


Honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women



*A Voice for Aboriginal Women and their Families*

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### Overview

- Background: History of MMIW
- Key findings: Representation of MMIW
- Personal Story
- ONWA's Mandate
- Strategic Model
- ONWA and MMIW
- National Inquiry
- Honouring MMIW
- Grandmother Earth Dress
- MMIWOntario.ca
- MMIW Family Gatherings
- Rattles Framework

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### Background



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### Key Findings



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### Jane Bernard



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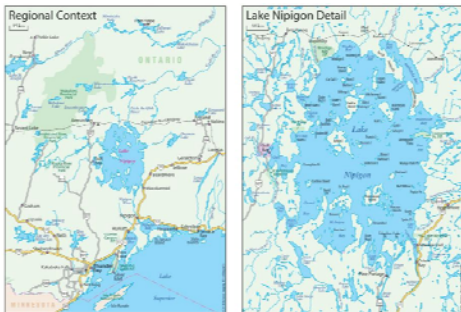
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### Gull Bay First Nation



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## ONWA's Mandate

- a not for profit organization that empowers and supports Indigenous women and their families in the province of Ontario.
- Affiliated with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC)
- Participates at Federal, Provincial, Municipal/ Local government tables
- provides services that strengthen communities and the preservation of Indigenous culture, identity, art, language and heritage

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## ONWA Strategic Model



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## ONWA and MMIW



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## National Inquiry

- ONWA publically expressed withdrawal of support of the NI under its current format & approach (July 7, 2017)
- Support an extension based on reset model
- Want the inquiry to succeed

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## MMIW and Trauma

**MMIW and Trauma is connected on many levels:**

- Connection to roots of colonization and Current Realities
- Duality of gender and race
- Intergenerational Trauma
- Colonial gendered violence
- Western paternalistic lens

**Healing and Support:**

- Collaboration with other Indigenous Community and Partners
- Culturally Safe Respectful Spaces
- Traditional Healing
- Trauma-Informed Approach
- Wrap around services

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## Family Gatherings

- Provincial Ceremony to Honour Families and Community
- Community Gatherings
- Traditional Healing
- Share Resources and Building Capacity
- Connect Families and Community to Trauma-Informed Services
- Website and Referrals

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### ONWA Honouring MMIW

ONWA MMIW Quilt



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Honouring MMIW Powwow



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### ONWA's Annual Poetry Night



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## Grandmother Earth Dress



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## Changing the Story

- [www.mmiwontario.ca](http://www.mmiwontario.ca)



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Changing The Story:  
Ontario Native Women's  
Association  
**MISSING AND  
MURDERED INDIGENOUS  
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## Day of Prayer

International Day of Ceremony to Support RMMIWG

Monday, July 31, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
ONWA (380 Bay Blvd., Thunder Bay)

Join us in ceremony as we support families to honour the spirits of our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Traditional lunch to follow. Please bring your skirts and drums. Everyone Welcome!

WUJINW BUNAGIS BUNAGIS CHISA WONGA



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## R.A.T.T.L.E.S. & MMIW

Indigenous Women's Storytelling and Leadership: Shaking our R.A.T.T.L.E.S connection to Culture, Spirituality, and Stories.

- Our traditional protocols and ways of Being, Knowing, Thinking, and Doing (Absolon & Willet, 2005) recognize Indigenous women's roles to ensure families and communities needs were being met. ONWA acknowledges the voices of Indigenous women and continues to focus on social and cultural wellbeing as a core responsibility, by recognizing the diverse means of healing and medicines.



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## R.A.T.T.L.E.S

- R- Responsibility (the hide)
- A – Alignments (the sinew)
- T- Techniques
- T- Tactics (Pebbles)
- L – Language (markings)
- E – Evaluation (stick)
- S – Storytelling (medicine lines)

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## The Woman's Part

"Woman is the centre of the wheel of life. She is the heartbeat of the people. She is not just in the home, but she is the community, she is Nation. One of our Grandmothers. The woman is the foundation on which Nations are built. She is the heart of her Nation. If that heart is weak the people are weak. If her heart is strong and her mind is clear then the Nation is strong and knows its purpose. The woman is the centre of everything."

Art Solomon

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