



The Multi-Agency Partnership  
(MAP) on Justice Presents:

*Circles of Learning  
Conference &  
Community Gathering*

May 27 & 28th, 2014  
Blue Quills First Nations College  
St. Paul, AB



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## About the Multi-Agency Partnership (MAP) on Justice

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The Multi-Agency Partnership (MAP) on Justice is established to build, promote and strengthen new and existing partnerships aimed at addressing community identified priorities of justice issues in the St. Paul Judicial District in North Central Alberta.

### VISION

MAP on Justice is effectively bringing together communities and organizations to work together to improve access to justice for all peoples living in North-East Alberta.

### MISSION

MAP on Justice is a vehicle to bring communities and organizations together to address issues in the justice system through collaboration, information sharing and capacity building.

### MAP is a Shared Circle of Responsibility Which Endeavours to

- Identify and support best practices;
- Identify and address gaps in the legal system;
- Develop linkages with organizations and communities;
- Enhance access to services and programs through community service providers;
- Maximize access to and effectiveness of public legal education resources, including outreach to service providers;
- Increase accessibility to a variety of services; and
- Coordinate and deliver training for service providers to increase their knowledge of other services, Public Legal Education Information, and the cultural and social contexts in which service delivery occurs.

To learn more about MAP, log onto to [maponjustice.weebly.com](http://maponjustice.weebly.com) for membership information and upcoming meetings and other events.

## Message from the Organizers:

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The Circles of Learning Conference is a MAP on Justice Initiative that aims to bring together the legal community to discuss justice issues as they relate to the delivery of legal services to the vulnerable and underserved individuals and communities in need of legal assistance.

The emphasis of this Conference is on strengthening partnerships among the key players in the justice system and to this end, Portage College Public Legal Education took a lead role in bringing together these key players and organizing a conference schedule.

Through plenary sessions, workshops, networking opportunities and special programming, the Conference provides a wide range of learning and sharing experiences for all attendees.

## CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

### Tuesday, May 27

Time	Description				
8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration				
8:30 -9:00am	Welcome, Prayer and Ceremony (Saddle Lake Restorative Justice)				
9:00 – 9:45 am	Plenary Session- Jan Reimer on Domestic Violence				
9:45 – 10:00 am	Nutrition Break				
10:00 – 11:00 am <b>BLOCK 1</b>	Child Exploitation Cold Lake Victim Services	Lateral Violence Tracy Makokis	FASD and the Law Lakeland FASD	Going to Court Bearpaw Legal Resource	Restorative Justice Gayle Desmeules
11:00 – Noon <b>BLOCK 2</b>	Human Trafficking ACT Alberta	Lateral Violence (continued) Tracy Makokis	Provincial Diversion Service Paul Hawthorne Doris Couillard	Self-Representation Bearpaw Legal Resource	Youth Technology- SACE
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch				
1:00 – 1:45 pm <b>BLOCK 3</b>	Gang Awareness RCMP – K Division Aboriginal Policing	Circles are a restorative practice- Sharon Steinhauer	Maintenance Enforcement Act (MEP)	Gladue Writing Probations	Youth Technology- (continued) SACE
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Nutrition Break				
2:00 – 3:00 pm <b>BLOCK 4</b>	Community Policing TBD	Circles are a restorative practice(continued) Sharon Steinhauer	Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Brenda Zimmerman	Family Group Conferencing- Bearpaw Legal Resource Center	Youth Technology- (continued) SACE
3:00 <b>BLOCK 5</b>	Blue Quills Cultural Camp - Horse Dance Ceremony & Feast				

### Wednesday, May 28

8:30 am – 9:45 am	Welcome
	<b>Inherent and Treaty Rights as Economic Rights- Crystal Lameman</b>
9:45 – 10:00	Nutrition Break
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Alberta Serious Incident Response Team - Clif Purvis</b>
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Aboriginal Human Rights Perspective in Alberta - Muriel Stanley Venne</b>
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	<b>Panel - Indigenous Rights and Activism 101</b> Crystal Lameman, Eriel Deranger & Ken Dion
2:00 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 4:30	<b>Circle of Justice Community Gathering</b> These sessions are an overview of the roles and functions of the agency in supporting vulnerable and underserved populations.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Columbus House of Hope – Noreen Cotton</li> <li>2. St Paul Victim Services – Guy Genereux/Pat Laramée</li> <li>3. St Paul FCSS – Linda Boone</li> <li>4. Brain Injury Network – Tracy Yarmenko</li> <li>5. Probations – TBD</li> <li>6. Legal Aid of Alberta- Janet Fontaine</li> <li>7. St Paul Diversion Service – Doris Coulliard</li> <li>8. Try School Initiative – Penny Vasseur</li> <li>9. NCSA -TBD</li> </ol>
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## Session Descriptions & Registration Codes

