

PROVINCIAL RESOURCES

Aboriginal Friendship Center of Calgary

Affiliated with Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (Calgary/Red Deer)

Location: Calgary, AB

Phone: (403) 270-7379

Email: info@afccalgary.org

Website: <https://www.afccalgary.org/>

Mission: Providing Indigenous cultural connection through programs and services for the urban population.

Topics Covered: Community Connection, Housing Services, Honouring the Bonds, Client Services, Outreach/ Cultural Reconnection, Youth & Family Drumming, Eagle Spirit Survivors Group, Bring your wisdom women's group, Indigenous Language Revitalization, Youth Engagement Strategy

Family Information Liaison Unit

Government of Alberta

Province: Alberta

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Northwestern/Central region: Laurie Davies

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Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/family-information-liaison-unit.aspx>

Not connected to a particular first nation

Mission: To help families of missing and murdered loved ones find information and get counselling and supports

Overview: Started by the Government of Alberta as a part of their call to action for stopping the rising levels of MMIWG, FILU will give blood relatives and loved ones of missing people

- Information about the justice system and legal processes
- Updates on criminal investigations, court proceedings and fatality inquiries involving their loved ones
- Connections to counselling, spiritual support and Elders
- Information about a loved one who is missing and murdered in another jurisdiction, through [Family Information Liaison Units in other provinces and territories](#)

Founded in 2016.

REGIONAL RESOURCES

Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society

Location: Edmonton, Alberta

Email: Reception@bentarrow.ca

Phone number: 780-481-3509

Website: <https://bentarrow.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: The Society is committed to building upon the strengths of Aboriginal Children, youth and families to enable them to grow spiritually, emotionally, physically and mentally so that they can walk proudly in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.

Overview: Provides programming options for Aboriginal individuals and families in the Edmonton area. Resources that may be relevant to Aboriginal women may be the Community Outreach Transit team which works to build relationships with Aboriginals moving to the area. Support and Resources in other areas may also be relevant in early interventions as well as follow-up care.

Topics covered:

- Culture – Practice as Ceremony
- Employment Services
- Housing
- Seniors Support
- Resources – New in Town, Community Outreach Transit Team
- Early Family Intervention
- Kinship and Foster Care
- Youth Services

Founded in 1994

Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre

Affiliated with Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association

Location: Bonnyville, AB

Phone: (780) 826-3374

Website: <https://bonnyvillefriendshipcentre.com/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: The Bonnyville Friendship Centre is an innovative community based service centre that empowers our community by promoting wellness through programming based on cultural values.

Overview: The Bonnyville Friendship Centre will create a healthy, positive, and productive community by working together to empower families and individuals through innovative and cultural services.

Topics Covered:

- Cultural Programming,
- Community Programming- Clothing Depot, Community Kitchen, Referral Services, Benevolent/ Emergency Assistance, Volunteer Income Tax Program, Justice Committee
- Children & Youth- Education week/ workshops, Summer camps, Friends for lunch, Employment and Work experience Program
- Adult Programming- Employment Strategies, Health & Wellness, Alberta Seniors Benefit Program Support, Women's Development, Weight Room
- Family Programming

- Elders Education Program

Canadian Native Friendship Centre

Affiliated with Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (Edmonton)

Location: Edmonton, AB

Phone: (780) 761-1900

Website: <http://www.cnfc.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: The mandate of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre is to improve the quality of life of Indigenous people in an urban environment by supporting self-determined activities, encouraging equal access to and participation in Canadian society while respecting Indigenous cultural distinctiveness.

Overview: CNFC was organized to help Indigenous newcomers to the city with referral services and social and recreational programs. It was, and remains, a gathering place for meetings, social events, and community gatherings. Today, the Centre continues to provide cultural, recreational and social programming.

Topics Covered: Pathways to Education, Virtual Powwow Dancing Class in partnership with Edmonton Public Library, Virtual Indigenous Language Classes in partnership with Edmonton Public Library.

Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation

Location: Edmonton, Alberta

Website: <https://ceasenow.org/annual-memorial/>

Topics Covered: CEASE hosts a Memorial each year in mid-August to remember those who have lost their lives as a result of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. Some were murdered; some took their own lives through suicide; and some died as a result of addictions, illness and homelessness. We also take a moment to remember and reflect on those who are missing. Friends and loved ones often feel alone due to the stigma attached to sexual exploitation. The Memorial offers a chance to gather as a community to remember and to support each other in a safe, comfortable, media free environment.

Creating Hope Society of Alberta

Location: Edmonton, Alberta

Email: info@creatinghopesociety.ca

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Phone: 780-477-7961 (general)

Website: <https://www.creatinghopesociety.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: To build on our strengths to create hope for the future for Aboriginal people impacted by the Child Welfare system, through healing processes, support, reconciliation and sharing what we have learned with each other.

Overview: The organization provides Aboriginal programming designed to build on reconciliation in the child welfare system and specifically has teaching in the area of healthy relationships, strengthening family homes, offering youth supports, and support in child development.

