WHO WE ARE

The Culturally Defined Community Withdrawal Management Program is a continuum of The Right Path Counselling and Prevention Services, for Nipissing First Nation Debendaagziwaad (the citizens) and Endaawaad (those who live on the First Nation but are not citizens or affiliates).

We are a community-based outpatient program, with a core philosophy that wellness can be achieved through integrating a medical model within a traditional, land-based model.

Our goal is to build community capacity to better support individuals and families struggling with substance use, through foundational programing that offers traditional Indigenous approaches to wellness.





WHAT WE DO

Our service supports NFN members with moderate to severe substance misuse that allows them to stay in the community to go through safe withdrawal from substances, from a harm reduction approach. We facilitate access to traditional teachings, Elders, and land-based activities, with a goal of reinstating a strong connection to land. Our services include pretreatment and aftercare supports that are designed to address each individuals need.

- We provide referrals for Suboxone and Methadone, for those struggling with opioid use disorder.
- We provide Suboxone medication onsite at The Lawrence Commanda Health Centre, including urine screening, transportation, and other means of instrumental support.
- We conduct follow-ups with our partnering Addiction Medicine Specialist via OTN or in-person.
- Staff will provide harm reduction education and supplies for safer use.
- We provide family support if this is identified in the client's care plan. It is optional to have family members and/or caregivers be active in client's wellness and recovery plan, including any land-based interventions.
- Cultural interventions include but are not limited to; sweat lodge, ceremonies, bush craft, traditional teachings, and access to traditional medicines.
- We provide referrals to other service providers when appropriate.

WHO QUALIFIES

- Nipissing First Nation band members and affiliates who are over the age of 16.
- Non-band members who reside in the community.
- Clients who do not meet criteria for opioid replacement therapy are still offered support and stabilization as we provide withdrawal management services from all substances, provided client is assessed to safely detox in an outpatient program.
- Clients do not have to be obtaining Opioid Replacement Therapy or be linked with our Addiction Medicine Specialist in order to qualify for services.
- CDCWMP provides assessments, screenings and treatment planning for clients struggling with polysubstance use, as we are committed to meeting each client where they are at.