### *Block 1 Breakout Sessions (10:00 am – 11:00 a.m.)*

CODE	SESSION TITLE & DESCRIPTION
1A	<p><b>Exploitation of Children</b>  <b>Presenter: Dave Zimmerman, Cold Lake Victim Services Unit</b>            The Internet has changed the way child sexual exploitation offences are committed, investigated, and prosecuted. Learn how the RCMP is committed to reducing the vulnerability and exploitation of children by identifying victimized children, investigating and assisting in the prosecution of sexual offenders, providing training, education, operational research, and investigative support to our policing partners.</p>
1B	<p><b>Lateral Violence (BLOCKS 1B &amp; 2B are one session)</b>  <b>Presenter: Tracey Makokis, Victims Services, Justice and Solicitor General</b>            Lateral Violence occurs with marginalized groups where members trike out at each other as a result of being oppressed. The oppressed become the oppressors of themselves and each other. Learn common behaviors that prevent positive change from occurring include gossiping, bullying, finger-pointing, backstabbing and shunning (this session continues in block 2).</p>
1C	<p><b>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and the law</b>            Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is an umbrella term for the leading causes of mental and developmental disabilities in the Western world. Learn what FASD is, the importance of diagnosing FASD and learn how Lakeland FASD assists clients in dealing with justice related issues—FASD and the Law.</p>
1D	<p><b>Going to Court</b>  <b>Presenter: Nadine Calihoo-Hansen, Bearpaw Legal Resource Center</b>            What people need to know about the court process once they’ve been charged, available resources and considerations made in respect to Aboriginal culture. The target audience would be youth over the age of 12 or anyone involved in or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system. The workshop length is approximately 1½ hours. Accompanied by BLERC’s “Going To Court” pamphlet and the “Fighting Chance” animated video.</p>
1E	<p><b>Restorative Justice</b>  <b>Presenter: Gayle Desmeules, Native Counselling Services of Alberta</b>            Restorative justice can be seen as a set of principles which guide agencies and practitioners rather than a particular practice. Learn how it offers alternative ways of thinking about crime by emphasizing the</p>



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	harm crime does to the community, and how the community rather than the state can respond to crime in more satisfactory ways.
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## *Block 2 Breakout Sessions (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)*

CODE	SESSION TITLE & DESCRIPTION
2A	<p><b>Human Trafficking</b>  <b>Presenter: ACT Alberta</b>            In Alberta, human trafficking charges have been laid in rural communities as well as major urban centres. Learn how people may be trafficked for labour and/or sexual exploitation, how traffickers may be intimate partners, employers, recruiters, family members or organized crime groups.</p>
2B	<p><b>Lateral Violence (BLOCKS 1B &amp; 2B are one session)</b>  <b>Presenter: Tracey Makokis, Victims Services, Justice and Solicitor General</b>            Lateral Violence occurs with marginalized groups where members trike out at each other as a result of being oppressed. The oppressed become the oppressors of themselves and each other. Learn common behaviors that prevent positive change from occurring include gossiping, bullying, finger-pointing, backstabbing and shunning.</p>
2C	<p><b>St Paul Diversion Program</b>  <b>Presenter: Doris Couillard/Provincial Diversion Program representatives</b>            Learn how the Provincial Diversion Service, Addictions and Mental Health, assist clients by redirecting persons suffering from a mental health disorder or a Mental Health disorder with a concurrent substance abuse disorder who have been arrested for minor nonviolent crimes, from the Justice System to community based mental health programs or community support services.            “Alberta Provincial Diversion Training Video”</p>
2D	<p><b>Self-Representation:</b>  <b>Presenter: Nadine Calihoo-Hansen, Bearpaw Legal Resource Center</b>            Representing yourself in court, by choice or circumstance, is overwhelming at the best of times. This workshop will guide you through the court and trial process and provide resources available to assist you. We will also be doing a scripted role-play. Can be facilitated independently for approximately 2 hours or nicely follows the Going To Court Workshop for a total of approximately 3 hours.            Accompanied by BLERC’s “Going To Court” Video and pamphlet.</p>
2E	<p><b>Youth, Sexual Violence and Technology (Blocks 2E, 3E &amp; 4E are one session)</b>  <b>Presenter: Nikki Brenner, Sexual Assault Center of Edmonton</b>            The Youth, Sexual Violence and Technology workshop is a 3 hour session that looks at the primary ways in which technology is used to facilitate sexual violence, specifically in the lives of teens and young adults. The presentation brings SACE’s non-victim blaming perspectives on sexual assault into the issue of sexual violence facilitated by technology.</p>

