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Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network – to develop and maintain a new relationship between the criminal justice system and the Mi'kmaq and Indigenous people of Nova Scotia.

MLSN was initiated by the Nova Scotia chiefs to develop and maintain a sustainable justice support system. This will ensure fair treatment of all Mi'kmaq and Indigenous people in the justice system.



Indigenous Youth Justice Project



Program Overview

The Indigenous Youth Justice Program was founded in 2015 as the Cross Over Youth Project in Toronto, Ontario as a result of a study by Metropolitan Toronto University (formally Ryerson University).

It made its way to Eskasoni, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in May 2022 under the Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network.



Our Goal

The goal for the program is to specifically help youth ages 13-17 who are:

- In care of the child welfare system or
- In the criminal justice system or
- At risk to become involved in the criminal justice system.

Youth Facilitator

The Facilitator works on building the program to ensure the youth get the support they need while in the program and help lead into the right direction. This involves:

- Working one on one with youth.
- Pairing them with cultural teachings.
- Service learning.
- Cognitive skill development.

The Indigenous Youth Justice Project works in partnership with the Mi'kmaw Customary Law Program, when the youth has been referred by the courts or by police, as a wraparound service delivery to benefit youth who have been referred to the program.

The goal for a youth who has been referred to customary law is to complete a healing circle and develop recommendations for the youth to complete to help restore balance. The program will begin the process to meet with a youth to review the program.

The Youth Facilitator will meet the youth to provide the youth with cultural belongings known as a bundle, items could include a smudge bowl and sacred medicines and more. We will work on a cultural educational component along with service learning and cognitive skills.

If you know of a youth that could benefit from working with a youth mentor, cultural teachings, service learning and cognitive skills development, make the referral to the program and get in touch with the Youth Facilitator at Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network at (902) 379-2042.