



Ouje-Bougoumou
Cree Justice Symposium
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Criminal Justice Challenges

1. Alcohol & Drugs (50%)
2. Vandalism (10%)
3. Break & Entry (10%)
4. Theft (5%)
5. Gangs (10%)
6. Assaults (conjugal) (Sexual) (10%)
7. Impaired Driving (5%)

Criminal Issues

- 95% of Police calls are Alcohol & drug related
- Gang members have no family belonging
- Youth gathering in vacant house
- Family Violence - cases not reported
- Sexual Abuse - unreported



Suggestions Crime Reduction

- Work with Families to promote Parental Involvement / Responsibility and Prevent Crime.
- Have more Social Programs available for all community members.
- Police need to be more involved in promoting Crime Prevention with local entities (School, Band, Arena)
- Local Community Security Workers
- 24 hr Shelter for Youth in Distress
- Have a Cree Nation Help Line 1-800-HELP

Crime Prevention



- Stable Youth Activities
- Weekly on-Going recreation activities/ available for different age groups.
- Monthly Special Guest Speakers (Local / Outside)
- Parent & Child/Youth Activities
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What our Community would like to see from the GCC / CRA?

- More Funding for Youth Department, a need for more employees and programs (New Youth Center, with new equipment).
- Alcohol & Drug Prevention and other Prevention programs (Speak up Program)
- Confidential therapeutic and Healing services available in the community on a consistent and on-going basis.
- More support for families and children between the ages of 1 & 5 years of age (Brighter Futures, Positive Parenting, home visits to new mothers)

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Restorative Justice



- **Healing Circles:** resolving a problem within the two parties (victim & offender)
- **Support:** (family, friends, workers, community)
- **Mediation,** Local members are trained mediators
- **Resolution Agreements:** between victim & offender
- **Alternative options:** bush camp healing, programs from Cree Health Board
- **Follow-up:** on resolution agreements

How Restorative Justice Conferencing Works



Current Programs

Sports & Recreation

- Summer Activities >
- Winter Activities >
- Cultural Events >



Sports & Recreation Facilities

- Sports Complex- Fitness Center, swimming pool, canteen, ice rink
- Sports Lodge- Moto & Sno-cross track
- Children's Park
- Baseballfield
- Outdoor- Basketball court, Tennis court
- Hiking Trails, Grated Ski-doo trail, track & field
- football field



Youth Department



Youth Department

Current Programs / Activities

- Youth Council
- Radio / Local Programs
- Summer Student Programs (students enrolled in Secondary or College level / Work Experience)
- Workshops
- Monthly Youth Activities:
 - Nerf attack –Dance –Prom Night
 - Movie Night –Skiing –Bowling
 - Gym Night –Music lesson (created by local youth)



Ouje-Bougoumou Crime Prevention/Assets

- Cree Values from Elders
- Existing programs in the community : Alcohol Anonymous, Brighter Futures
- Access to Treatment Centers
- Local members trained in Mediation/Facilitation

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COOPERATION

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From Which All Advancement, All Success, All
Achievement In Real Life Grows.**

~ Ben Stein ~

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