## *Block 3 Breakout Sessions (1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)*

CODE	SESSION TITLE & DESCRIPTION
3A	<p><b>Gang Awareness</b>  <b>Presenter: RCMP K Division Aboriginal Policing, Clayton Bird, Darryl Bruno</b>            This workshop will outline activity streams targeting youth, parents, and the general community to</p>

	address a number of risk factors among youth ages 7 to 17, who are experiencing increased violence, addictions and gang activity.
<b>3B</b>	<p><b>A Circle is a Restorative Practice...(BLOCKS 3B &amp; 4B are one session)</b>  <b>Presenter: Sharon Steinhauer, Blue Quills First Nations College</b></p> <p>The most critical function of restorative practices is restoring and building relationships. All circles are restorative even though there are different circles with different intents and limitless applications in a wide range of settings. This session will describe elements and processes that are common to all circles and will provide a foundation for beginning practitioners.</p>
<b>3C</b>	<p><b>Maintenance Enforcement</b>  <b>Presenter: Connie Doverspike, David Specht</b></p> <p>The Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP) acts as an intermediary, or go-between, for clients who have child or spousal support owed to them. Learn how MEP receives the payment from the payer (debtor) and forwards this payment to the recipient (creditor) once the funds have been cleared through a trust account.</p>
<b>3D</b>	<p><b>Gladue Writing</b>  <b>Presenter: Office of Probations, Justice and Solicitor General</b></p> <p>The Gladue Report explains the unique circumstances of an Aboriginal person in court; and how these circumstances apply to the crime so that the individual can be sentenced appropriately. Learn how Justice and Solicitor General are involved in the preparation and submission of “Gladue” writings.</p>
<b>3E</b>	<p><b>Youth, Sexual Violence and Technology (Blocks 2E, 3E &amp; 4E are one session)</b>  <b>Presenter: Nikki Brenner, Sexual Assault Center of Edmonton</b></p> <p>The Youth, Sexual Violence and Technology workshop is a 3 hour session that looks at the primary ways in which technology is used to facilitate sexual violence, specifically in the lives of teens and young adults. The presentation brings SACE’s non-victim blaming perspectives on sexual assault into the issue of sexual violence facilitated by technology.</p>

## *Block 4 Breakout Sessions (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)*

CODE	SESSION TITLE & DESCRIPTION
<b>4A</b>	<p><b>Community Policing</b>  <b>Presenter: RCMP</b></p> <p>Community policing is defined by the RCMP as problem solving in partnership with clients/communities to ensure continuous improvement in service delivery. Learn what community policing is and which models the RCMP have developed to work with communities while providing quality service.</p>
<b>4B</b>	<p><b>A Circle is a Restorative Practice...(BLOCKS 3B &amp; 4B are one session)</b>  <b>Presenter: Sharon Steinhauer, Blue Quills First Nations College</b></p> <p>The most critical function of restorative practices is restoring and building relationships. All circles are restorative even though there are different circles with different intents and limitless applications in a wide range of settings. This session will describe elements and processes that are common to all circles and will provide a foundation for beginning practitioners.</p>
<b>4C</b>	<p><b>The Protection Against Children Abusing Drugs Act (PChAD)</b>  <b>Presenter: Brenda Zimmerman</b></p> <p>The Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act (PChAD) is an Alberta law that took effect on July 1, 2006 to help children under 18 years of age whose use of alcohol or drugs is likely to cause significant allows you, as a legal guardian, to ask the Court for a protection order.</p>

