**Following Our Peoples Way: Building a Circle of Dignity and Justice**

***Gūdené’ K’éh Gūs’ānī: Dene ’Ā́ Nezen Gedī́’ Gūtīe Sū’ą̄ī dege***

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***Project Vision:***

Build a **safer and more responsive community** by creating a team of Advocates who are anti-violence leaders that **support, respond, and restore** dignity and safety amongst survivors of violence.

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***Project Overview:***

* Build a core group of **10 Advocates** in Watson Lake (including Upper Liard and Lower Post) made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous women
* Advocates will receive trainings in **response-based practice** and **Kaska Dena principles, protocols and teachings of dignity, justice and healing**
* There will be a **Circle of Support** (i.e. LAWS, Elders, Project Coordinator, staff at local agencies, schools and organizations) to support Advocates throughout the Project
* Advocates role in the community will involve:
  + Organizing **community campaigns**
  + **Job shadowing/placements at local agencies**
  + **Survivor support** (i.e. referrals to agencies, accompany survivors to appointments)
  + **Note:** This is an initial list of activities, Advocates will design the types of activities they provide to the community

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***What is the commitment?***

* Advocates will do **3-days/month** of training and activities in the community on violence prevention beginning fall 2019.
* The training and activities will begin October 2019 and run for 4 years. The training will build year after year so continued involvement is important.

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***What Advocates will learn and offer their communities?***

* Advocates will help to **fill a very important gap in support** for survivors of violence
* **Create change in your communities** so women and children feel safer and supported
* Advocates will receive an in-depth **Response-Based training**, delivered by Dr. Allan Wade and Dr, Shelly Bonnah and gain skills in working with survivors of violence
* **Cultural activities** (i.e. drum-making) and on-going learning from Elders
* **Project management, communication skills** and **organizing campaigns** experience
* **Employable skills** that will help Advocates gain employment in counselling, social services and other fields

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***Project Pillars:*** This Project is built on the following 6 Pillars that will support a team of Advocates who will build community awareness of violence against women and provide support to survivors

