



Background

In 1980, the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) expressed concern with regard to the number of Aboriginal men in Toronto who are without a place to live. ONWA commissioned a study which indicated 66% of the Aboriginal men surveyed were without a permanent address. The need for an "emergency" shelter was identified. Since 1985, Na-Me-Res has been providing services to Aboriginal men who are homeless. As a culture-based organization we endeavour to provide services which meet the spiritual, physical, emotional and mental health needs of our clients.

Service

The Men's Residence is an abstinence based 63 bed shelter which serves a diverse population. Building on their strengths, staff assist clients to develop a realistic personal development plan which addresses their current needs. Staff advocate on behalf of clients to help them access services available in the broader community including training, employment, medical and legal services. All clients are provided with assistance to access housing appropriate to their needs. On-site workshops cover a variety of topics including health care, drum making, healing and talking circles, stress management and legal information sessions.

Care Team Members

Client care provided through the Men's Residence is led by Counsellors and assisted by Client Care and Client Support Workers. As an Aboriginal organization Na-Me-Res strives to meet the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional needs of all clients by providing them access to its multi-disciplinary care team which includes:

- Counsellors
- Traditional Elders and Teachers
- Coordinator Special Needs
- Nurse
- Oshkabaywis
- Coordinator Client Training, and other community services providers as identified.

More Information

For more information please call 416 652-0334.