<b>4D</b>	<p><b>Family Group Conferencing</b>  <b>Presenter: Nadine Calihoo-Hansen, Bearpaw Legal Resource Center</b>          Explains what an FGC is, it's historical roots and describes the process. The target audience would be families who are or are at risk of becoming involved with Children's Services as well as front line family support workers. This workshop can either be a stand alone or be partnered with the ABC's of the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act workshop depending on host site needs and time.          Accompanied by BPMedia Video "The Sacred Circle"</p>
<b>4E</b>	<p><b>Youth, Sexual Violence and Technology (Blocks 2E, 3E &amp; 4E are one session)</b>  <b>Presenter: Nikki Brenner, Sexual Assault Center of Edmonton</b>          The Youth, Sexual Violence and Technology workshop is a 3 hour session that looks at the primary ways in which technology is used to facilitate sexual violence, specifically in the lives of teens and young adults. The presentation brings SACE's non-victim blaming perspectives on sexual assault into the issue of sexual violence facilitated by technology.</p>

## *Block 5 Blue Quills Four Ceremonies Gathering (3:00 p.m.)*

CODE	SESSION TITLE & DESCRIPTION
<b>5A</b>	<p><b>Horse Dance Ceremony &amp; Feast</b>  <b>Newo-isihcikewina mamawikapesiwin (4 ceremonies gathering) provides a collective experience in a natural land-based setting. We bring generations together to nurture and celebrate the spirit of family. Participants access social &amp; spiritual opportunities to empower communities to break the abuse cycle and continue the healing journey for generations yet to be born.</b>  <b>*A note to female participants, long skirts are required to attend ceremony. Log on to <a href="http://maponjustice.weebly.com/">http://maponjustice.weebly.com/</a> for information on Blue Quills' cultural camp activities.</b></p>

## Day 2 Plenary Session Descriptions

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### **Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) with Clif Purvis**

ASIRT has jurisdiction over all sworn police officers in the Province of Alberta. Their mandate is to investigate incidents or complaints involving serious injury\* or death of any person, and matters of a serious or sensitive nature, that may have resulted from the actions of a police officer. They are governed by Section 46.1 of the Police Act, and currently have two offices located in Edmonton and Calgary. ASIRT does not take complaints from the public, rather files are forwarded to ASIRT by the Solicitor General. The public should forward any complaints to the police agency in question.

Mr. Purvis is a lawyer and career bureaucrat, who has devoted his career to public service. He has served in Alberta as the Director of Law Enforcement and as the Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Security. As a prosecutor he has appeared in all levels of Court in Alberta conducting both trials and appeals on behalf of the Attorney General. While assigned to the Special Prosecutions Branch Mr. Purvis was the Coordinator for Organized Crime investigations and prosecutions. He is currently the civilian in charge of ASIRT; an independent agency with a mandate to investigate serious police misconduct and those incidents where the actions of Police cause serious injury or death. As the Civilian Director of ASIRT, he is responsible for ensuring independent, objective investigations into incidents involving Alberta's police.



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### **Aboriginal Human Rights Perspective in Alberta with Muriel Stanley-Venne**

Muriel Stanley Venne has been a leader in the Aboriginal and Métis communities of Alberta for over 30 years. Stanley Venne has an abiding belief in the strength and spirit of Aboriginal and Métis women – a conviction that is reflected in her long-standing commitment to advancing their status. She has worked as a human rights advocate and human rights commissioner, later diversifying her focus to better understand and assist her people. Stanley Venne served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, is a lifetime member of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, and was founder of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women. Her tireless work has helped to break down stereotypes, fight racism and address the obstacles to equality for Aboriginal women, children and families.

In 1996, she spearheaded the production of a publication on Aboriginal human rights and a booklet aimed at Aboriginal youth. She recently established the Social Justice Award to honour individuals who have done outstanding work for Aboriginal women. For her exceptional record of excellence as a human rights advocate, Stanley Venne has received numerous awards, including the Bowden Native Brotherhood Award, the Canadian Merit Award, Métis Woman of the Year, the 1998 Alberta Human Rights Award, the 2002 Queen's Commemoration Medal, the Aboriginal Role Model Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2004, the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Justice and Human Rights.

In 2005 Stanley Venne received the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case. In June of the same year she was named a Member of the Order of Canada. In February 2007 she was recognized as a Woman of Vision by Global Television. In November 2007 Canadian Ambassador McNee recognized her work at the United Nations citing her as a "Human Rights Defender" of the human rights issues pertaining to Aboriginal women, children and families. On September 2008 she was elected Vice President of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

### **Inherent and Treaty Rights as Economic Rights with Crystal Lameman**

Crystal feels it is her obligation as a mother to protect her land, water and culture for her children and future generations. Currently, Crystal is the Tar Sands Program Coordinator for Sierra Club Canada, the Alberta Climate and Energy Campaigner for Sierra Club Prairie Chapter and is a fellow of the Indigenous Environmental Network. She utilizes her formal academia – Two University Degrees in Arts and Science, and Education; but above all her Indigenous ways of knowing and being to articulate the impacts of the direct exploitation of the oil sands. Whilst addressing the environmental racism the Government of Canada imposes on First Nations people in the name of resource extraction.

