Looking Out for Each Other
April Update - 2023

LOFEO’s Project Manager While Luisa is on Leave:

LOFEO welcomes Molly McIntyre to the team as Project Manager. Molly graduated from St. Thomas University in 2017 with a double major in Human Rights and Sociology. After graduation, she worked as a Behavioral Interventionist for Autism Intervention Services. Working with children who had disabilities inspired her to learn and advocate for vulnerable communities. In 2019, she went back to St. Thomas University and completed her Bachelor of Education. After graduating in 2020, Molly moved to Labrador City where she taught high school resource. During this time, Molly created and implemented educational plans to help students that were struggling to graduate. She also helped families of students with high needs and advocated for their rights within the school system.

Advisory Circle Update

Members of the Advisory Circle will meet on July 8th, 2023, in Fredericton, NB. During this meeting there will be an introduction of the new Project Manager as well as an update and discussion on current projects.

Current LOFEO Project Updates:

- Community Engagement:

LOFEO is continuing to reach out to partnering organizations to participate in various community outreach activities. The goal of these activities is to bring awareness about the LOFEO Project as well as provide resources to community members, make connections with various organizations and spark discussions on gender-based violence. If you would like to participate in any event or collaboration, please email us at lof eo@nbapc.org.

- Helpline:

The helpline phone number is 1-833-MMI-FIND, this is a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week service for all Indigenous community members to access across the province of New Brunswick.

- NBAPC MMIWG2S+ Action Plan:

LOFEO is currently looking to gather data from Indigenous people off and on reserve in New Brunswick with the purpose to create a NBAPC MMIWG2S+ Action Plan to end violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLBGTQQIA+ people. LOFEO has created a questionnaire with the hopes to get the public’s perspective on their experience with the topic of MMIWG2S+. The questionnaire can be found on the NBAPC website: https://nbapc.org/ActionPlan/
• Guidelines for Families, friends, and communities of MMIWG2S to reach out to the media:

The LOFEO collaborated with journalism professors from the University of King’s College to develop Guidelines for Families to Navigate the Media. These guidelines emphasize the importance of accuracy, fairness, and independence, which are the core principals of journalistic ethics and standards across Canada. The hope of these guidelines will help journalists be more mindful of their process and the impact they have on families and result in accurate, human-centered stories gathered in a responsible way. The LOFEO has printed these guidelines and made them into a small booklet. These booklets will be shared with LOFEO’s partnering organizations and community members.

• Sharing Circles:

LOFEO has been working on starting some Sharing Circles alongside Torey Solomon from Sexual Violence New Brunswick (SVNB) and Brandy Parr from St. Mary’s Memorial Health Centre. As a team, we are working to put Sharing Circles together to bring light to the issues Indigenous women and girls face with Gender-based violence and find a way to support each other and heal.

Spotlight on:

• Gignoo Transition House:

The objective of Gignoo Transition House is to provide support to all First Nation women and children who are survivors of domestic violence; be it physical, sexual, emotional, mental, spiritual, and financial. All programs and services are provided in the context of cultural beliefs and values to ensure a holistic approach is used as part of their healing journey.

LOFEO wants to thank Gignoo Transition House for continued work supporting Indigenous women and operating the LOFEO Helpline.

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Don’t forget to stay up to date with LOFEO’s social media:

Twitter: LOFEO (@LOFEOproject)
Facebook: Looking Out For Each Other

Helpful sites:

• Shelter Safe: this site helps you find a shelter in New Brunswick.
  o https://sheltersafe.ca/new-brunswick/
• N.B Transition Houses
  o https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/women/Violence_Prevention_and_Community_Partnerships/cont ent/Transition_Houses.html