

# OPIKINAWASOWIN REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

Referral based, the Opikinawasowin Reintegration Program mentors, supports, and links youth and young adults to resources and supportive networks within the community. The program is designed to support and assist Relatives to access appropriate rehabilitative services to reduce the risk of gang involvement and re-offending.

Probation Officers refer youth and young adults based on utilizing the standard Ministry assessment tools: Level of Service Inventory (LSI) and Sask. Primary Risk Assessment (SPRA). Relatives must score high on these assessments to demonstrate a need for the program.



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### OBJECTIVE BY:

- Building strong trusting relationships with the client
- Connecting youth and their family in areas such as education, employment, leisure, recreation, addictions, and culture
- Working collaboratively with their Probation Officer and other community supports
- Finding other appropriate supports to connect the client to the community
- Utilizing the 40 developmental assets, case plans are developed in terms of their criminogenic risk factors
- Justice Workers applying the Circle of Courage model within their case-plans
- Easy access to Saskatoon Tribal Council's urban programming throughout the city
- Culturally sensitive
- Safe inviting environment

### REFERRAL CRITERIA:

- Relatives must be between the ages of 12-24
- High Score on the SPRA and levels 4-5 on the LSI (willing to accept Relatives who are waiting for an assessment)
- Status Blind
- Voluntary Program
- Currently incarcerated or on a Court Order
- Certain exceptions may apply
- Relatives must be referred to the Program from their Probation Officer.

While a youth/adult is incarcerated, a STC Justice Worker by way of intense mentorship will help that Relative to positive community supports which will benefit their reintegration upon release.

The Opikinawasowin Reintegration Program will help Relative's find support in areas of: culture, kinship/family, education, employment, housing, addiction, mental health, recreation/leisure, and any other area deemed necessary.

Supports the relatives in attending their appointments such as medical, probation reporting, securing affordable and safe housing, employment interviews, resume drop offs, or social assistance appointments, treatment, detox and addiction counselling appointments.

The Justice Worker will address criminogenic risk factors as outlined on the LSI or SPRA by using the "40 Developmental Assets" Model.

- Case Management process with STC Justice worker, the Relative and Ministry
- Regular continual communication between all involved is key
- Aftercare is also an option