

First Nation Suicide Prevention Task Force

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Dear Prospective Member

Suicide is a societal problem that takes the life of over 100 residents each year in New Brunswick. The First Nation population is greatly affected by the phenomenon of suicide and is four times at higher risk than dying by suicide than non aboriginal population.

In 2003, a group of interested individuals met in Elsipogtog to discuss the issue of suicide and the need for First Nation communities. Following that meeting, the New Brunswick First Nation Suicide Prevention Task Force was established. The goal of the task force is to share information, initiatives amongst all First Nation population in the province in order to enhance the well-being of the entire community in order to enable individuals to experience productive and satisfying lives. We also want to educate and train community members on suicide prevention.

The committee recognizes the complexity of the problem, as well as the skills and talents of its community partners. We would like to invite you to become a member of the First Nation Suicide Prevention Task Force. Our committee meets once a month throughout the year. The more First Nation members we have on our committee, the more effective our work will be in preventing suicide in First Nation communities.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to call Harrison Milliea at 506-523-0000. I hope to have the opportunity to work with you or someone from your agency.

Sincerely,

Harrison Milliea