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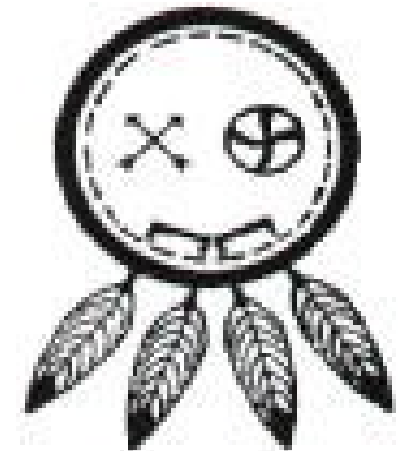
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**N'Swakamok Indigenous
Services & Housing
Support Program**



**N'Swakamok Native
Friendship Centre**

N'Swakamok Indigenous Services Homelessness Support Program provides support services to indigenous men, women, youth and families who are chronically homeless or at risk of becoming homeless

Objectives:

To offer Housing support services to address the needs of aboriginal homeless individuals, families who are chronically homeless at risk of homelessness.

To improve the self sufficiency of individuals, youth, elders and families who are homeless and those who are at risk of becoming homeless

To connect individuals to cultural /traditional activities to meet the client's needs or to reconnect individuals to cultural appropriate services/programming

Quote: "People have it backwards about homeless, they think because you're a drunk or on drugs you're on the streets. But it's the streets that drive you to it. You drink or do drugs to forget the pain of being there"

Services and Programs

Advocacy

Landlord/Tenant mediation

Intervention/Prevention

Housing search

Rapid Rehousing

Housing Supportive Services(basic household necessities, furnishings) based on individual assessment

Informal Counseling (mental health & addiction referrals)

Cultural/Traditional Services (smudging, medicine, teachings)

Follow up

Community Plan Priorities:

To offer housing support services to indigenous men, women and youth and families who are chronically homeless or at risk of homelessness.

To offer intervention/prevention services to indigenous homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

To ensure Coordination of resources and data collection.

