



The Bail Residency

WHAT IS NE-CHEE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE?

The Ne-Chee Friendship Centre is a not-for-profit Centre that is mandated to serve the needs of all Indigenous people regardless of legal definition. Ne-Chee currently offers 22 programs and continues to partner with community programs to ensure our client's needs are met while transitioning or living in an Urban Area.

The Friendship Centre



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Bail Verification & Supervision Program

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WHAT IS THE BVSP PROGRAM?

The Bail Verification & Supervision Program is an Indigenous Bail Program for those who do not have the social and financial means to be released on their own recognizance (bail) and would benefit from a supervision program. The Bail program is meant to serve two principles:

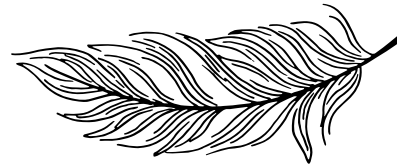
1. The presumption of innocence before conviction
2. The fair equitable treatment of people regardless of their social and economic background

Our program gives an individual the opportunity to deal with proceedings in community rather than custody, unless in the case of a breach. This program aims to reduce the high volume of persons remanded and waiting in custody on bail, as well as connect with culturally appropriate community organizations and programs. The BVSP program provides additional support in difficult times and offers a holistic approach to healing; remaining sensitive to any cultural needs as a part of the healing.



WHERE WILL I RESIDE DURING THE BVSP PROGRAM?

If the person seeking bail does not have a permanent residence or surety within city limits of Kenora, an application to the Bail Residency Program can be submitted by an individual's legal representation. Our program offers a residence located in Kenora which provides meals, as well as an individual bedroom for each resident. The residence is staffed 24/7.



WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE BVSP PROGRAM?

Residents are expected to complete daily assigned responsibilities, such as weekly supervision. In the BVSP program, everyone is expected to remain productive during the week; this means participating in volunteering, becoming employed, or continuing with education. Weekly programming and activities are offered.



What will a Bail Worker do?

- Verify program eligibility, intake
- Provide Supervision
- Advocate and provide resources, support, and crisis counselling
- Communicate and advocate with partner agencies to assist client in community

A Bail Worker will not:

- Provide legal advice
- Act as a probation officer
- Select lawyers for clients
- Act as an interpreter