"We have come to a point where we have no choice left but to lift up our inherent treaty rights – our birthrights. The Crown and this Government do not get to pick the pieces of their law it likes and which one's it does not, they made their laws thus they have to abide by them. As First Nations people, we abide by natural law, and there is nothing natural about a people dying from cancer and suffering from respiratory illnesses" she exclaims. Although the Beaver Lake Cree's rights to hunt and fish for all time are enshrined in Treaty 6, their land is being usurped by the oil sands industry, which destroys the very habitat of the animals and fish they depend on and when those ecosystems are being affected, the inherent right to sustain themselves is affected, which means their Constitutionally protected rights are violated, giving Treaty title holders grounds to sue. Which the Beaver Lake Cree did in 2008, citing over 17,000 Treaty Rights violations and infringements. The case is winnable. The law is clearly on the side of First Nations. The case is currently being carried forward by the Beaver Lake Cree's current leadership and Crystal uses this as one example of how First Nations people can assert their rights whilst offering a solution.





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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	
<b>Mailing address</b>	
<b>Daytime contact #</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Comments or special needs</b>	

### SESSIONS

#### Workshop Blocks

#### Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Block 1 – 10:00 – 11:00 am  
 Block 2 – 11:00 – 12:00 pm  
 Block 3 – 1:00 – 1:45 pm  
 Block 4 – 2:00 – 3:00 pm  
 Block 5 – 3:00 – TBD

#### Preference 1

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#### Wednesday, May 28, 2014 - Community Gathering On Justice

Please indicate if you will be attending one or both of the following and if you will require an exhibitor's table:

- Morning – State of Indigenous Rights Today
- Afternoon - Circle of Justice Support Services
- My organization will require an exhibitor/information table during the Day 2 Community Gathering (fee is \$10 in addition to conference fees)

### CONFERENCE FEES & PAYMENT

Early Bird- Full Conference Fee available until Monday, May 5, 2015

\$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Regular - Full Conference Fee (May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014)

\$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day 1 Only Fee

\$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day 2 Only Fee

\$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor/Information Table Fee

\$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

**REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED UNTIL BOTH PAYMENT AND BOOKING FORM HAS BEEN RECEIVED**

- Check or Money Order Enclosed (Checks must be payable to "Portage College and reference "Public Legal Education, MAP Conference")
- Credit card payment (VISA and Mastercard) - Please indicate a time during the week day that would be best for us to contact you to collect your credit card details over the phone. Please do not include your credit card details (number, expiry date, etc.) on this form. Best to call: \_\_\_\_\_.



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## WAYS TO REGISTER

**Mail:** MAP Circles of Learning Conference, c/o Portage College Public Legal Education, Box 417, Lac La Biche, AB, T0A 2C0 | **Phone:** 780-623-5680 | **Fax:** 780-623-5616 | **Email:** [shelley.jackson@portagecollege.ca](mailto:shelley.jackson@portagecollege.ca)

## CANCELLATIONS

For Conference registration cancellations received by May 5, 2014, the registration fee will be refunded, less a \$20 service fee. No refunds will be made after May 5th, but paid no-shows will receive all materials covered by their registration fees. Substitutions for registrants will be accepted, preferably with advance notice. If MAP on Justice cancels the Conference due to circumstances beyond MAP's reasonable control such as, but not limited to, acts of God, government emergency, and/or unavailability of the event or exhibition facility, MAP shall refund to attendee his/her previously paid registration fee(s) less a share of event costs incurred by MAP. This refund shall be attendee's exclusive remedy and MAP's sole liability for cancellation of the event for reasons generally described in this paragraph.

## REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

All bookings will be confirmed in writing. Nearer to the conference you will receive further information by email so please make sure you include your email address.

## EXPENSES

Delegates will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. The conference fee includes registration for the conference, conference materials, lunch and refreshments on both days. Dinner is not included.

## INFORMATION

If you require further information about the conference please contact the conference coordinator:

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Log on to [maponjustice.weebly.com](http://maponjustice.weebly.com) for conference schedules and updates.