Topics Covered:

- Connect the Dots – connecting Edmonton Aboriginals to resources such as housing for long term wellness
- Youth/Elder/Parent Cultural programming – offers individual and group support to Aboriginal youth
- Strengthening Homefires Cultural Programming – cultural teaching to aid household health.
- Learning our Indigenous History (Adult Literacy Program)
- Kukom’s Bannock and Tea – Supporting child development and Indigenous family traditions
- You make a Difference – strengthening relationships from an Aboriginal Perspective
- Streets Program

Founded in 2006

Edmonton Native Healing Centre

Affiliated with the Christian Reformed Church

Location: Edmonton, AB

Email: info@e-nhc.org

Phone: 1 780 482 5522

Website: <http://e-nhc.org/>

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Mission: The Edmonton Native Healing Centre empowers individuals to grow stronger and creates vibrant community relationships while honoring our culture through Spiritual development centered in the heart of the Creator

Overview: Our goal is to journey along side the urban Aboriginal population reconnecting people to culture and ceremony. We firmly believe that our world belongs to God the Creator and through this window of opportunity we are able to show and teach that the ceremonies of old can be redeemed in Christ. By presenting Christ as the centre of our culture and ceremonies new life is breathed into our old ways.

Edson Friendship Centre

Affiliated with Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (Edmonton)

Location: Edson, AB

Email: info@edsonfriendshipcentre.org

Phone: (780) 723-5494

Website: <https://edsonfriendshipcentre.net/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Overview: The Edson Friendship Centre is inclusive to all the needs of the Indigenous Community from First Nations to Métis, as well as the ability to help non-Indigenous people. The Centre throughout its existence has been able to grow and meet the needs of the community.

Topics Covered: Bingo, Family Resource Network, Youth Services, Cultural Programs, Kindergarten, Pre-school Programs, Indigenous Parent Council, Women Infant Nutrition, Brighter Futures, Housing Plus.

Founded in 1986

Elizabeth Fry Society

Location: Edmonton, Alberta

Email: Indigenous Women's Program: Corenda-Lee Steinhauer Corenda-Lee.Steinhauer@efrynorthernalberta.com

Housing Program: Brittany.Lisk@efrynorthernalberta.com

Phone: 780-421-1175 (General)

Website: <https://www.efrynorthernalberta.com>

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Mission: We advance the dignity and worth of all women and girls who are or may be at risk of becoming criminalized

Overview: Programs and supports for individuals who have been involved in the justice system in some capacity.

Topics covered:

- Indigenous Women's Program
- Independent Legal Advice for Survivors of Sexual Violence Project
- Indigenous Women Housing Program

Founded in 1977

Other Information: While this is not an Indigenous led organization, the Aboriginal specific programs are relevant to the topic. These are included due to their relevance of legal advice, interventions of housing, and cultural programming for women and victims of sexual violence.

Hinton Friendship Centre Society

Affiliated with Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (Edmonton)

Location: Hinton, AB

Email: main@fchinton.com

Phone: (780) 865-5189

Website: <http://www.hintonfriendshipcentre.ca/>, https://www.facebook.com/Hinton-Friendship-Centre-577648632302325/?ref=page_internal

Topics Covered: Family support, Home Visitation, Youth Program, Mamowichihitowin, FASD mentorship, Circle of Life, Education Navigator and Headstart Preschool.

Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women

Location: Edmonton, Alberta

Email: iaaw@iaaw.ca

Phone: 780-479-8195 (general number)

Website: <https://iaaw.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: The Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW) is a non-profit organization that recognizes the role, value, and achievement of Aboriginal women in society and raises awareness about the challenges and obstacles they face.

Overview: The IAAW runs many Indigenous programs for Indigenous women and youth. It focuses on integrating Aboriginal culture and practices into all areas of programming.

Topics Covered:

- Building our Bundle – youth and cultural program
- Esquao Awards – community Recognition awards for Indigenous women
- Financial Literacy - financial training for women and girls
- Firekeepers – wholistic wellness for women on the journey of sobriety
- Healthy Relationships – support circle for women
- Justice Initiatives – action planning to improve outcomes for Indigenous women
- Safety in the City Project- exploring ways to increase safety to women in public areas including transit
- Indigenous skills and Employment training
- Indigenous Women’s Violence Prevention Project

Founded in 1974

Other Information: This would be a great resource and support for Aboriginal women or youth looking for supportive, cultural programming and educational resources or looking into community initiatives that are offering prevention shaped initiatives to help Aboriginal woman as a whole.

Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre Society

Affiliated with Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (Edmonton)

Location: St. Paul, AB T0A

Phone: (780) 645-4630

Native Counselling Services of Alberta

Location: Edmonton, Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Parkland, Alberta

Email: info@nca.ca

Phone number: 780-451-4002

Website: <https://www.nca.ca/>

Not connected to a particular First Nation

Mission: Native Counselling Services of Alberta’s Mission is to promote the resilience of the Indigenous individual and family, through programs and services that are

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grounded in reclaiming our interconnectedness, reconciliation of relationships and self-determination.

Overview: Native Counselling Services of Alberta is an Indigenous support organization lead by Indigenous people. It offers aid in the area of navigating the legal and court system, restoring justice, and offering individual support in clients' home or one on one if the client meets program criteria.

Topics covered:

- Indigenous Court work Program
- Buffalo Sage Wellness House (Edmonton)
- Stan Daniels Healing Centre (Edmonton)
- Cunningham Place (Edmonton)
- Indigenous Housing First (Edmonton)
- Residential School Health Support
- Family Reconciliation Program (Edmonton)
- Kiyôhkatowin Program (Stony Plain) - Home visitation, mentorship for Parents and caregivers
- Bearpaw Media – Indigenous legal and education resource
- Wâhkômiwêw Connections Program (Stony Plain)- offers individualized plans to support families or caregivers of youth in developing Individual Healing and Connection Plans.
- Wepekin Navigators (Stony Plain)- work with families referred by Stony Plain Family Services to get connect to needed resources

Founded in 1970

LIST OF INDIGENOUS CHURCHES

First Nations Alliance Church (Associate Member NECM)
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Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples
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