

These goals are accomplished through maintaining a therapeutic environment reflecting Aboriginal culture and spirituality.

Referrals can be made through the Provincial Placement Desk by various Child and Family Services agencies throughout Manitoba and Ontario as well as contacting the Program Supervisor directly.

Crisis Stabilization Unit

Email: CSU@Neecheewam.com

The CSU is a secure, Level V short term six bed crisis intervention program for males of all nations aged 9-17 years. This unit offers a safe, nurturing non-punitive environment for youth that are feeling overwhelmed, stressed or unable to cope. A stay in the unit is usually no longer than two to three days and should only be long enough to stabilize the youth. A clinical follow-up facilitator will assist the youth in the discharge process and make any necessary referrals to help with future planning.



Examples of crises to which we respond are:

- Parent/child conflict
- Difficulties with coping
- Thoughts of suicide
- Mental health concerns
- Traumatic events
- Acting out behaviors

Admissions are made through the **Youth Emergency Crisis Stabilization System** and can be accessed by calling (204) 949-4777.

Golden Eagle

Email: GoldenEagle@Neecheewam.com

This Co-Ed Unit is the most recent addition to the Neecheewam family and features a Level IV ten bed emergency resource that commenced shelter care November 2007.

The Southern First Nations Network of Care in partnership with Neecheewam endeavored on the development of this emergency resource in direct response to the Provincial Governments' "Changes for Children Initiative" that focused on providing

an alternative to the use of hotel placements for children/youth involved in the Child Welfare System.

Clientele are All Nations, male and/or female youth ages ranging from 12-17 years and in the care of Child and Family Services requiring emergency placement for 1-30 days. This recent revision allows CFS caseworkers approximately one calendar month to secure alternate placement arrangements from Golden Eagle.



Sibling Co-Placement (youth with child sibling 8-11 years) may be accommodated dependent on bed space availability, current group dynamics and subject to Coordinator approval.

The **Two-Tier Referral Process** consists of emergency placement inquiries from the Child Welfare System to The Alternative Placement Team (Southern Network of Care) at (204) 772-9900 Ext. 11204 Monday to Friday between 8:30am - 4:30pm or the **Afterhours Child and Family All Nations Coordinated Response Network (ANCR)** at (204) 944-4200. Next, intake inquiries are then transferred directly to Golden Eagle's Intake Line (204) 957-8800 (24 hours) for screening and admission review.

Golden Eagle Co-Ed Unit provides a safe, structured, nurturing and learning environment for emergency care clients.

The Golden Eagle team strives to promote advocacy, networking, alternate referral options and system accountability directly related to our clientele and collateral community contacts.

Contact Us:

Head Office:

Phone: (204) 775-9240

General Email: info@neecheewam.com

Careers: HumanResources@Neecheewam.com

White Butterfly

Phone: (204) 772-1175

Anderson House

Phone: (204) 774-5372

Golden Eagle

Phone: (204) 957-8800

Crisis Stabilization Unit:

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Vision Statement

Project Neecheewam Inc. (Neecheewam) is a professionally staffed community-based organization designed to meet the unique and individual needs of youth requiring safe care. Plans are facilitated through crisis intervention, alternative care and/or emergency resources that are reflected in a culturally diverse manner.

Operational Overview

Neecheewam is a private, non-profit organization which has been in operation since May of 1975. We are governed by a Board of Directors comprised of individuals from varying fields, and representing Native and non-Native communities and interests.



The ongoing affairs of the program are coordinated by the Executive Director through Program Managers and Supervisors assigned to each treatment program.

An additional complement of trained Youth Care Practitioners in each facility provides the primary counseling service.

Ensuring the development and recruitment of new staff, Neecheewam offers various training programs and practicum experiences to students.

Each treatment program offered by Neecheewam is licensed by the Province of Manitoba. Standards and quality of service is assured through regular monitoring, fire and health inspections and program evaluations. Annual issuance of a license is contingent upon satisfactory performance in each of these responsibilities.

Treatment Philosophy

Where breakdown is so severe as to necessitate intervention beyond the family unit, it is our belief that the most beneficial treatment alternative provides a "substitute family" within a community context.

Our treatment programs are eclectic, unique to each individual and adaptable to dynamic family functioning.

Our holistic approach encourages a sense of positive self-worth through emotional, physical, spiritual, intellectual and social growth.

Treatment Facilities

Neecheewam currently operates four residential facilities in Winnipeg for youth who have experienced severe family, personal and societal difficulties. These consist of:

- Anderson House (male)
- White Butterfly (female)
- Crisis Stabilization Unit (male)
- Golden Eagle (Co-Ed)

Anderson House

Email: AndersonHouse@Neecheewam.com

A Level IV residential resource for a maximum of six males aged 13-17 years. This facility is specific to aboriginal youth who have limited involvement with the justice system, but have demonstrated behaviours that indicate a need for additional structure, supervision and support.

They may have a Probation Officer or an ISSP (Intensive Support and Supervision Program) Worker.

Our unique program consists of:

- Intervention which assists youth to break away from gang involvement and its lifestyle.
- Daily one to one counseling addressing various social issues which could include anger management, victim impact awareness, substance abuse, healthy relationships and responsible sexuality through our life resource workbook.
- Building and continuing support while incarcerated.
- Cultural pride and awareness implementing spiritual, traditional, ceremonial and historical education, practices and teachings to actively promote and recognize each individual's sense of aboriginal identity.
- Weekly recreational activities to promote physical fitness, cultural awareness and entertainment.



- Building relationships between youth and community through volunteerism and networking within the community.
- A mandatory educational placement in a school/program specific to the needs of the individual youth.
- A dedicated liaison to attend with the youth's legal, school, and medical appointments.

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White Butterfly (Wabshke Memengwa)

Email: WhiteButterfly@Neecheewam.com

This Level IV residential facility is specific to six aboriginal females aged 11-14 years offering long-term programming. This facility is also specific to aboriginal youth who may have limited involvement with the justice system, but have demonstrated behaviours that indicate a need for additional structure, supervision and support.

We strive to achieve a nurturing and consistent therapeutic environment through group intervention and one to one counseling with Youth Care Practitioners.

In order for this to happen, we provide the following programs:

- Family environment to facilitate responsible age appropriate social, life and decision making skills.
- School program (mandatory) to provide each youth with academic skills and to encourage further academic goals and future successes.
- Individualized staff support and development based upon the individual programming needs of each client.
- Recreational Program to facilitate positive social development by providing alternatives to socially inappropriate behavior through activities in the community and within the home.
- Aboriginal Awareness Program to promote and recognize each youth's sense of identity.

