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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Jordan Longboat and I am the new Akwe:Go Coordinator at the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre (HRIC).

I am reaching out to let you know about the services we offer to Indigenous youth from ages 7-12 years old. The Akwe:Go Urban Aboriginal Children's Program aims to improve quality of life of Urban Indigenous children through the delivery of age appropriate activities and services, with traditional cultural teachings and values as the guiding principles. The program focus is on enhancing the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values that will demonstrate positive personal choices and develop awareness of the consequences of negative behaviours through client-based programming and individualized one-on-one supports that encourage healthy lifestyle choices.

Every child's needs in the program are identified by intake, needs assessment, and a client action plan process. They are then addressed and based on one of the five program objectives:

1. Social Supports - addressing self-esteem issues, victimization issues and peer pressure.
2. Children in Care - increased access to culturally appropriate services.
3. Healthy and Physical Development - health impacts of poverty, diabetes and obesity.
4. Institutional Interventions - school suspension supports, direct access to computers and literacy initiatives.
4. FASD and or Disabilities - providing tutoring and mentoring, supervised physical activities and incorporating a parent support component.

Referrals are accepted from the parents, guardians, social service agencies, school board or any other organization involved with the child and family.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

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