
BACKGROUND:

The Native Inmate Liaison Officer is geared to meet the needs of First Nation people within the Institution.

Ministry Statistics proves a high rate of First Nation people have and continue to come into conflict with the law and are incarcerated. The need for assistance to the inmate is a priority. When an inmate requires assistance with Legal Aid or have difficulties in communication with his/he lawyer; he may contact the Native Inmate Liaison Officer. The Native Inmate Liaison Officer can be reached by filling out an inmate request form.

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GOAL:

To assist inmates serving terms of imprisonment in their successful reintegration into the community; by providing culturally relevant programs, services, and activities aimed at promoting First Nation healing and wellness. The Native Inmate Liaison program will address the needs of First Nation inmates within the healing continuum to become fully functional with all aspects of their lives and their community.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide support and assistance to inmates by offering cultural related counselling, follow-up services and community resource information including referrals.
2. To provide the necessary cultural and spiritual resources required to deliver healing and wellness activities such as sharing circles, smudging/burning tobacco and drumming; which will include where necessary Elders and other resource people.
3. To provide liaison aimed at meeting their educational, employment, health or other identified needs.



NATIVE INMATE LIAISON WORKER

N.I.L.O available when :

- In need of counselling.
- You want to contact you lawyer by email or fax.
- You have a concern re: family.
- You want to get help to stop alcohol and drugs.
- You want to know about your culture and ask questions.

INTERVIEW HOURS ARE:

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 12:00pm

And

1:00pm to 4:30pm

NILO SERVICES:

NILO Services Logo design makes use of the Bear to represent healing, protection, and medicine; these represent the role of NILO by bringing in these gifts to the offenders; one black bear represents First Nations and Métis, and one white bear represents Inuit. A teaching was shared by Brian Bird NILO at the Kenora Jail "Wherever we go and whatever we do in this world, we leave behind footprints". Brian worked here from May 19, 2009 to May 18, 2011



What we do?

- Act as a liaison between Aboriginal clients, staff/community and Elders, etc.
- Provide culturally appropriate programming
- Release Planning referrals
- Assistance with treatment applications with DEAL.

For more information on this program contact:

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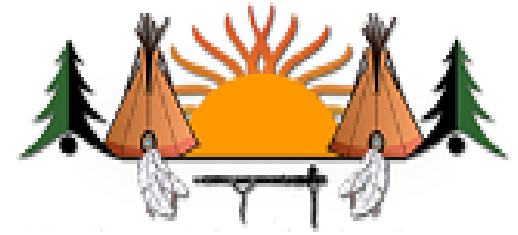
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