

## ONTARIO NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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**Representation of philanthropists to conduct deep dive due diligence in consideration of a high seven figure principal level capital campaign philanthropic investment, and to define components of stewardship, recognition, and gift agreement.**



The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) is a not-for-profit organization to empower and support all Indigenous women and their families in the province of Ontario, Canada, through research, advocacy, policy development and programs that focus on local, regional and provincial activities.

Established in 1971, ONWA delivers culturally enriched programs and services to Indigenous women and their families regardless of their status or locality. ONWA welcomes and has always been inclusive of all self-identifying Indigenous women and girls, including Two-Spirit people. The vision is to celebrate and honour the safety and healing of Indigenous women and girls as they take up their leadership roles in the family, community and internationally for generations to come, and to provide services that strengthen communities and guarantee the preservation of Indigenous culture, identity, art, language and heritage.

Ending violence against Indigenous women and their families and ensuring equal access to justice, education, health services, environmental stewardship and economic development sit at the cornerstone of the organization.

ONWA is committed to using a human rights framework as its foundation, and for its work, by applying the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). This framework supports Indigenous women's individual and collective rights to have their own agency, to be directly and meaningfully engaged on issues that directly impact them and to reclaim their leadership.



ONWA offers the 29 programs and services in 9 cities and towns (Hamilton, Napanee, Ottawa, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Kenora, Greenstone, Sioux Lookout, Toronto) with the goal to:

- Reclaim Indigenous women's role as matriarchs (leadership) in their families and communities.
- Restore Indigenous women's identity and inherent rights beyond a jurisdictional approach.
- Reconcile relationships to ensure that Indigenous women have a right to safety regardless of location.
- Recognize that Indigenous women are the medicine needed to heal themselves, families, and communities.

Programs include:

- **Babaamendam (Trauma-Informed Care)** - Creates safe spaces for Indigenous women who wish to exit oppressive and violent situations.
- **Breaking Free from Family Violence** - Delivers services to families at risk of or involved with child welfare and/or family violence sectors and supports women to navigate through the complex systems encountered when experiencing violence and involvement in child welfare matters.
- **Centralized Intake** - Provides a single point of contact for referents and community members to access immediate supports and brief services across the province of Ontario.
- **Community Health Outreach** - Builds community capacity in community health and wellness, with the knowledge that if Indigenous women are well, the community is well.
- **Community Wellness** - Delivers strength-based, culturally- grounded programming, working one-on-one with families to support Indigenous women's leadership.
- **Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women** - Provides education, training and tools to empower and support Indigenous women's healing, specifically survivors of sexual assault and abuse, based on the needs of the individuals.
- **Gladue Aftercare** - Provides supports and services to ensure Indigenous women's voice is heard in the justice process.
- **Gladue Writer** - First ever Gladue Program for Indigenous women by Indigenous women. Provides supports and services to ensure Indigenous women's voice is heard in the justice process.
- **Indigenous Anti-Human Trafficking** - Supports Indigenous communities in providing survivor-focused and localized responses to end Human Trafficking.
- **Indigenous Diabetes Education** - Educates and supports communities about the risk of diabetes and diabetes management.
- **Indigenous Healthy Babies Healthy Children** - Assists Indigenous families in providing the best possible opportunities for healthy development of children through family home visiting, service coordination, and referrals.





- **Indigenous Responsible Gambling Awareness** - Provides community awareness, education, prevention, and resource development regarding responsible gambling for the benefit of all Indigenous women and their families.
- **Indigenous Sexual Assault Program** - Provides culturally relevant and trauma informed services to Indigenous women who have experience sexual assault and/or sexual violence.
- **Indigenous Victim and Family Liaison** - Provides culturally relevant services, guidance, support, and advocacy for Indigenous women who have experienced violence and the families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- **Land-Based Healing Camps** - Provides land-based services that meet the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being through a culturally trauma-informed approach.
- **Maamawi (All Together) Parenting** - Combines traditional/cultural teachings with modern parenting practices to support Indigenous mothers and their families.
- **Mental Health and Wellness** - Utilizes a trauma-informed and traditional support framework to provide support and advocacy services to Indigenous women and their families.
- **Mindimooyenh Health Clinic** - Offers a holistic community member driven approach to vaccination and healthcare in a safe space.
- **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Family Support** - Supports families and loved ones of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIWG) with the reconciliation and healing process.
- **Nihdawin** - Assists the Indigenous population in Thunder Bay that are at risk of homelessness, and those experiencing homelessness.
- **She is Wise Program** - Builds leadership and capacity rooted in Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing and being through a focus on Indigenous woman at the center approach.
- **Ska-Be (Helper)** - Provides support services to improve the health and wellbeing of urban Indigenous elderly women and/or those with chronic illness or disabilities.
- **Trusted Sources Program** - The Trusted Sources Program assists with the application, facilitation, and renewals for applicants who have already been registered under the Indian Act.
- **Urban Aboriginal Strategy** - ONWA is the sponsoring agency for the Thunder Bay Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee.
- **Youth Cultural Intervention Program** - Provides immediate support to female youth involved with, transitioning out, or at risk of involvement in the justice systems, police involvement, probation, and parole systems.
- **Youth Education Program** - The Youth Education Support Workers guide youth in creating community connections, teach essential life skills, incorporate traditional knowledge, provide peer based mental health support, and various forms of advocacy.
- **Youth in Transition** - Delivers housing supports and services to youth (16-17) years old who are in a Voluntary Youth Services Agreement.



- **Youth in Transition - Human Trafficking** - Youth In Transition - Human Trafficking supports youth that are at risk, currently involved in or are survivors of human trafficking and sex trades.
- **Youth Life Promotion (Mentorship)** - Supports Indigenous youth life promotion and suicide prevention activities, including mental health and wellness supports, and clinical and land-based programming.

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