



Values & Beliefs

- ❖ Involve all people race, color, creed – that come together in a safe and caring environment.
- ❖ Respect the equality and dignity of individuals and agencies
- ❖ Practice respect, confidentiality and integrity.
- ❖ Act with honesty, kindness, compassion and discretion.
- ❖ Work together in partnership with other agencies and communities to promote the traditions, values and culture of Aboriginal people
- ❖ Honour the seven teachings: courage, honesty, humility, love, respect, strength, wisdom.

A world community can exist only with world communication, which means something more than extensive short-wave facilities scattered about the globe. It means common understanding, a common tradition, common ideas, and common ideals.



History of the Aboriginal Inter Agency

- ❖ The Aboriginal Inter Agency began as an initiative of Native Counselling and Social Services and was created to provide a way of sharing information and communicating with other service providers.
- ❖ The purpose has evolved since the initial inception of the committee in the late 80's or early 90's.
- ❖ Agencies meet to share information, discuss effectiveness of their interaction with one another and make changes if needed.
- ❖ The committee has evolved into a group that has become more action focused on improving the lives of the aboriginal people.



Vision

- ❖ The vision of the Aboriginal Interagency Committee is:
- ❖ To promote unity, respect, tradition, values and culture of the Aboriginal people for the well being of our communities.

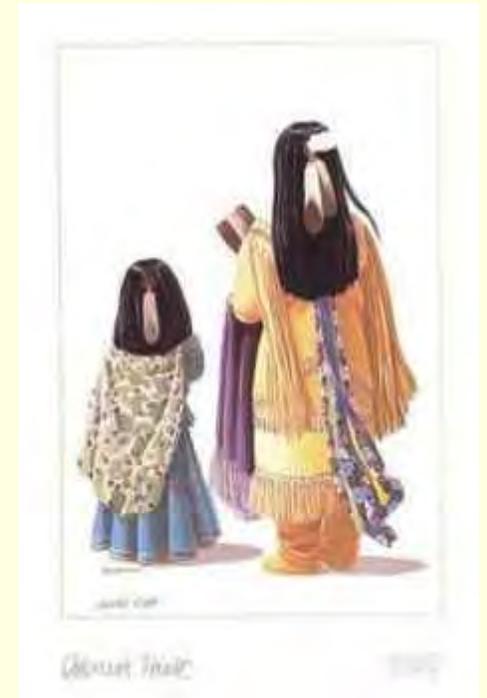
Mission

Work together to promote awareness in the community, identify issues, lobby for resolution and provide agencies and government bodies with feedback on the Aboriginal perspective(s).

In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.
Marianne Williamson



GOALS



Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of
community.
Anthony J. D'Angelo

Community

- ❖ To focus on all children, youth, adults, and elders in our community.

Resources

- ❖ Identify the collective resources and integrate them to achieve our vision.

Bridging the Gap

- ❖ To increase awareness of Aboriginal traditions, values, and culture within our community.

Advocacy

- ❖ To advocate for individuals, organizations & groups requiring supports.



Health and Wellness



- ❖ To promote an environment where all people can build holistic individual, family and community wellness through feelings, body, mind and spirit.

Education for All

- ❖ To provide information and resources that enable individuals to make healthy decisions for themselves, their families and their community.

Justice

- ❖ To recognize and promote Aboriginal participation in establishing resolutions of judicial issues.

While it is well enough to leave footprints on the sands of time, it is even more important to make sure they point in a commendable direction.

James Branch Cabell



Guiding Principles and Related Activities

Effective Interaction	Strengthening Communication	Enhancing the Unity of the Group	Raising the Priority of Aboriginal Initiatives
Attendance at meetings	Information provided by members is thorough	Opening Prayer/ Closing Prayer	Fundraising for Aboriginal events
Respect our community unity	More involvement from groups to discuss issues	Smudging where accepted	Support Aboriginal committee events
Unity of members	Effective utilization of agencies and member organizations	Hosting as needed	Advocate and support for individual agencies and member organizations
Increased Aboriginal involvement	Debrief events & activities	Elder membership	Acknowledge achievements of others outside of the AIC.
Flexible Agency boundaries	All correspondence brought back to committee	Appreciation of members	
Diversity of group	Update mail/email list on bi-annual basis		
Use of alternate representatives for meetings	One chairperson designated to sign correspondence		

People thrive on the appreciation you show them - the smiles, the thanks and the gestures of kindness.

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Use of alternate sites for meetings.	Sponsor/host debriefing sessions for agencies and member organizations whenever needed	Set up working groups to address needs/issues	
Promote partnerships	Internal services updated and service programs.	Encouraging and expanding membership (create affiliated and active membership listing)	
Knowing the communities	Description of what service each agency and member organization provides		
Identify resources/strengths	Consistency in meetings (regular times & dates)		
	Sound public information through brochure and Power Point presentation		
	Excellent Administrative Support		



We are all connected to everyone and everything in the universe. Therefore, everything one does as an individual affects the whole. All thoughts, words, images, prayers, blessings, and deeds are listened to by all that is.

Serge Kahili King

Four Directions

Creatures that
crawl. Air .Death

Babies*Wind Peace
*Harmony*Peace*Kindness
* Forgiveness

NEGATIVE

POSITIVE

CREATOR
ME

WOLF

EAGLE

Spiritual
Elders
White People
Winter
White
North

Physical
Birth
Oriental
Spring
Seeds
Sun
Warmth
Light
Yellow
East



GRIZZLY BEAR

BUFFALO

Emotional
Adults Young
Black People
Fall
Autumn
Blue
West

Love
Mental
Teenagers
Red man
Summer
Red
South



Mountains* Honesty* Water*
Plants/Trees* Two Legged
Creatures*
Strength/Endurance*
Medicine

Earth* Motherhood*
Four Legged
Creatures* Survival

Life Giving

Treat the earth well.
It was not given to you by your parents,
it was loaned to you by your children.
We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors,
we borrow it from our Children.

Ancient Indian Proverb