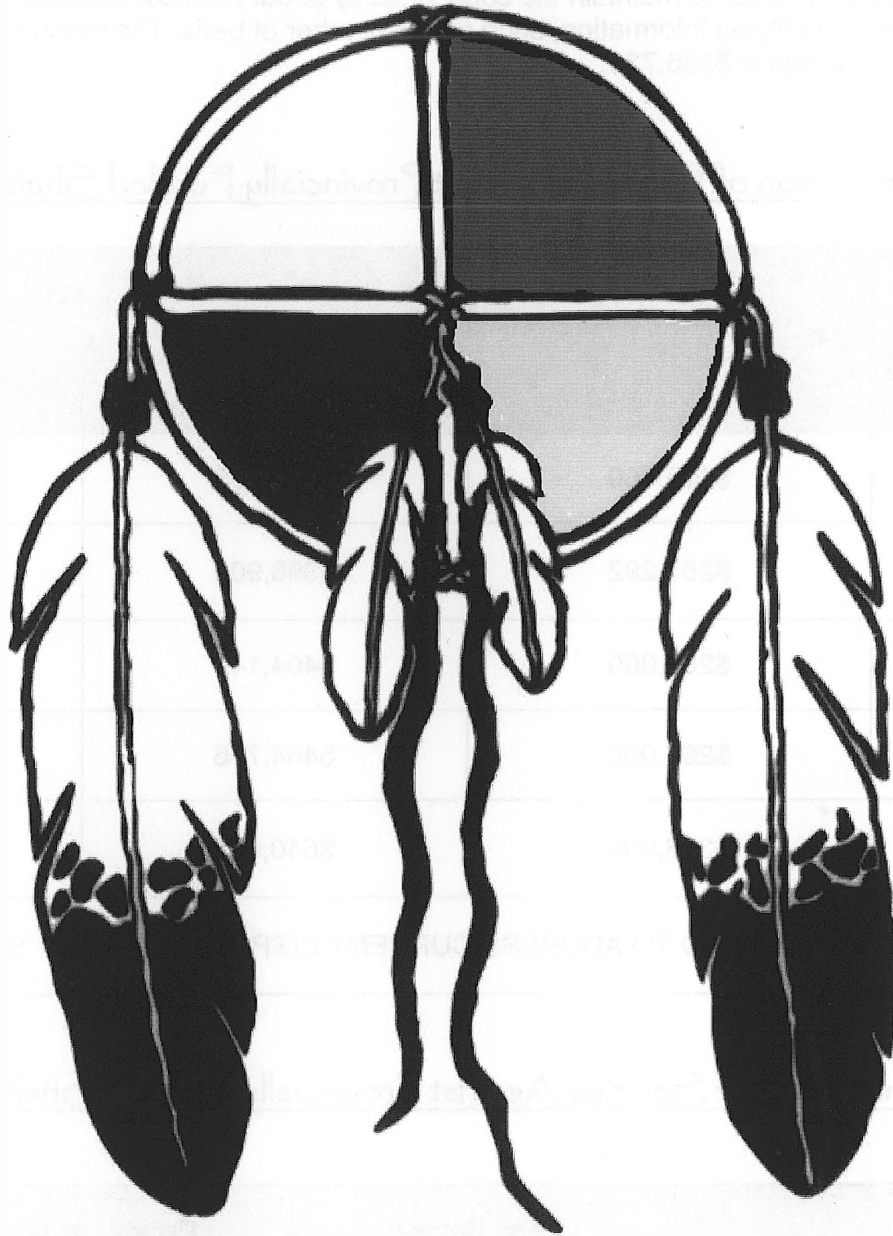


STOP DISCRIMINATION

Why are First Nations shelters worth LESS than other shelters in Alberta?



We ask you to help us remember the ways of our Grandmothers.

Our women and children have a sacred place.

Please help our families to heal.

Comparison of Funding By Shelter Size

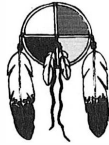
The five member ACWS shelters range in size, the smallest shelter holding 14 fewer beds than the largest. The difference in funding based upon shelter size is not based upon a formula. In order to maintain the confidentiality of our member shelters, we are not listing any identifying information, such as the number of beds. The mean funding amount in this range is \$236,730.

Comparison of Funding Against Provincially Funded Shelters

First Nations On-Reserve Shelters	Funds Provided by INAC	Funds Provided by the Province of Alberta	Disparity
A	\$165,460	\$398,903	\$234,443
B	\$261,292	\$398,903	\$137,611
C	\$262,000	\$404,142	\$142,142
D	\$282,000	\$484,726	\$202,726
E	\$308,000	\$640,686	\$332,686
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED TO ADDRESS CURRENT DISPARITY			\$1,049,608.00

Comparison of Salaries Against Provincially Funded Shelters

Position	Average Salary: INAC Funded Shelter	Provincial Mean Provincially Funded Shelters
Executive Director	\$40,900	\$61,528.80
Administrative Assistant	\$25,125	\$32,975.50
Crisis Counsellor	\$22,623	\$37,876



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against in funding levels and salary levels
and

Whereas families look to their leaders in
healing communities;

We are recommending:

1. That immediate action be taken to ensure parity for on-reserve shelters in Alberta with their Provincially funded counterparts by April 1st, 2005, and that this initiative remain an ongoing commitment by the Government of Canada.
2. That an adequately funded on-reserve Shelter Program be established by January of 2006, which includes the crisis line, outreach, follow-up, safe visitation, second stage housing and public education.

**Chiefs in Alberta Special Assembly on Health
March 16 – 17, 2005
Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre
Edmonton, Alberta**

Resolution #008/03/17/2005

RESOLUTION REGARDING ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Treaty 6, 7, and 8 met at a Special Assembly on Health on March 16 & 17, 2005 at the Chateau Louis Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta; and

WHEREAS on reserve shelters are discriminated against in funding levels and salary levels; and

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs in Alberta recommend that:

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2. That an adequately funded on-reserve Shelter Program be established by January of 2006, which includes the crisis line, outreach, follow-up, safe visitation, second stage housing and public education.

MOVED BY: Chief Rose Laboucan, Driftpile First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Ernest Wesley, Wesley Nation

QUESTION CALLED

RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION CHAIRMAN