

## REFERRALS

Referrals can come from a number of sources including:

- Defence Counsel and Duty Counsel,
- Judges, Crown Attorneys,
- Community Legal Workers,
- Police Officers,
- Chief and Council,
- Community Resource Workers
- Friends and Family.

# AFTERCARE AND REINTEGRATION

Support is available for clients after their release from jail, whether on bail or after serving a sentence. Our staff work closely with clients to create a personalized healing plan that addresses both short-term and long-term goals. Clients are connected to:

- Positive mentorship
- Education and life-skills development
- Counselling and crises assistance
- Employment
- Housing
- Social and mental health programming

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# INDIGENOUS BAIL VERIFICATION & SUPERVISION PROGRAM

# COMMUNITY RELEASE & REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

# NISHNAWBE-ASKI LEGAL SERVICES



## WHAT IS BAIL?

Anyone who is arrested, taken into custody, and charged must be considered for bail. Bail is a court order that allows an individual facing criminal charges to be released back into the community while their case proceeds through the legal system. At the bail stage, everyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty, either through a plea or a trial.

## WHAT IS A BAIL PLAN?

Defense lawyers, duty counsel, and bail workers collaborate to create a comprehensive bail plan by identifying sureties, securing suitable residences, recommending conditions, and providing verified information to court officials. The goal of a bail plan is to address concerns that, if released, the accused may fail to appear in court, commit another offense, pose danger, or undermine public confidence in the justice system. A bail plan typically outlines:

- The residence where the accused will live.
- The individual responsible for supervising the accused.
- Any curfew that may be imposed.
- The necessary and reasonable release conditions.
- Measures to address issues related to alcohol, drugs, weapons, or violence.
- Plans to ensure the accused keeps up with court dates and can attend court.

## INDIGENOUS BAIL VERIFICATION AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM

Bail supervision plays a crucial role in the program by assisting accused individuals who lack the financial resources or social connections to secure release before trial. The program aims to monitor clients within the community by ensuring they attend court dates, adhere to bail conditions, and reside at approved addresses. When a referral is made for a client in custody, Indigenous Bail Workers conduct an intake meeting, followed by a risk-based assessment to determine the individual's eligibility for bail supervision. The Indigenous Bail Worker then develops a bail plan that outlines their eligibility to aid the court in its decision-making process.



### OBLIGATIONS FOR A CLIENT IN SUPERVISION:

- Attend scheduled meetings with their bail worker.
- Follow all conditions of release.
- Attend all court dates.
- Comply with the rules and obligations of the bail program.



## COMMUNITY RELEASE & REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

Community Release and Reintegration Workers play a crucial role in the bail program by providing Indigenous Bail Verification and Supervision services, which includes creating bail plans and offering supervision during the bail period to eligible clients. Other services offered include:

- Creating healing plans and support
- Reintegration for individuals leaving the criminal justice system.
- Providing legal information, referrals, and connections to support services.
- Offering language and culturally relevant services.
- Facilitating connections and assistance for clients.