



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mistissini Justice Committee offers an alternative to respond to crime in our community. Through diversion of cases from the social service for young offenders and crown attorney for adult offenders to the justice committee, the members offer support and different alternatives to handle conflict and aim towards a brighter future for offenders and victims.

PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide another route to the current justice system, which better meets the community members' aspiration.
2. To offer a choice to young and adult offenders that is adapted to Cree values, culture and tradition.
3. To reinforce the role of community members in the administration of justice.
4. To recognize the specific needs of victims and offenders.
5. To encourage healing circles for victims and offenders, thereby offering a harmonious closure to all persons involved in a crime.
6. To develop community initiatives to increase community involvement in peacekeeping and harmony.

THE PROCESS:

- * When a case is referred by the social services, or crown attorney to the justice committee, the committee meets with the offender and parents to identify the situation and attempt to find a solution with all parties, including: victim, offender, parents, and resources.
- * When a solution is found and an agreement is taken, the committee ensures that the measures are executed.
- * To be able to enter this process, the offender has to admit his/her responsibilities in the matter.

THE OUTCOME:

- * To provide peace and harmony between the victim, offender and community.

The roles and responsibilities of the Eenou Nadamaaduun members include:

- Attend meetings for case hearings, case resolutions, mediations, circles, discussion of alternative measures;
- Meet with people in need of support and involved in a conflict situation and inform them of the different possibilities to solve matters of conflict in a peaceful and restorative manner;
- Encourage people to participate in the Eenou Nadamaaduun and support its aims, as well as promote the aims of the Eenou Nadamaaduun to the community at large;
- Support victims and offenders in getting the services they need to repair harm and restore harmony in the community;
- Assist with monitoring diversions and alternative measures and supporting paroles;
- Assist with the implementation of community crime prevention and reduction efforts including programs, awareness programs, referring high risk youth to community services;
- Participate in training and conferences.





MEANING OF THE NAME:

To help someone and take sides with him/her to change for the better; to prevent from occurring.

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The Committee consists of 6 members, which hold a balance of elders, adults, and youth. The members are not there to pass judgment.



MISTISSINI JUSTICE COMMITTEE



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