

## Program Objectives

- Assist women to move forward after sexual assault.
- Increase access to victim services for Aboriginal women.
- Heighten awareness and understanding of sexual assault and abuse among Aboriginal women and girls who have already been victimized and who, in many cases, are at risk of re-victimization.
- Provide access to traditional healing ceremonies.
- Educate service providers, health professionals, community leaders and community members in general about sexual violence towards Aboriginal girls and women.
- Develop working relationships with community partners to develop strategies to address sexual violence towards Aboriginal women and girls.



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# Aboriginal Sexual Assault Program



Ending Violence Against  
Aboriginal Women Initiative

*A Voice for Aboriginal Women  
and their Families*

# Aboriginal Sexual Assault Program Summary

This initiative will provide support services to Aboriginal women who are victims of sexual assault in the Sioux Lookout and Timmins regions.

Services are specific to Aboriginal women victimized by sexual assault and abuse and will be based on the needs of the individual Aboriginal woman. Services are holistic and incorporate multi-faceted supports to ensure healing from, and an understanding of, sexual violence and abuse.

## Client Support

- Intake
- Advocacy
- Healing Circles
- Cultural Teachings
- Assist with Basic Needs
- Assist with Transportation
- Emergency Crisis & Child Care
- Assessment & Goal Setting
- Group & Individual Counseling (Traditional and Contemporary)
- Education & Awareness Workshops
- Referrals
- Partnering with Community Agencies
- Aftercare Follow-up & Support

## ABOUT ONWA

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) was established in 1971 and is a unified voice for equity, equality and justice for Aboriginal women through cultural restoration within and across Nations.

The Ontario Native Women's Association delivers the Ending Aboriginal Violence Against Women Initiative in 2 communities:

- Timmins
- Sioux Lookout

