

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba
544 Selkirk Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

“Good Path” Mino-Bimosewin / Me Tho Ta Mon
Aboriginal Female Gang Intervention Project

The Aboriginal Female Gang Intervention project provides assistance to Aboriginal female youth who are involved or who are at risk to be involved in gang activities and to leave the gang lifestyle. To reduce the number of Aboriginal female youth involved in the criminal justice system. The Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba will be using the Four Doorways model of providing service to aboriginal female youth between 12-17 years. We will have two (2) Gang Intervention Workers that will work towards the following: **Eastern** and **Southern** doorway that represents the new beginnings, engaging and the start of the healing journey for the Aboriginal Female Youth; this would include referrals to meet the health, mental, physical and spiritual needs of the youth. The **Western** doorway is the start of the journey inward, inner vision that will include life skills, anger/emotional management and examine what they need to be safe in order to exit the gang life. The **Northern** doorway represents wisdom for the Aboriginal Female Youth and involves programs that support a new way of life such as education.

During this whole project, the **Spiritual Care Worker**, will ensure that the Aboriginal Female Youth and their families will have access to and develop calendar of events, Ceremonies, use of Traditional Medicine, as well as, referrals to Elders, Pipe Carriers and healers while in custody and in the community. Finally, we will have on site an **Aboriginal Community Health Nurse** that will ensure that the health needs of the Aboriginal Female youth are met.

The project objectives/goals will consist:

- To provide advocacy, individual counselling and referral services to resources as need for Aboriginal female youth.
- To promote the physical and sexual health through monthly health clinic with Aboriginal Community Health Nurse.
- To build the capacity of the Aboriginal female youth to recognize and identify the triggers that set them paths to unhealthy behaviours, and to develop self-management and interpersonal skills and;
- To develop ceremonies, Elder visiting days, language classes, youth drumming; use of traditional medicine protocols and teachings, talking, healing circles to build cultural identities.
- Activities to the project include life skills groups -12 week per group/Anger/Emotional management groups. Aboriginal cultural activities, Healing and talking circles, teaching circles to teach protocols ceremonies and traditional teachings. Gang Awareness for Aboriginal female youth in the community and will provide Gang Awareness Community workshops at Urban, Rural and On-Reserve throughout Manitoba.

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