

**Between:**

**AGENCY**

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation (NALSC)

**And**

Nishnawbe-Aski Police Services (NAPS)

**WHEREAS NALSC** offers services in the areas of Restorative Justice; Victims Services; and Child Welfare under the Talking Together program;

**AND WHEREAS** NAPS and NALSC wish to cooperate in an integration of these services such that NAPS officers are made aware of and agree to refer proper cases to these programs;

**THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE** to enter into a protocol with the following conditions:

**1. Pre Charge Diversions:**

The NAPS officers in cases deemed appropriate (example, first time offences) shall prior to the laying of charges, contact the appropriate NALSC worker or manager

As per Appendix 'A' (attached) in order to divert the case to the Restorative Justice Program

**2. The Restorative Justice Worker:**

The worker will report to the NAPS the result of the Circle and all follow-up and if for any reason the process breaks down the matter will be referred back to NAPS who will then proceed to lay charges. (In cases of summary conviction offences the process must be finalized within 6 months of the date of the offence.)

**3. Post Charge Diversions:**

Once charges are laid NAPS Officers agree to make recommendations to the Crown Attorney if it is considered that the accused might benefit from the Restorative Justice program. Once Crown agreement is obtained the officer can make the referral to the worker as per appendix 'A' or if there is no worker covering the community to the Head Office Restorative Justice Manager.

**4. Victim Services:**

Should the investigating officer determine that the victim involved could benefit from the services of the NALSC s/he will contact the Victim Witness Liaison, as per appendix 'B' (attached)

Although the Victim Witness Liaison presently works only in the Matawa "fly in" area the worker will make best efforts to assist with any referrals throughout NAN.

**5. Talking Together:**

In the event that, as a result of a criminal occurrence, children become involved with the Child Welfare System, officers involved will make their best efforts to refer the case to the Talking Together Manager who will work with the family and the community to mediate the matter in accordance with the Talking Together Protocols with the relevant Child Welfare Agencies.

**6. Training and NALSC:**

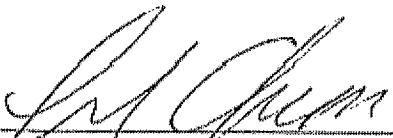
NALSC Agrees to provide training to NAPS officers in the Restorative Justice Facilitation process and the Talking Together process as well as information sharing about all NALSC services

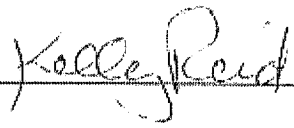
**7. Staff:**

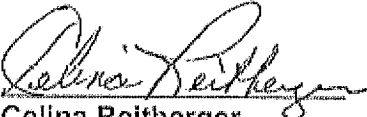
NALSC agrees to provide list of workers to the NAPS detachments and update them as required.

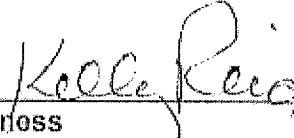
This agreement will take effect from the date of signing and NAPS agrees to supply their officers with copies pursuant of this agreement and Appendices and to encourage officers to look for diversions, receive training, and otherwise undertake to further the agreement.

Dated at Thunder Bay this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

  
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Chief Claude Chum  
Chief of Police  
Nishnawbe-Aski Police Services

  
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Celina Reitberger  
Acting Executive Director

  
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