

History...

In the 1950's a growing number of Aboriginal people were moving to the larger urban areas of Canada.

In an effort to meet the needs of the individuals and families moving to urban communities, volunteers worked together to form specialized agencies that would assist in matters of employment, housing, education, health, and liaison. The result was the first set of Friendship Centres, now found in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

There are now 118 Friendship Centres across Canada from St. John's Newfoundland to Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

In 1976, the Ne-Chee Friendship Centre was established to provide the needed help. Since then, the Ne-Chee Friendship Centre has occupied a number of sites, moving to its current location in March 2017.



OPEN YEAR ROUND!

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

After Hours - Upon Request

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A member of the Ontario Federation of Indigenous
Friendship Centres



NE-CHEE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

*"Serving Aboriginal
people in the City of
Kenora for 41
years"*

Vision...

The vision of the Aboriginal Friendship Centre Movement:

“ to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal people living in an urban environment by supporting self-determined activities which encourage equal access to and participation in Canadian society and which respects Aboriginal cultural distinctiveness.”

Friendship Centres are not-for-profit corporations which are mandated to serve the needs of all Aboriginal people regardless of legal definition.



Ne-Chee...

Among the Ojibway People, Ne-Chee is the word used for “FRIEND”

According to Statistics Canada, Aboriginal people represent 10.9 percent of the total population in the city of Kenora, up from 8.4 percent in the 1996 census.

Kenora is the hub of activity for Aboriginal people in the area. Within an hour drive of Kenora, there are 10 First Nations with a total on-reserve population of 3,415. (INAC Statistics, 1995)

The Ne-Chee Friendship Centre also organizes and hosts community events such as the Spring & Fall Feasts, a Community Christmas Dinner, workshops, meetings, traditional gatherings, dances, children’s events and pow wows.



Helping the Community...

The following programs are available to help Aboriginal persons of all ages-infants, children, youth, adults, and seniors.

- ♦ **Apatisiwin Employment & Training**
- ♦ **Life Long Care**
- ♦ **Aboriginal Family Support**
- ♦ **Aboriginal Healing & Wellness**
- ♦ **Aboriginal Healthy Babies**
- ♦ **Akwe:go Children’s Program**
- ♦ **Wasa-Nabin Youth Program**
- ♦ **Alternative Secondary School**
- ♦ **Youth Justice Committee**
- ♦ **Aboriginal Community Justice**
- ♦ **Criminal Courtworkers**
- ♦ **Family Courtworker**
- ♦ **Native Inmate Liaison Officer**
- ♦ **Drug Education and Living**
- ♦ **Street Patrol/Emergency Shelter**
- ♦ **Urban Aboriginal Healthy Living**
- ♦ **Cultural Resource**
- ♦ **Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin**
- ♦ **Bail Supervision/Verification**
- ♦ **Community Based Sense of Home Project**