

## **Mental Health & Aboriginal People Project**

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Mental Health & Aboriginal People Project is initiated to identify strategies that will improve access to existing mental health services and identify service enhancements required for Aboriginal people that promote recovery and healing in an assessable and culturally appropriate manner. The project has the following objectives:

- Compile an environmental scan of mental health services available for Aboriginal people.
- Develop a resource document to assist Health Care Systems and service providers in accessing appropriate Mental Health Services for Aboriginal Peoples.
- Identify the gaps and barriers preventing Aboriginal people from using mental health services.
- Identify jurisdictional issues that influence access to mental health services.
- Develop recommendations to strengthen continuity of mental health care between Winnipeg and Rural and First Nation Communities.