

A GROUP OF NATIVE WOMEN BEGAN MEETING IN 1984 TO DISCUSS THE BEST METHOD OF MEETING THE CRUCIAL NEED FOR SPECIFIC SUPPORT SERVICES FOR NATIVE WOMEN IN TORONTO. IN OCTOBER 1985, THE NATIVE WOMENS RESOURCE CENTRE WAS OPENED.

WE DO NOT SPECIALIZE IN ANY 'ONE' AREA BUT RATHER BELIEVE IN A WHOLISTIC APPROACH TO THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR NATIVE WOMEN.

FOR ASSISTANCE, SUPPORT, CONCRETE HELP ... CONTACT OUR SECRETARY TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF OUR STAFF. PRESENTLY OUR STAFF CONSISTS OF A:

- SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER
- FAMILY WORKER
- COMMUNITY WORKER
- MANAGER
- PROGRAM MANAGER

TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US IN OUR STRUGGLES:

- ANDUHVAUN
- WANEPUHNUD
- COUNCIL FIRE
- NA ME RES
- NISHNAWBE HEALTH
- NATIVE CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
- CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
- ALL SAINTS CHURCH
- '416' DUNDAS STREET
- NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION POST
- EAST END LITERACY
- NELLIE'S HOSTEL
- SCADDING COURT
- NATIVE COMMUNITY BRANCH
- SECRETARY OF STATE
- CANADA EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION CENTRE
- ONTARIO WOMEN'S DIRECTORATE
- ANGLICAN CHURCH
- CITY OF TORONTO

AND ALL THE INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS, & COMPANIES WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR TIME AND SKILLS. THESE PEOPLE PROVIDED US WITH PROFESSIONAL ACUMEN AND FINANCES. IT IS ALL SINCERELY APPRECIATED.



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COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- CRISIS INTERVENTION
- FAMILY COURT SUPPORT
- ADVOCACY
- URBAN ORIENTATION
- HOUSING
- JOB PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT
- EMPLOYMENT SEARCH
- RESUME PREPARATION
- CHILD WELFARE
- INFORMATION, REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE SERVICES.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- LITERACY
- NETWORKING
- FILMS
- EDUCATION ON NATIVE WOMENS ISSUES
- WORKSHOPS
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- TRAINING
- DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUPS
- BEADING AND CRAFTS GROUP
- NEWSLETTER
- FIELD TRIPS

ALL ACTIVITIES, COUNSELLING SUPPORT SERVICES AND SELF-HELP GROUPS ARE INITIATED AND RUN BY AND FOR NATIVE WOMEN.

WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, SERVICES AND GROUPS THAT MAY BE OF SERVICE TO NATIVE WOMEN.

THE NATIVE WOMENS RESOURCE CENTRE IS BASED ON OUR BELIEF IN THE TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS OF THE ELDERS.

WE BELIEVE THESE TEACHINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE CONTINUED SURVIVAL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

WE ALSO BELIEVE IN THE ABILITY OF NATIVE WOMEN TO INITIATE, MANAGE AND PROVIDE OUR OWN SERVICE.

WE NOW BELIEVE ALL NATIVE WOMEN HAVE UNIQUE QUALITIES AND KNOWLEDGE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES.

(WE TRY TO PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT FOR STAFF, CLIENTELE AND FRIENDS OF THE CENTRE.)