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Gladue Post-Sentencing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Pilot Program

The Gladue process is a Supreme Court of Canada mandated assessment of Indigenous persons whereby such individuals undergo an exhaustive psychosocial developmental assessment to assist the court in considering alternative sentencing approaches to foster rehabilitation, community reintegration, reduced recidivism, and to place “particular attention to the circumstances of aboriginal offenders” in efforts to redress: “The drastic overrepresentation of aboriginal peoples within both the Canadian prison population and the criminal justice system”. The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) pilot project involves a multi-disciplinary pre-sentencing assessment (including Gladue-Social Worker, Physician, Neuropsychologist, Traditional Healer) of the incarcerated person towards the potential diagnosis of FASD, and holistic treatment/rehabilitation recommendations in the context of a feedback meeting oriented strictly for the offender, and a related report for the court/sentencing judge. For further information pertaining to the Gladue process, please visit http://media.wix.com/ugd/fcfa63_559c20fbbeb794eb59975b0abd3b6f0d3.pdf.

Related Federal Programming

Discussions are currently underway with the federal Beaver Creek correctional facility in Gravenhurst and its specialized First Nations healing program to support Indigenous cultural safety training for corrections and clinical staff, as well as: neuropsychological/vocational assessments, consultation and supported treatment services for incarcerated inmates with suspected FASD and other brain disorders.

The aim is to begin piloting these services this Spring.

In partnership with Anishnawbe Health Toronto (www.aht.ca) and Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto (www.aboriginallegal.ca), RIHM is a unique provider in a formal trial of multi-disciplinary assessments for incarcerated Aboriginal/First Nations offenders in the Gladue pre-sentencing process within the Ontario correctional facility system. (www.rtwintegratedhealth.com/services-offered/indigenous-mental-health-and-fetal-alcohol-clinic/).

