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 Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee Association
 Association des Femmes Cries de Eeyou Istchee

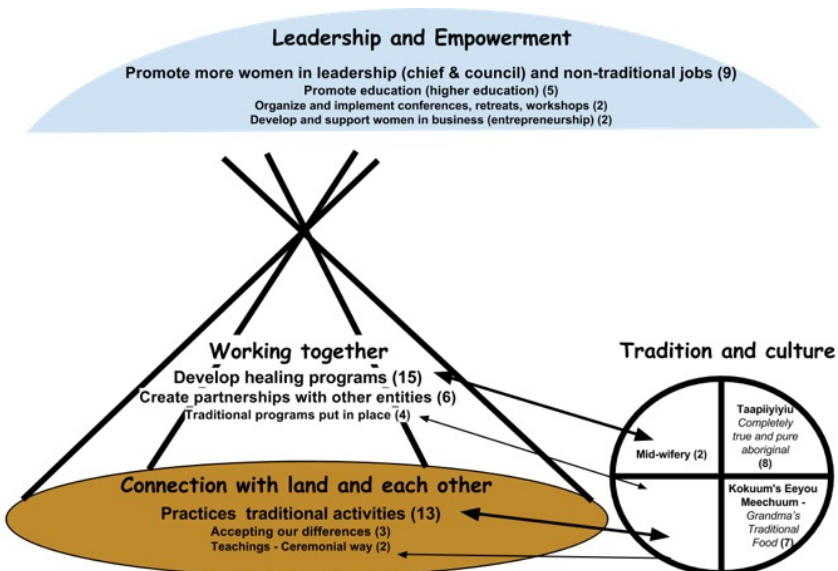
'I am Eeyou/Eenou Woman'

I recognize my own power and the important balance of my body, mind, emotions and spirit. My self-love, self-respect and self-acceptance influence my beliefs, choices, feelings, and my level of strength and self-confidence; together, these qualities dictate my place in the world and allow me to reach for my dreams.

My awareness also guides me towards my inherent worth. At times, I fall but I will not give up on myself. I treat myself, and others, as sacred beings. I will honor my truth and respect myself. I am a life-giver, life-nurturer, and a life-educator. My health and wellness is vital to my family. I am a role model of good and positive behavior. The life skill teachings I received provide me with direction and are rooted in my Eeyou/Eenou identity, language and cultural values supporting me as I grow strong and resilient.

I must honor my responsibility to teach and live the teachings given to me by my mother, grandmothers and my ancestors. My role as a woman and a mother is fundamental to my family and community, as it is vital for the health and wellness of the Eeyou/Eenou nation. I strive to cultivate dynamic and vibrant future generations. I am Eeyou/Eenou woman.

Linda Shecapio
 President – CWEIA



CWEIA's 2015 summary chart of Board of Director retreat





Our 2016-2021 Strategic Action Model

CWEIA's **mission** is to empower and value Eeyouch women through healing, culture and economic development

ORIENTATIONS

| DAB EYYOU | EMPOWERMENT | ADVOCACY | ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT |
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| Share traditional knowledge relevant to Cree women ~ Develop healing programs ~ Provide educational opportunities to transfer traditional knowledge | Support local chapters ~ Develop & support women entrepreneurship ~ Organize networking events ~ Training & leadership development | Gender equity within Cree institutions ~ Develop self-help resources ~ Reduce violence against women | Expand internal team ~ Diversify funding ~ Secure permanent operational budget ~ Increase social media & public presence |

STRONG EYYOU IDENTITY

HEALTHY WOMEN & FAMILIES

CORE VALUES

EYYOU KNOWLEDGE & TRADITIONS

RESPECTFUL ATTITUDES & COMPASSIONATE BEHAVIOR

TRADITIONAL SOCIAL STRUCTURES

CLOSENESS WITH MOTHER EARTH

OUTCOMES

CONNECTION TO EACH OTHER AND CREATION

TRANSPARENT & CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNICATION

STRATEGIES

| CULTURAL SAFETY | CAPACITY BUILDING | SOCIAL INNOVATION | STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS |
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| Our organization will live through the principles of Dab Eeyou, the authentic Cree way. We need to bring back and reappropriate Eeyou values and do things our Nishiyuu way. We provide opportunities for women to connect to the land, to each other and to our elders' teachings. | Sustainable community development is contingent on healing and decolonization. Our social economy programs will inspire women to take charge of their lives, to be independent and autonomous while keeping the right balance with their family life. | Share women's vision and perspective with other organizations, so that gender equality becomes the norm at all levels: structural, institutional and organizational. Initiate social change and restore Eeyou interpersonal values and honor the sacred partnership between genders. | While we strive to become an autonomous organization we cannot work in isolation. Our mission and values rest on the principles of collaboration, good communication and strategic alliance with all Cree institutions and organizations. |

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

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| Cree Cultural Institute, Elders Council, Cree Health Board, Nishiyuu Elders Council | Cree Nation Government Cree School Board, Board of Compensation, Eeyou Economic Group, Cree Social Economy Regional Table | Cree Nation Government, Cree School Board, Cree Human Resources Development Cree Health Board, Cree Justice | Cree Nation Government, Status of Women Canada, Cree Justice, Other financial partners |
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CWEIA **envisions** healthy and balanced Eeyouch women, families and communities united by strong cultural values and traditions





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2017-2018 at Glance

PROJECTS/PROGRAM

- 2nd Kuukumnuuwich Gathering (Sept. 19-22, 2017 Waswanipi)
- 2nd Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation MEEN (Tentative: February 10, 2018)
- 5th Women's Award & Leadership Forum (tentative March: 9-11, 2018)
- Niikass chuhouunan - Solidarity Co-op
- Wiichii (Helping) committee

IN PROGRESS

- Funding for Local Women Association (LWA)
- Cree Shool Board Partnership
- Cultural Healing Lodge
- CWEIA's Organizational Needs
- Embracing Life Committee (Anti-violence)
- Website

PARTNERSHIPS

- University du QC Abitibi Temiscamingue (UQAT)
- International Indigenous Entrepreneur (IIE)
- Cree Nation Government (CNG)
 - Cree Social Economic Regional Table (CSERT)
 - Book of Elders' Wisdom (Cree Justice)
 - Maamuu Awash
- Cree Health Board
 - Women Shelter
 - Midwifery
- Algonquin Partnership Project

CORPORATE

- Annual General Assembly (AGA)
- Board of Directors (BOD)
- Executive Committee (EC)
- Goukumnouch Council (GC)

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