

project partners

Alberta On-Reserve Shelters



Bigstone Cree Nation
Women's Emergency
Shelter



Eagle's Nest Stoney
Family Shelter



Ermineskin Women's
Shelter Society



Paspew House
Women's Shelter



Sucker Creek Women's
Emergency Shelter

Coordinating Organization



intake process



Review project description and
complete consent form



Complete intake interview with
Eagle Feather, providing information
on each child



Complete Danger Assessment

Eagle Feather Worker conducts
interview with child in target
age range

Contact

Participating shelter:

Eagle Feather in your community:

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

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Walking the Path Together

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



children deserve to be children





Walking the Path Together:

the project

Children are children, they are allowed to be children: they need to laugh, love and play. This is the basis of **Walking the Path Together**.

Using a wholistic approach, Eagle Feather Workers from shelters provide one-on-one and group support to children who have witnessed violence. By working with the child's family and community supports, the Eagle Feather Workers aspire to make the environment of the child safe and help the family heal.

The shelter in your community is one of six agencies in this project working together to find better ways to build child-family relationships, develop intervention strategies and help children with trauma.

As we walk the path together, the project partners will learn a lot about how to help other families and aim to stop the cycle of violence by sharing this knowledge with others.



Qualifying factors:

- children are of First Nations Heritage at least one child is about 7 years old
- children have been exposed to violence in the home
- children can live safely at home
- a legal guardian consents to the children receiving this service
- the mother or primary care giver intends to continue living in the community
- the Feather Worker will be safe going into the family home or other pre-arranged location.

There may be additional qualifications in the community

Expectations of you, the parent or guardian:

- your consent to participate with your child in the project
- to work collaboratively with the Eagle Feather Worker in the best interest of your child for a pre-determined period of time
- to participate in Danger Assessments and tools that help plan for safety

You can expect us to:

- respect confidentiality*
- provide services to you and your child during your involvement with the project
- respect your decisions
- use what we learn to help other children, abused women and their families

**the one exception is when a child is at risk for abuse*

Eagle Feathers:



Each of our participating on-reserve shelters have hired an "Eagle Feather Worker" who will be working with the children and parents / guardians enrolled in this project. The Eagle Feather Workers have experience working with children and are skilled and trained on the complexities surrounding domestic violence.

They are called Eagle Feather Workers because in First Nation culture, the eagle feather is a symbol of courage and is a powerful tool for healing. If you have the wisdom to know that change is needed in your life, the eagle feather can give you the courage to make that change.

By working closely with the children and the families, the Eagle Feather Worker's intervention (e.g. helping with school attendance) will evolve as necessary to ensure continued progress.