

## Dr. Jennifer Leason, PhD.



*Boozhoo, Aniin Keesis Sagay Egette Kwe nindiznikaaz. Minigoziibe Anishinaabe niin dinjoba. Greetings, my Anishinaabe name is First Shining Rays of Sunlight Woman.*

Dr. Jennifer Leason is an off-reserve member of Minegoziibe Anishinaabe Nation, Manitoba and the proud mother of Lucas and Lucy. Dr. Leason is a Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), Canada Research Chair, Tier II, Indigenous Maternal Child Wellness and an Associate Professor at the University of Calgary. Her research aims to address perinatal and maternal-child health disparities and inequities by examining maternity experiences, healthcare utilization, and social-cultural contexts of First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Indigenous maternal child health and wellness. Dr. Leason serves as an Associate Member of the CIHR College of Reviewers; CIHR Institute of Indigenous Peoples Health, Institute Advisory Board; PHAC Canadian Perinatal Surveillance System- External Advisory Committee; and Associate Editor for the Canadian Journal of Public Health.

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