

Training Evaluations MCFD Phase 2, March 4, 2011

1. Please explain if and how the research training was valuable to you and/or your organization?

For me, it's more personal. I'm beginning my journey on the Red Road and was wondering where to start on my family history now I know...genealogy stories (legends), historical documents

Reaffirming we are going the right direction

Yes, builds confidence in the process of reaching out to locate relationships there is potential for receptiveness

I have found the training valuable in understanding what is different about Indigenous research and how it is being reclaimed

Research training continued to help me understand some of the worldview that informs approaches and intentions for Indigenous research

Yes, it was valuable. We were able to hash-out the differences between positivist, traditional research and Indigenous methodologies. It reminded us also that children are centric to our work

The research training today is valuable to me because the discussion and theory is relevant to my work. I also found the collective learning and discussion helped to form a sense of community and hopefulness of best and better practice for today, tomorrow and for future generations!

This was a very valuable training session and helps to remind me of the importance of respect, humility, observation and other teachings

Yes, this research training was valuable to me and presumably to my organization. I am trying to determine/understand how the Aboriginal Conceptual Framework can be used to change the way I and my team work. It was very beneficial for me to learn the importance of stories as research and to learn from discussions at my table.

The research training was very valuable as I am able to link the story telling method and visual thinking together to share my learning with my colleagues. It has also given me ideas on how to help others transfer the conceptual framework into learning/understanding

Provided great opportunity to reflect on practice and direction of program and organization. Fantastic questions to take back to have others consider and dialogue

2. In your own words, share how this training has changed or challenged your perception of Indigenous research?

There is so much to learn

Need to be patient

This has changed my perception perhaps in that there is still a long way and a lot more work than I thought to do

Neither changed nor challenged ENRICHED. Research for me needs to be fluid and part of the process of knowledge generation: it is both the past, present and future along with 'now'

Changed/Challenged: We don't know what we don't know; Bradley's explanation of local knowledge emphasized that even though we have some knowledge, there are many truths and varying degrees to these truths and still some misinformation/inaccuracies that we are using to inform our work.

The story telling was re-affirming in my knowledge of what research looks like

It challenges my own perceptions and reminds me of the need to rely on the experts in the community

I did not previously have a conscious perception of Indigenous research. This session has given me a better understanding of the importance of story telling and listening, honoring and respecting. I now see Indigenous research as a more sustainable and lasting form of research and sharing of knowledge.

Thank you for opening my mind and making me realize that I had made an assumption that because a person may be Aboriginal it doesn't mean that they know anything about their culture. It will forever change how I approach my work.

Added to concepts from Part 1 and reminded me of where I hoped to take these ideas

3. In what ways could this training be helpful for others?

The history of Indigenous people is relevant to working with children and families

Need to ensure more mainstream practitioners participate

Industry research teams: forestry, mining. Do I sound cynical?

To demonstrate what is being done

Think about the ICWR paradigm as a 'lens' for broadening understandings about financial management, goal setting, transparency, accountability and so on. Create starting places for dialogues

MCFD has made a commitment to service transformation, and this program/forum/workshop could be a means to relearn and renew attitudes. Culture training should be mandatory for all MCFD employees.

I think everyone working in social work should be orientated to the ideas, concepts and theories from today

It will help challenge people's own perceptions so that they can understand what influences them

Require MCFD provincial office staff to attend

The story telling from Butch and Brad Dick was wonderful as it was able to trigger my emotions and emotive learning creates behavior change

Provide open dialogue across teams, ministries, responsibilities then opens up to other colleagues to challenge practice

4. What would you like to see added to this training?

More stories

More examples of best practices

A component around being 'infectious' with out learning, we come together as a choice, a huddle and then must lead by example in the field

A case study to show how to create approaches and processes for Indigenous research critically pertinent to joyful children

A nap. Food was great. Thank you.

More time could be spent with theorizing about real action steps to influence day-to-day work but I understand baby steps

I don't know, but I found the inclusion of local experts (Brad and Butch Dick) to add a different level of understanding that would not have been acquired

Not sure what I could suggest at this time

Nothing

More examples (specific)

5. Provide any feedback or recommendations about how the training was facilitated.

Loved the stories

Enjoyed it

It was lovely

Very well facilitated

Great presentation style. Engaging. Thank you again.

Nicely done! I appreciated the flow, professionalism, and local providers of food. Thank you!

The training was very well facilitated. Each facilitator brought different and interesting stories and perspectives. The facilitators made this a safe environment to discuss and question. Thank you.

Facilitators were wonderful-they allowed or empowered people to be open and honest. Drumming was beautiful and again the tone, pace of the facilitators stories.

Great! Nice mix of personalities and experience