

SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS



RESPECT



LOVE



TRUTH



HONESTY



COURAGE



WISDOM



HUMILITY

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

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WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence, also called domestic abuse or intimate partner violence, can be defined as a pattern of behaviour in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power or control over an intimate partner. This includes physical violence, mental, emotional, spiritual, financial and sexual abuse. This can occur to anyone regardless of gender, age, race, economic or social status. Any kind of abuse or violence is never okay. There's help for both the victim and the person causing harm (offender).

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual assault is any unwanted act, action or activity with another individual that you did not receive their consent or permission.

WHAT IS CONSENT?

Consent (giving permission) is the most important; NO means NO. No one can give consent on your behalf. If you give your consent, you can change your mind at any time and the individual must stop. Types of sexual assault may include: sexual abuse, rape, incest, childhood sexual abuse, sexual harassment, degrading sexual imagery, indecent or sexualized exposure.

DID YOU KNOW?

The legal age of consent in Canada is 16 years old. Persons under 16 years can have consensual sex with someone close in age:

- 12-13 year olds can consent to sexual activity with a partner who is less than two years older.
- 14-15 year olds can consent to sexual activity with a partner who is less than five years older.

These exceptions only apply if the older person is not in a position of authority or trust and there is no exploitation (taking advantage) or dependency.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Supports for all clients referred to the RJ SADV Program
- NEW: Kii-Ki-Dowin "Talking" - Victim Support Worker available to individuals impacted by sexual assault and domestic violence.

PROGRAMMING OFFERED

- Indigenous Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Program (alternate to PAR) – Ministry Approved
- Healing Circles with an Elder and supports
- Referrals for healing such as counselling, traditional teachings/ land base/cultural activities or ceremonies, access to Elders, anger management, and other means to promote healing