

What Is An Indigenous Courtworker?

Indigenous Courtworkers (ICWs) support Indigenous peoples to receive fair and equitable treatment within the Canadian criminal justice system.

While new to New Brunswick, the ICW has been operating across Canada since 1978. Recognizing that involvement in criminal legal proceedings can be overwhelming, ICWs provide essential guidance in navigating a system that is often unfamiliar, complex, and at times, adversarial.

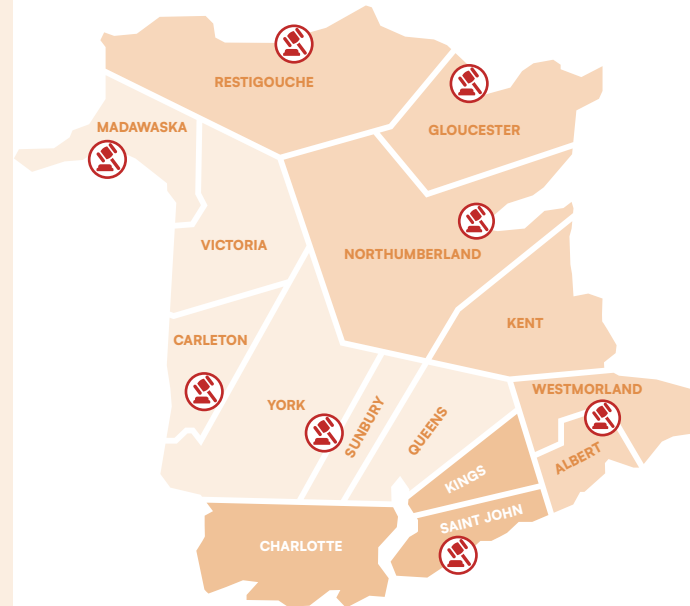


ICWs Are Here To Help

We can guide you through legal processes, assist in locating relevant services, and help you understand your rights and responsibilities.

Our goal is to provide culturally relevant support to you, and encourage the court to understand the perspectives, values, customs, and socio-economic conditions of Indigenous people.

ICW Services In New Brunswick



Western Region

Madawaska to Queens County.
Served by WTCI
(Wolastqey Tribal Council Inc.).

Eastern Region

Restigouche to Albert County
Served by MJJ (Mi'gmaq Justice Initiative).

Saint John Courthouse

Served by MJJ and WTCI.

NOTE: Charlotte, Kings, and St. John County are jointly serviced.

INDIGENOUS COURTWORKER PROGRAM

Supporting fair and culturally sensitive justice for Indigenous individuals.



What Can An ICW Do For You?

Provide basic information about the legal processes as soon as possible, including:

- The nature and reason for criminal charges.
- What are the steps to a trial.
- What you are required to do at each stage of the process.
- What rights you have at each stage of the process.
- What happens if you do not comply with court orders.
- How to act in a formal court setting.
- Help you manage the legal process, including:
 - › Connecting you and communicating with a lawyer.
 - › Explaining legal documents and assisting you to complete them.
 - › Speaking with court officials with you.
 - › Attending court with you.
 - › Connecting you to relevant community services and resources (e.g. social and medical services, education, employment, and Indigenous support).

On a broader level, ICWs are a bridge between the court and Indigenous communities.



Who Is Eligible For Assistance?

To be eligible for support under the Indigenous Courtworker Program, you must:

- be registered, or be entitled to be registered, under the Indian Act;
- be a member of a First Nation or recognized under a First Nation's identity law;
- be recognized from your Inuit land claim organization;
- have an ancestral connection to a community and prove community acceptance;
- or provide other evidence of Indigenous identity that is deemed satisfactory by the agency.

Who To Contact

Western Region

If you reside in the Western Region of the Province (includes Madawaska, Woodstock, Fredericton, St. John Courthouses) please contact ICW services at WTCL.

 (506) 459-6341
 ICW@wolastoqey.ca

Eastern Region

If you reside in the Eastern Region of the province (includes Campbellton, Bathurst, Miramichi, Moncton Courthouses) please contact ICW services at MJJ.

 (506) 451-1430
 ICW@migmaqjustice.org

How To Access ICW Services In New Brunswick



Contact
an ICW in your region.



Consult
your lawyer or a community
organization to connect you with a
courtworker.



Set up an appointment
with the courtworker to discuss
your case and the assistance you
need.

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

