

N.B. First Nation Suicide
Prevention Task Force





Reflection Day

Elsipogtog Health Center
Healing Lodge
February 18/03

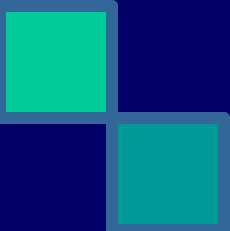
Goals




- Look at what happens elsewhere
- Presentation from Quebec First Nation Association
- Create Partnership
- Evaluate needs and willingness of partners



Background History

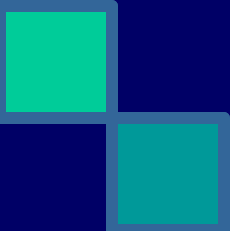



Following many suicides in First Nation communities in NB, and especially in Elsipogtog, we came together as a group to look at the possibility of partnership in regards to suicide prevention in First Nation communities.






Objectives of Task Force

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- To gather interested individuals willing to participate in this Initiative. .
 - To examine existing suicide intervention techniques/protocols established by First Nation Organizations and to adopt relevant practices for the NB First Nations (e.g. The White Stone and NICHI Models).
 - To distribute information on prevention and/or intervention models that have been successful amongst First Nation in Canada and/or the US..
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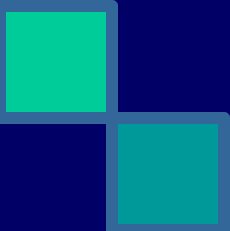



Objectives (continued)

- To help in the establishment of a support network for First Nation frontline caregivers (eg EAP, debriefing (CISM))
 - To organize training activities for frontline workers.
 - To sensitize the external professional community to the cultural aspects of First Nation people in NB.
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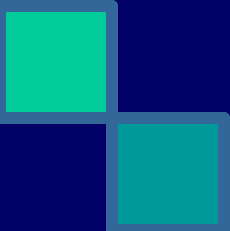
Objectives (continued)

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- To act as a public relations body by promoting the history, plight and realities of the First Nation in NB including the continued struggle in dealing with suicide.
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Task Force

Partnership

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- Elsipogtog First Nations, NB
 - Saint Mary's First Nations, NB
 - Tobique First Nations, NB
 - Madawaska, NB
 - Indian Island – Fort Folly – Bouctouche – Pabineau First Nations, NB
 - Eel Ground First Nations, NB
 - Burnt Church First Nations, NB
 - Red Bank First Nations, NB
 - NB Provincial suicide prevention program
 - Canadian Mental Health Assoc. NB Division
 - NB RCMP
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