



Nishnawbe Aski Nation Crisis Response Overview

Community Wellness Department

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- Capacity Building for Frontline workers

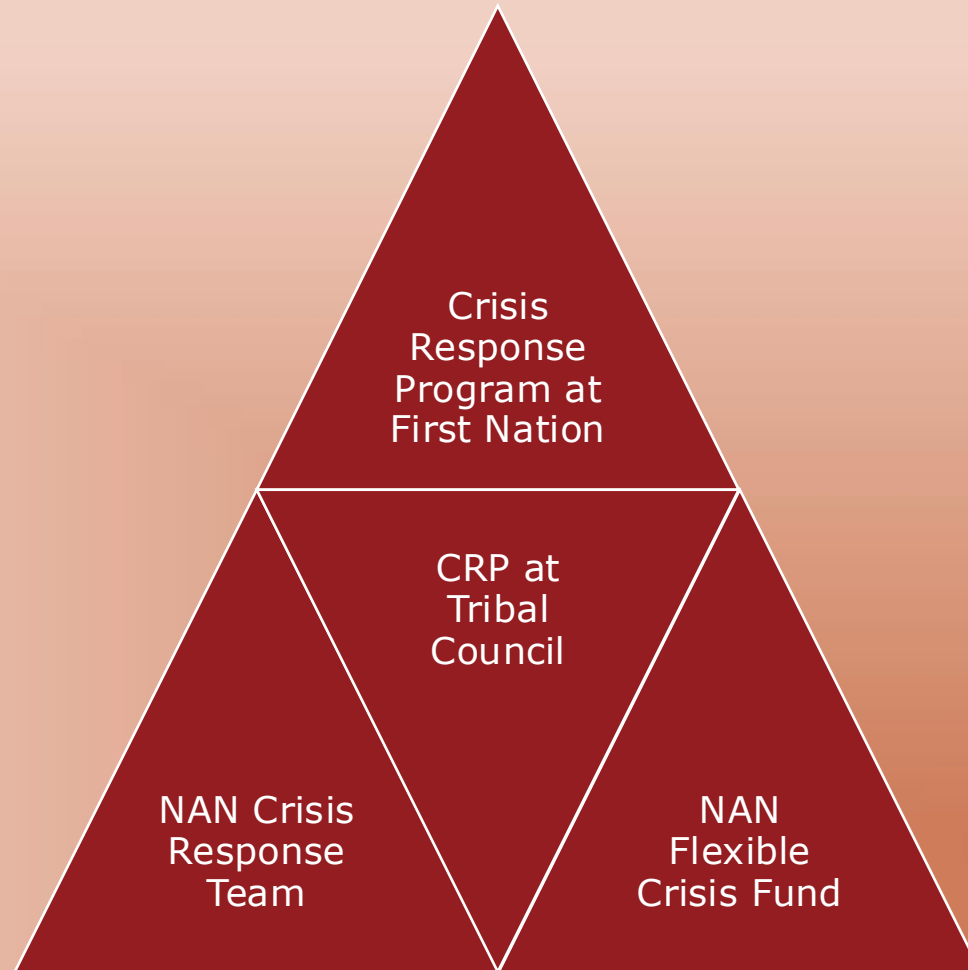
3. NAN Crisis Response Team and Flexible Funding

- Process to initiate supports
- Identified challenges
- Table – overview by year and by number of requests received by Crisis Response Team
- Additional Expenses Incurred

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Crisis Response Program & Funding

The Crisis Response Program (CRP) is funded through MCCSS under the Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy (IHWS) to cover 4 areas of support in crisis response.





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How it work!

A. Crisis Response Program

1. Letters of Agreement/Flow Throughs
 - The Crisis Team Programs in Community
 - The Crisis Team Programs at Tribal Councils
2. NAN Crisis Coordinator Training Program
 - 1 Manager at NAN
 - 2 Training Coordinators at NAN

B. The NAN Flexible Crisis Fund

- NAN Crisis Response Team
- 1 Manager at NAN
 - 5 Crisis Response Coordinators at NAN

The Aim of the Crisis Response Program

- ❖ Provide an effective and coordinated approach to crisis response
- ❖ Address the crisis situations of youth suicides occurring in NAN territories and other surrounding Independent First Nations in the remote north
- ❖ Services as described above are provided to NAN Communities and their members living both on and off-reserve

