

# "Awo Taan"

Is a Blackfoot word which means "Shield" a name given to the Society for protection for the families using the services of Awo Taan

## Our Vision

Nurturing Families  
Living in Peace

## Our Mission

To provide a broad continuum of support services, guided by Aboriginal traditional teachings, that include prevention, intervention, and healing to anyone affected by abuse

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If you are being abused or know of someone being abused please call our Crisis Line:

**(403) 531-1972 or**

**(403) 531-1976**

# Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society

Family Wellness Centre  
& Piitoayis Family  
School



## Peace Program

*-Strength Through Traditions-*

# Peace Program



## What We Do

- ◇ Teach and Model peaceful and positive behavior to children and families through a strength-based approach
- ◇ Teach and encourage social-skills development and healthy relationship skills through Social-Emotional Learning
- ◇ Work with teachers, children, and parents to build and maintain a safe school and community
- ◇ Supportive counselling for students
- ◇ Work collaboratively with the Calgary Board of Education, Piitoayis Family School, and Awo Taan Family Wellness Centre
- ◇ Facilitate workshops and information sessions in the community

# Strength Through Traditions

## Program Objectives

- ◇ To increase positive youth engagement and appropriate behaviors through Social-Emotional Learning and cultural teachings
- ◇ Encourage social and personal development grounded in traditional Aboriginal teachings and the creation of safe spaces
- ◇ Promotion of cultural wellness, emotional wellness, mental wellness, social wellness, and strong identity within students and their families

## Our Goals

- ◇ Courageous children who live truthfully, becoming advocates for a peaceful and respectful community
- ◇ Honest and wise parents willing to raise children who are aware of themselves, their actions, and the effects they have on their surroundings and others
- ◇ Humble and respectful school personnel and community members with the skills and knowledge required to encourage positive Social-Emotional Learning

# Social-Emotional Learning

## What Is Social-Emotional Learning?

- ◇ SEL focuses on the development of social and emotional skills that help children more effectively handle life challenges and thrive in both their learning and social environments
- ◇ Children acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to recognize and manage their emotions, demonstrate caring and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging social situations constructively.

## Why Social-Emotional Learning?

- ◇ Children learn to:
  - ◇ Calm themselves when angry
  - ◇ Initiate friendships
  - ◇ Resolve relationship conflicts respectfully
  - ◇ Make ethical and safe choices

