

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT 2005

The Residential Program is our First response to Family Violence. Women in need can call our 24 hour crisis line to seek refuge and a safe place away from domestic violence. Our unique home-like environment is a place to rest, regroup and move towards positive change. Women are housed for 21 days and given support, information and referrals to obtain housing, and finances.

The Elders and Staff at Awo Taan create an environment that is safe, nurturing and rich in cultural activities. The word Awo Taan interpreted by the Blackfoot Nation means "Shield Women".

The Crisis Counselling department is the hub of the shelter it is extremely busy as staff rush to meet the needs of the women and children they serve. For the past year we have continued to work towards the holistic model of wellness compatible with Traditional aboriginal healing for our Mothers and Children the Parent Link Center has been a great addition to our programs, services.

Annual statistics for April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005 are:

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| Women Admitted | 240 |
| Children Admitted | 259 |
| Bed nights for abused (Women) | 2809 |
| Bed nights for abused (Children) | 2579 |
| Healing Circles | 106 |
| Number of Women attending Healing Circles | 498 |
| Number of Crisis Calls | 1675 |
| Number of Turn away (Women) | 788 |
| Number of Turn away (Children) | 554 |