



# RAYMOND SHINGOOSE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognizing technical experts and leaders in First Nations child and family services

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The Raymond Shingoose Leadership Award recognizes a technical expert and leader who exemplifies the honour, wisdom and commitment demonstrated by Mr. Raymond Shingoose throughout more than 40 years of leadership in First Nations Child and Family Services. The award aims to uplift excellence, innovation and advocacy for First Nations children, youth and families across Canada.

## ABOUT RAYMOND

Raymond Shingoose, is a dedicated Warrior for Children's Rights, with a 42-year career in Child Welfare. After serving many years as the Executive Director of Yellow Thunderbird Lodge; Yorkton Tribal Council Child & Family Services Inc., he has now retired from that role. Raymond has since been appointed as Chief Commissioner of the Child and Family Law Development Commission.

Throughout his career, Raymond has devoted himself to advancing child and family services, leading the development and implementation of First Nation-designed programs that centre First Nation Inherent Rights and Sovereignty. His work has consistently placed traditional knowledge, community authority and cultural strength at the forefront.

Today, Raymond continues his lifelong commitment to child and family services by focusing on the restoration of First Nations law development and legislation. His efforts aim to reinforce First Nation Natural Law and family systems, empowering children to remain connected to their families, cultures, and Nations.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Employed by a First Nation, First Nation Child and Family Services Agency or First Nation regional/national child and family organization
- Minimum of 10 years of leadership experience supporting First Nation children and families in First Nations Child and Family Services
- Distinguished, positive role model at the organization, regional and national levels
- Demonstrated leadership outcomes for First Nations children, youth and families
- Board Members and Employees of the Caring Society are not eligible.



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## AWARD NOMINATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

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Completed Nomination Form

Letter of nomination explaining why the nominee deserve the award and how they meet the criteria

Biography of the nominee, including examples or stories of their exemplar leadership

2 letters or videos supporting the nomination (must be no longer than 15 minutes each)

Photos supporting the nomination (optional)

Other documents supporting the nomination (optional)

The complete nomination package (nomination form, including the nomination letter, biography and 2 letters/videos of support as well as all supporting materials relevant to the nomination) must be received **by 11:45 pm EST on June 1, 2026**.

Nominators can submit the nomination package digitally through the link on our webpage, by mail, by using the online "Contact Us" webform, or by emailing the package to **info@fncaringsociety.com**. We encourage applicants to submit their nomination package electronically rather than by mail, although we still accept applications sent by mail.

If sending by mail, please send the complete nomination package to:

Raymond Shingoose Leadership Award Committee,  
c/o First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada  
Suite 202, 350 Sparks Street, Ottawa,  
ON K1R 7S8


**Please note that incomplete or late nomination packages will not be considered.**

## SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations will open on **March 17th, 2026** and will close on **June 1, 2026**, with a winner being announced on **June 12, 2026**.

## FOR ANY QUESTIONS

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