



The Northwest Aboriginal Interagency Committee's are informal information sharing networks that are hosted by Community Social Services (CSS), Northwest Alberta. There are two elements to the interagency. The monthly meeting and the email network platform (NWAboriginalServices@gov.ab.ca). Members are invited to attend meetings when they can and sign up to receive email correspondence that helps share program, event and referral information. We keep try to keep the information relevant to the catchment area and our email networks are in Grande Prairie, High Level, High Prairie and Peace River.

Meetings

AIC's meets once per month, from September to June and are open for anyone to take part; membership is inclusive, flexible and diverse.

Mackenzie Aboriginal Interagency Committee (MRAIC): **1st** Tuesday of the month 10:30 am at the High Level Native Friendship Centre
 High Prairie Aboriginal Interagency Committee (HPAIC): **2nd** Tuesday of the month at 10:00am at the High Prairie Provincial Building
 Peace River Aboriginal Interagency Committee (PRAIC): **3rd** Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am at the Sagitawa Friendship Centre
 Grande Prairie Aboriginal Circle of Services (GPACOS): **4th** Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Grande Prairie Museum

Values & Beliefs:

- Involve all people race, color, creed – that come together in a safe and caring environment.
- Respect the equality and dignity of individuals and agencies. Practice respect, confidentiality and integrity.
- Act with honesty, kindness, compassion and discretion.
- Work together in partnership with other agencies and communities to promote the traditions, values and culture of Aboriginal people
- Honour the seven teachings: courage, honesty, humility, love, respect, strength, wisdom.

Vision:

To promote unity, respect, tradition, values and culture of the Aboriginal people for the well being of our communities.

Mission:

Work together to promote awareness in the community, identify issues, lobby for resolution and provide agencies and government bodies with feedback on the Aboriginal perspective(s).

Goals:

Community: To focus on all children, youth, adults, and elders in our community.

Resources: Identify the collective resources and integrate them to achieve our vision.

Bridging the Gaps: To increase awareness of Aboriginal traditions, values, and culture within our community.

Advocacy: To advocate for individuals, organizations & groups requiring supports.

Health and Wellness: To promote an environment where all people can build holistic individual, family and community wellness through feelings, body, mind and spirit.

Education for All: To provide information and resources that enable individuals to make healthy decisions for themselves, their families and their community.

Justice: To recognize and promote Aboriginal participation in establishing resolutions of judicial issues.

Please keep in mind the round table portion of our meetings will not be recorded. If you have anything that you would like added to the meeting's agenda, or if you would like to do a short presentation about your programs and services at a meeting, please contact [Wendy Goulet](mailto:Wendy.Goulet@gov.ab.ca) to add to the agenda. We do have AV equipment available. For more information, including each AICs vision, mission, terms of reference, co-chair's name and contact, visit <https://northwestaic.com> The website also has a mass of information and resources that impact Aboriginal issues so please feel free to explore and recommend additions.