & Healthy Children programs, but these programs are significantly disadvantaged due to limited funding and a lack of clinical support, diagnosis, addiction services and rehabilitation/treatment services.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty No. 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty No. 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario in Canada.

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