Crisis Response Programs within First Nation & Tribal Councils

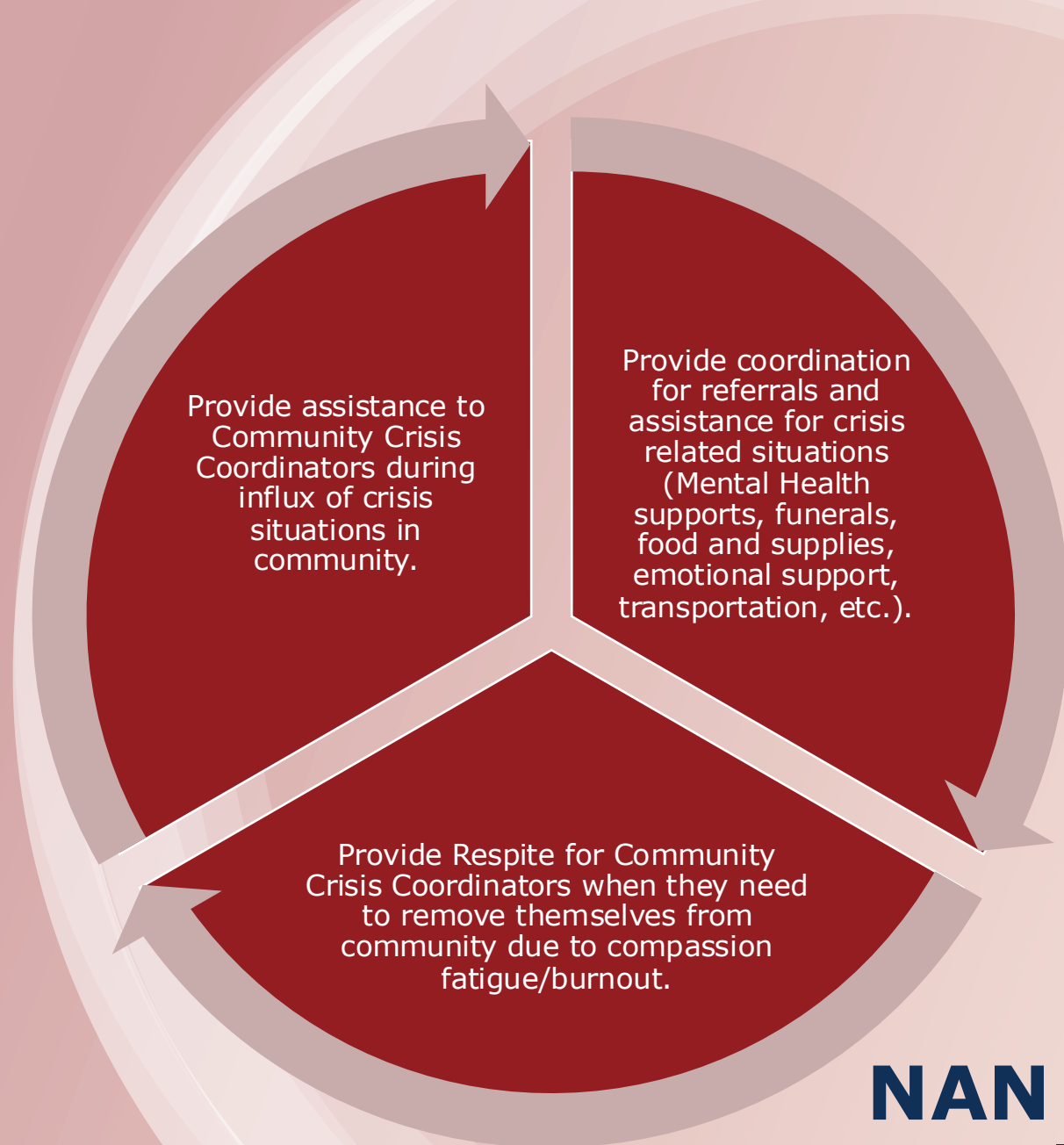


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NAN Crisis Training Team



NAN Crisis Response Team & Flexible Crisis Funding

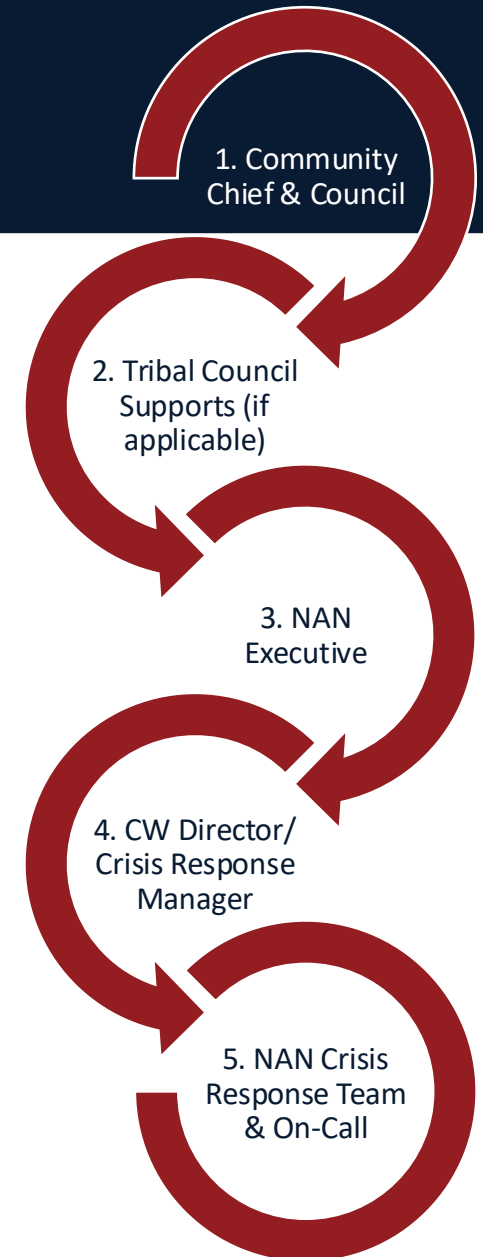


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Accessing the NAN Crisis Response Team

The **NAN Crisis Response Team** and **Tribal Council Crisis Coordinators** were established **to support Community Crisis Coordinators during a traumatic event or social emergency.**

The teams established would support communities by navigating and referring to relevant and culturally appropriate services and resources, provide relief and assistance to frontline staff if experiencing burnout or requiring additional on the ground support.



