

Josie Nepinak
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Professional Background

I have a 25 year background steeped in complex social issues working with Indigenous organizations and advocacy for Indigenous women and families affected by family violence. I am Anishinabe from treaty four and I believe in a balanced approach, with teachings of Indigenous wisdom and healing in combination with contemporary western methodologies in promoting the health and well-being of First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, families and communities. I have a Bachelor's degree in Women's Studies with ongoing education in management.

Professional Work Experience

Executive Director - Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society (Emergency Women's Shelter)

- For 25 years I have success fully provided leadership and strategic direction for the organizations goals and strategic directions.
- Overall responsibility for the daily operation of the emergency women's shelter and all shelter programs. This includes, family violence prevention, outreach and support rural and community support. Parent Link and youth and family programs and Indigenous Program Support.
- Ensure that our day to day practice aligns with Awo Taan, Aboriginal Framework for Healing and Wellness.
- Ensure that relevant policies and procedures are in place for efficient operation of the Shelter in accordance with the goals, objectives and By-Laws of the Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society.
- Development of procedures for the Shelter in accordance with polices, goals, objectives and By-laws of the Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society.
- Fiscal management and control of operating and capital funds, and budget preparation in consultation with the finance committee of the Board of Directors.
- To comply with all funding requirements, outcome measures and evaluation processes required by funding agents.
- To act as a liaison with related service agencies, Aboriginal agencies, organizations and Government bodies, as well as the media in conjunction with the Board chair or designated Board member.

Professional Affiliations

- Board member Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women
- Chair of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Committee (Calgary)
- Resolve Alberta, Research Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse
- Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative
- Canadian Femicide Observatory Justice and Accountability
- Calgary and Area Emergency Shelter Directors

Exhibit: National Inquiry into Missing and
Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Location/Phase: Part 2: Calgary

Witness: Josie Nepinak

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Initials

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