



Akwesasne Area Management Board

Mentorship Centre

The Akwesasne Area Management Board is pleased to announce the opening of the Personal Development & Employment Program Mentorship Centre. We are excited about offering this innovative centre to previous graduates of the Personal Development & Employment Program (PD&E) taught by Ms. Linda Lalonde of Professional Edge. The PD&E program is a 12 week program that assists participants to overcome barriers and find meaningful employment.

The objective of the Mentorship Centre is to provide guidance, support, connections and encouragement for the participants of the PD&E courses over the last 7 years. There have been 107 graduates of this successful program and the Mentorship Centre will make sure the student keeps moving forward.

The Mentorship Centre will offer the professional services of Ms. Lalonde. She will launch this new medium of continuous learning by assisting the graduates to manoeuvre through the maze of changes and expectations. Graduates will be able to provide and receive outstanding networking benefits from each other's challenges and experience. "They are a big family who are all willing to help each other" states Dan Garrow Employment Officer with the AAMB.

The need for the Centre became evident because so many graduates have contacted Ms. Lalonde at her home seeking guidance or follow up services.

The Mentorship Centre is comprised of drop-ins, individual appointments, group and networking activities along with the infamous kitchen table talk. These services will help this great group to the next level. "A visionary plan for our future supervisors, managers and community leaders." states Ms. Lalonde.

The idea of the mentorship centre has been discussed for a couple of years. It is when two specialty areas emerged; that of the Personal Development & Employment Program (PD&E) and the valuable Akwesasne Employment Resource Centre (AERC) under Dan Garrow's initiative, that we realized we had the perfect opportunity for the Mentorship Centre. The opportunity to close the loop ensuring continuous growth in the form of a safety net and adding value to the initial investment for the betterment of each and every individual and the community as a future employment strategy.

"The AAMB Mentorship Centre is a welcomed and needed addition to the AAMB cadre of services. It is important to keep the doors open to present and past clients and this mentorship centre will certainly help. The clients success is our success." states Mr. Russell Roundpoint Manager of the AAMB.

The Centre is located at 23 Third Street in the village of St. Regis at the former Tickets Store.

Hours for the Mentorship Centre will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

An open house is planned for Thursday December 3rd from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

If you have any questions you can contact Dan Garrow at 613 575-2626 or Linda Lalonde at 613 575-2946.

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