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## Local tribal council

The Government of the Northwest Territories recognizes Indigenous Governments as governments that have negotiated, or are in the process of negotiating, self-government agreements with the GNWT and the Government of Canada.

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## Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls 2 S people

If you require immediate support regarding missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls call the Native Women Association of NWT's emergency line **(867)920-2978**

## Deh Cho Friendship Centre

**Location:** Fort Simpson

**Phone:** (867) 695-2577

**E-mail:** [dehchofc@northwestel.net](mailto:dehchofc@northwestel.net)

**Website:** <https://dehchofc.com/>

**Mission:** To support people of the Deh Cho Region retain and develop their identity and culture by supporting personal development and community programs through the integration of aboriginal culture, tradition and values. We do this through Education, Social, Culture and Spiritual Programs in a cooperative manner with resident and community organizations.

**Overview:** The Deh Cho Society originated in the 1970's from the community members who needed a place where they could do activities and events. At the time the local Dene Band was the sponsoring agency for the Deh Cho Society. In 1972 the Friendship Centre depended to a large degree on individual volunteers for fund-raising, private donations and small grants from Federal/Territorial Governments to run activities/events. In January 1979 the Deh Cho Society received its Certificate of Incorporation to provide a Friendship Centre for the People of Fort Simpson. In 1999 the Deh Cho Society Friendship Centre changed its name to the Deh Cho Friendship Centre.

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## Topics Covered:

- Programs & Services - Youth employment, youth programming and skills development activities
- Youth Centres Initiatives - Youth Activities & programming
- Small Community Homelessness Fund – Food Bank and Xmas hamper program
- On the land collaborative fund - variety of traditional on the land activities such as: boating & fishing, harvesting food & materials, camping, skills development
- Christmas Hamper Program- Annual Xmas hamper include Turkey dinner & food hamper for community members in need. DCFC delivers an average of 85 hampers per year.
- Dene K'ee Gudeh Website 'We Are Speaking the Dene Way' website
- Fitness Centre – free weights, treadmill, bike, showers, etc...
- Resource Room - Three computers with public internet access, office assistance (phone, fax, copying, printing), referrals and other forms of assistance
- Various Celebrations: Feasts and Seasonal Cultural Events, Youth Dances, Games nights, Open houses, etc...
- Community Helper Program: Youth Senate, Youth volunteering & fund raising to assist with community events

## Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre

**Location:** Inuvik, NT

**Phone:** (867) 777-2166

**Overview:** Located on Mackenzie Road, Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre hosts many cultural events and community feasts geared towards helping indigenous youth in the Town of Inuvik.

## Native Women's Association of the NWT

**Location:** Yellowknife, NWT

**Email:** [reception@nativewomens.com](mailto:reception@nativewomens.com)

**Phone:** +1 867-873-5509

**Website:** <https://www.nativewomensnwt.com/>

**Overview:** NWA NWT is affiliated with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC). NWA NWT is committed to being the voice of Indigenous women in the

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Northwest Territories and to building relationships with all levels of government and other organizations to ensure all Indigenous women and their families will live free from social and economic distress; to promote their sacred roles as valued and respected members in the community; and to preserve their culture, language and heritage..

**Topics Covered;** Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategies, NWA Training Center, Victim Services, Volunteer Opportunities, MMIWG- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Poverty/ Homeless.

## Northwest Territories/Nunavut Council of Friendship Centres (NT/NU)

**Location:** Yellowknife, NT

**Phone:** (867) 873-4332

**Overview:** The NT/NU CFC is a not-for-profit Indigenous organization located at 4910-50th Street in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. It consists of 8 Friendship Centres located across the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. The NT/NU CFC is governed by an Executive Board. NT/NU CFC's Constitution formally establishes its structure, purpose, and objectives.

## Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre

**Location:** Hay River, NT

**Email:** info@sefcnwt.com

**Phone:** (867) 874-6581

**Website:** <http://sefcnwt.com/>

**Mission:** To provide an Aboriginal Culture, Educational & Training Programming Centre for the people of Hay River.

**Topics Covered:**

- Training- The SEFC strives to offer quality educational training programs that will empower our youth & strengthen our families.
- Summer Cultural Camp- Have fun, make new friends, & learning new skills
- B.E.A.R- Beneficial Exploration of Ambition & Resourcefulness

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- Elders- Providing opportunities for elders to be visible in the community & build relationships with our youth.
- Youth Center- A culturally based Youth Resource Centre providing career enhancement, personal development & cultural awareness activities to increase the self-esteem, self-awareness & self-sufficiency of aboriginal youth in Hay River.
- Resolution Support Workers- Counselling & support services to deal with the trauma, past experiences from Indian Residential School and how it has been effecting you and your family over the years.

## The Tree of Peace Friendship Centre

**Location:** Yellowknife, NT

**Email:** tsiwainc@hotmail.com

**Phone:** (867) 873-2864

**Website:** <https://www.ttopfc.com/>

**Mission:** To improve the quality of life for aboriginal people in the communities of Yellowknife, Dettah and Ndilo by facilitating self-determination, social, health, education, economic and cultural activities which respect the aboriginal people's cultural distinctiveness.

**Overview:** At Tree of Peace Friendship Centre we're raising funds and promoting initiatives to serve the people who need them most. To improve the quality of life for aboriginal people in the communities of Yellowknife, Dettah and Ndilo by facilitating self-determination, social, health, education, economic and cultural activities which respect the aboriginal people's cultural distinctiveness.

## Tlicho Friendship Centre/ Rae-Edzo Friendship Centre

**Location:** Behchoko, NT

**Email:** info@tltk.ca

**Phone:** (867) 392-6000

**Website:** <https://tltk.ca/>

**Mission:** The Rae-Edzo Friendship Centre is Place offering programs to Tlicho children, youth, adults, Elders, and families. Healing and wellness programs are provided on the land and in communities. Partnerships are developed to advance effective programs

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leading to wellness, personal development, and increased knowledge of the Tlicho way life.

**Overview:** Created as a benevolent, philanthropic, non-profit corporation, governed by the Societies Act of the Northwest Territories, the Friendship Centre exists to build values, character and community for the Behchoko and surrounding communities by providing a safe environment and practical support through a broad range of programs and services.

**Topics Covered:** We currently offer an extensive range of programs that provide services to community members addressing health and wellness; homelessness; at-risk youth after school and weekend programs; children's programs; and, Elder's needs. We are also a partner on the Behchoko Northern Pathways to Housing Program, along with the NWT Housing Corporation and CMHC. This program aims to fill a critical gap in the community's housing continuum by providing housing to residents in need and connecting them with the social and health supports they require.

## Uncle Gabe's Friendship Centre

**Location:** Fort Smith, NT

**Email:** [ugfc.ed@gmail.com](mailto:ugfc.ed@gmail.com)

**Phone:** (867) 872-3004

**Website:** <https://www.fortsmith.ca/business/uncle-gabes-friendship-centre>

<https://www.facebook.com/ugfcnt/>

### Topics Covered:

- Lunch program
- Youth drop in centre
- Sewing classes
- Womens workshops
- Bingo (TV)
- Wakes
- 50/50 draws
- Bake and craft sales
- Hand games
- pow-wow dancing

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## Zhahti Koe Friendship Centre

**Location:** Fort Providence, NT

**Email:** zhahtikoe@gmail.com

**Phone:** (867) 699-3801

**Overview:** Zhahti Koe Friendship Centre is a domestic violence service near Fort Providence, NT providing help for people dealing with domestic abuse

**Topics Covered:** There has been a family violence program at the Zhahti Koe Friendship Centre for over 20 years. The current program, the Non-Shelter Family Violence and Community Justice Program, has been running since 2009.

The program operates by hosting a return to the land type healing camp located at two traditional Dene sites. Healing camps are 7-8 days in length and are staffed by local Elders and resource people. Elders offer their own traditional counselling and teaching of land-based skills. Included in the program are traditional spiritual practices such as drumming, prayers, dances, tending fire and cleansing ceremonies. Each healing camp has a healing lodge, cabins and a cook shack.