



Cultural Safety

Declaration of Commitment

In February 2019, the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Chair of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council signed this Declaration to show their commitment to embedding cultural safety and relationship-based care throughout the Northwest Territories health and social services system.

The Declaration of Commitment is based on the following guiding values and principles:

- Relationship-based care builds trusting, caring and ongoing relationships and is foundational to cultural safety
- Culturally safe and respectful care is determined by the client receiving programs and services
- Cultural safety takes a whole system approach and is reflected by policies, staff, leadership, and governance
- Traditional knowledge and healing approaches to care are honoured by the NWT health and social service system
- Collaboration with Indigenous partners ensures cultural safety is integrated throughout all aspects of the health and social services system

* This Declaration of Commitment is modeled after the BC First Nations Declaration of Commitment with their permission.

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