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- Advance the education of Matawa First Nations youth and families by establishing, maintaining and operating Learning Centres in each of its First Nations communities.
- Help build healthy communities in which to work, live and raise a family by providing health and social support services, and basic amenities to Matawa First Nations youth and families in need.
- Foster the economic, social, cultural and political development of families throughout the Matawa First Nations Communities.

Only through understanding, communication and relationship building can we gain respect around the world and have a voice.

- David Paul Achneepineskum, CEO, Matawa First Nations Management.

Our young people need to believe that they have a choice; that they can be anything they want to be.

Aboriginal Learning Centre
Learn to Dream. The Matawa Learning Centre in Thunder Bay offers accredited secondary courses designed to meet the academic needs of the students. In the first year a total of 25 students between the ages of 15 and 21 years were enrolled at the Matawa Learning Centre, three of whom received their secondary school graduation diploma. Your generous donation will help to fund additional Learning Centres, giving more Aboriginal youth the opportunity to succeed, to fulfill their ambitions, to learn to dream.

- Matawa First Nations Management.

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