

Awo Taan is a Blackfoot word which means “Shield” a name given to the Society for protection for the families using the services of Awo Taan

Our Vision

Nurturing Families
Living in Peace

Our Mission

To provide a broad continuum of support services, guided by Aboriginal traditional teachings, that include prevention, intervention, and healing to anyone affected by any form of abuse

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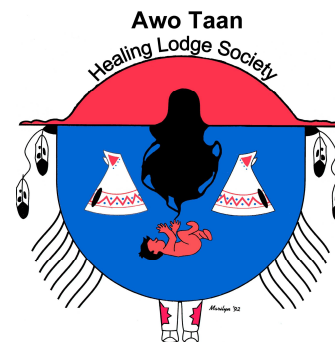
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Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society

Family Violence Prevention and Outreach Programs



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What Do We Offer?

- Education and Awareness on the Cycle of Abuse
- Education and Awareness on the Types of Abuse
- Family Violence impacts on individuals, family, children, relationships, etc
- Safety Planning
- Self esteem/ Self care
- Anger management
- Healthy relationships/ boundaries
- Access to Elders
- Women's Peer Support
- Healing Circles
- Home visits
- Basic needs
- Connections to community resources

The Healing Circle

The healing circle provides an opportunity for women and men in the community to share their feelings and their stories in a safe setting. Elders attend the circle to aid in the healing process.

There are three healing circles that are offered by Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society. Two are for women and one is for men. The women's circles run every Monday night from 5 – 8 pm at Awo Taan and the other is held on Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 – 3 pm at Parent Link Centre. The Men's Sharing circle is also on Wednesday beginning at 10:30 am at Parent Link Centre. Supper is provided on Monday nights and a light lunch is served on Wednesday's.

Why We Do This:

- 343 Aboriginal females out of every 1,000 are victims of violent crimes compared to 96 out of every 1,000 non-Aboriginal women
- 54% of Aboriginal women surveyed said they had been a victim of spousal assault compared to 37% of non-Aboriginal women
- 1/3 of these women reported that their children had witnessed the violence
- Aboriginal females are 3.5 times more at-risk to be a victim of a violent crime than non-Aboriginal women. (Public Health Agency of Canada, National Clearinghouse on Family Violence).

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