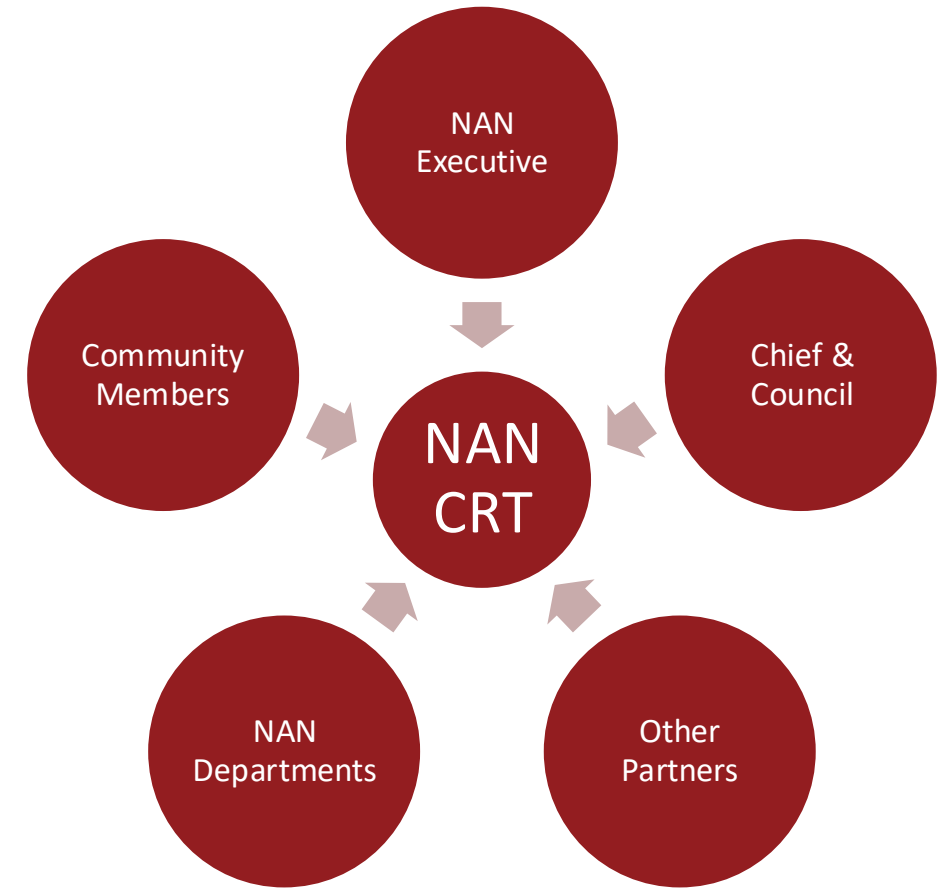


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Identified Challenges

NAN Crisis Response Coordination to mobilize supports:

- Requests are received through various avenues
- Directions may not be clear causing services to be duplicated and missed entirely
- Requests for off-reserve members are made by various avenues and can bypass leadership and community supports.





ENGAGEMENTS & REPORTS



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Social Crisis Response Outcome Harvest

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Queen's University compiled the "Social Crisis Response Outcome Harvest Report," which outlined community concerns regarding gaps and barriers to crisis response in the NAN territory.



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2019

Social Emergency Protocol Guide

The guide provides two options available for First Nations responding to a social emergency:

1. Request for Emergency Assistance
2. Declaration of a Social Emergency

The Guide provides information to trigger both these processes, identify organizations that would be mobilized to respond to the immediate needs and provide resources and services available.

2020

NAN Social Crisis Forum

Bringing together frontline workers, Tribal Councils, and various partner organizations tasked with crisis response duties.

The purpose of the forum was to determine how to advocate effectively, and how to build on existing strengths to improve crisis response in the NAN territory.

2022

Social Crisis Forum Report

A Comprehensive Crisis Review Forum (CCRF) that was held in Thunder Bay

The Number 1 emerging theme to come from the CCRF was more funding to support wage increases to be in accordance with rising costs of living in northern remote areas, and to be on par or greater than similar type positions across the province/country.

**What we are
hearing!**



What is Happening Now?

The Communities report experiencing high levels of burnout on account of having little support to effectively do their work.

- Position vacancies have been posted but there has been minimal interest due to short-term contract offerings and scope of work.
- Crisis response is short term immediate response; there is often no follow up or after care planning – band aid solutions

We REALLY need your support to effectively serve the NAN territory. We need to operate more efficiently internally within the organization.