


Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto

2024-2025 Events



RELENTLESS RESILIENCE

"There have been systems designed to 'kill the Indian in the child', to break the spirit of our culture. Sadly, this has resulted in the stealing of the breath of our sisters.

These systems are not gone; they have taken new forms and the outcomes are the same. It is critical that an examination, a dismantling, and a reconstruction of systems occur. **This process must be Indigenous-led.** This is how we right wrongs & proclaim that Indigenous women are sacred.

Indigenous women are life givers; water protectors, they are balance, they are strength, they are sacred."

Pamela Hart, Executive Director of the Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto

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43% OF INDIGENOUS-IDENTIFIED RESPONDENTS OF THE TRANS-PULSE PROJECT, have experienced physical or sexual violence motivated by transphobia.

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"The woman is the foundation on which Nations are built. She is the heart of her Nation.

If that heart is weak, the people are weak. If her heart is strong and her mind is clear, then the Nation is strong & knows its purpose.

The woman is the centre of everything."

Art Solomon, Ojibwe Elder
"Kesheyanakwan" (Fast Moving Cloud)

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GRASSROOTS KNOWLEDGE

Many Indigenous girls' point of entry into the criminal justice system is a charge for an offence committed in a **child welfare facility**. Girls may be charged with assault on a staff member or other 'violent' crimes and are sent to detention centres, where they meet recruiters working for sex traffickers, who are often being exploited themselves.

Given the rates that Indigenous children are apprehended from their families, their overrepresentation in the child welfare system **actually leads** to their overrepresentation in the criminal justice system and the sex trade.

So, it's safe to say that due to systemic racism and inequity, Indigenous girls are at a higher risk of being exploited, **from the moment they are born.**

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