

ODAWA ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAMME



Are you an Aboriginal- First Nation, Metis or Inuit in conflict or have an interest in the Justice System?

The Aboriginal Community Justice Program is a community based Justice program that will provide a culture-based post charge diversion program for non-violent Aboriginal adult and youth offenders who appear before the Ottawa Courts. The Aboriginal Community Justice Program model is based on the principles of holistic healing and taking responsibility for ones actions, by ways of justice circles in the Ottawa and surrounding communities. The program will be centrally located and administered by the Odawa Native Friendship Centre.

The Objective of this programme will be to:

- To identify and divert Aboriginal clients from the mainstream justice system;
- To provide a forum for Aboriginal people to deal with criminal and family matters in a culturally appropriate manner;
- To provide the opportunity for Aboriginal community member participation in justice matters, thereby allowing for a greater degree of responsibility in justice related matters;
- To provide meaningful and culturally appropriate outcomes for individuals and families;
- To address the root cause(s) of negative behaviour; and
- To reduce recidivism.

CALLING FOR COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS:

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS?

A SUPPORTED CIRCLE OF QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS/COUNCIL MEMBERS. TOGETHER WITH THE PROGRAMME STAFF, WILL HEAR DIVERTED CASES FROM THE OTTAWA COURTS AND ORGANIZE A DISPOSITION/HEALING PLAN THAT ENCOURAGES CLIENTS TO PARTICIPATE AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OFFENCE(S). AS PART OF THE HEALING PLAN/DISPOSITION, NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS WILL BE FORGED WITH COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND JUSTICE SERVICES IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE A HOLISTIC PLAN OF CARE FOR THE CLIENTS.

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