

MÉTIS COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM

The **Métis Community Diversion Program** offers a restorative justice alternative to traditional criminal court processes for Indigenous youth and adults in Ontario. It emphasizes accountability, repairing harm, and reintegration through culturally grounded, community-based approaches.

WHO CAN BE REFERRED?

- Self-identified Indigenous clients (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis)
- Youth and adults facing criminal charges
- Individuals willing to take responsibility and participate in a community-based process

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Promote accountability and repair harm
- Reduce recidivism
- Support culturally appropriate reintegration

HOW DIVERSION WORKS

- Identify matter for diversion and obtain client consent
- Complete intake with client
- Hold a Diversion Circle to create an Action Plan with the client, person harmed (voluntary), and community
- Submit a Circle Report to the Crown
- Conduct post-diversion check-ins (3-6 months) to monitor progress

ADVOCACY FOR DIVERSION

- Advocacy with justice stakeholders to explore diversion options for clients
- Where Crown consent is not granted, or diversion is unavailable, clients may still participate voluntarily in an “Informal Diversion”

REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals may be initiated at any stage of the justice process. Please include the client's name, contact information, charge sheet, and disclosure, if available.

CONTACT

Email Justice@metisnation.org or call **1-800-263-4889 ext. 7**