This catalogue combines resources researched and created by two Native Counselling Services of Alberta departments - BearPaw Legal Education & Resource Centre and BearPaw Media Productions.

BearPaw Legal Education & Resource Centre
www.bearpaweducation.ca

BearPaw Legal Education & Resource Centre (BLERC) is a department of Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA). Its primary mission is to develop and distribute materials designed to assist Aboriginal people in conflict with the law.

BearPaw Legal Education creates material for individuals and use in programs operated by a variety of organizations and institutions. BearPaw Legal Education also has a special library at its head office in Edmonton, Alberta. It contains hundreds of books applicable to the well-being of Aboriginal people as well as DVDs, newsletters, periodicals, and research reports and studies.

BearPaw Legal Education recognizes that Aboriginal people often feel alienated by legal and court procedures and benefit from support in the judicial system. Education is critical to progress in social healing and the understanding of rights and obligations when it comes to the law.

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BearPaw Media Productions
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Since 1976, BearPaw Media films have impacted audiences across Alberta and around the world. Created by a team of Aboriginal researchers, writers, producers, directors, and production crews, BMP’s videos explore issues relevant to today’s Aboriginal communities.

Our thought-provoking resources may help your community to:

- Educate Aboriginal people about their rights
- Foster new ideas and discussions
- Increase awareness about social and justice issues

All our videos are designed for use in classrooms, workshops, and programs, and include public performance rights (PPR).

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NEW DVDs

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29 minutes
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23 minutes
2012
$50.00

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VOICE
22 minutes
2012
$50.00

This DVD explores the human experience of racism and discrimination - and, more importantly, Aboriginal peoples’ experience with discrimination. Voice is directed by nationally acclaimed Métis filmmaker Gil Cardinal. Examining the dangers of internalizing negative messages, the DVD explores the effects of minor incidents that accumulate over time, ultimately threatening our sense of self. Produced by BearPaw Communications.
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FIGHTING CHANCE

12 minutes
2011
$50.00

Fighting Chance is a 12-minute animated film about 13-year-old Joey Lightning. Following in the dangerous footsteps of his older brother, Joey is surrounded by drugs, violence, and the gang. His life changes after he's busted for breaking and entering and finds himself before a judge. Is this the moment Joey finally gets a fighting chance? This DVD teaches youth that, while you can't change your past, you can break its cycle.

GOING WILD

19 minutes
2010
$50.00

Going Wild! is a light-hearted short film with a serious message about teamwork, responsibility, and respect for nature. Three young troublemakers are taken on a forest adventure by a police officer and an Aboriginal Elder. In the wilderness, they are forced to do the unimaginable: work together in the spirit of respect.

IDENTITY

24 minutes
2006
$50.00

Who am I? Where do I come from? What does it mean to be an Aboriginal person in the 21st century? This video journey into the cultural heartlands of four Aboriginal peoples illustrates how language, culture, and storytelling continue to play vital roles in forming positive identity today.
YOUTH DVDs

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the resource material you sent to our school. We have put the DVD in the library for all the classes to use and the comic books are out in the front of the library so they can be read by all the children in the school. Thank you for helping us get more Aboriginal material!”

Trish Foley, Aboriginal Liaison, Stoney Plain Central School, Alberta

ILLUSIONS
22 minutes
2005
$50.00

*Illusions* examines the Aboriginal perspective on Canadian street gangs and exposes the gangs’ inner workings. With insight from former gang members, this candid film delves into the false promises gangs use to recruit youth - and reveals the brutal reality lying behind them.

BECAUSE THIS IS OUR LAND
17 minutes
2007
$50.00

The land is suffering. Fortunately, its traditional caretakers hear its pleas and are teaching their children to respect it. Set in the beautiful landscape of northern Alberta, this film contrasts the struggles of a small Aboriginal community with the inspirational curriculum of a progressive First Nations school.

BRAKING POINT
25 minutes
2006
free

Produced in partnership with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Canada, this DVD tackles alcohol and marijuana use by Aboriginal youth in a frank, straightforward manner. *Braking Point* supplies the knowledge kids need to make safe, well-informed lifestyle choices.
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The Supreme Court ruling known as the “Gladue Decision” states that judges must take background and systemic factors into account when sentencing Aboriginal offenders. This film tells the story of a young Aboriginal man who has fallen afoul of the law. As he and a courtworker develop a Gladue pre-sentence report, the young man relates details of his past growing up on reserve. Through the process, he reconnects with his grandfather and his community, rediscovering his culture through a drum song.

The Gladue Decision looks at the landmark 1999 Supreme Court of Canada ruling that decreed judges must take the unique circumstances of Aboriginal people into account when passing sentence on Aboriginal offenders. This video sheds light on the court's original intent and conflicting views of the decision. It also describes the opportunities this important legal milestone presents – and the work that upholding it will require.

Just Cause: Police Interaction Video is a comedic parody following the adventures of a fugitive grandma and her well-meaning grandson. The story is designed to teach adults their legal rights and obligations when interacting with the police. (Information is only applicable to ages 18 and up.)

Wahkohtowin means “everything is related”. Cree Elders believe that individuals, communities, and societies following the teachings of wahkohtowin will be healthier. This discussion between four Elders offers insight into differences between Canadian Law and Cree Natural Law, and establishes why Natural Law is needed in today’s society.
THE BANG YOU FEEL

You’re free . . . so now what? Those released from prison face daunting obstacles on the outside. This 40-minute documentary follows three Aboriginal women as they struggle to rebuild their lives. The BANG You Feel is a compelling look at addiction, support, and hope.

INVISIBLE: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and the Justice System

Invisible: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and the Justice System is a heartfelt account of life with FASD and the challenges this disorder presents within the justice system. In this video, a handful of legal professionals and psychology experts expose the myths and realities of FASD, explaining how best to work with affected clients in terms of conflict with the law, sentencing, support mechanisms, and facilitating future success.

WARRIOR: The Stan Daniels Healing Centre

In its two decades of life, the Stan Daniels Healing Centre minimum security facility has helped countless men leave prison and return to their families and communities with healed spirits. Warrior tells the story of SDHC and the profound impact it has had on Aboriginal justice in Canada.

RAGE Parts 1-4

A landmark BearPaw Media production, this four-part documentary was spearheaded by five Aboriginal ex-offenders who gathered in 1993 to discuss the cycle of male violence, the conditions perpetuating that cycle, and what it takes to break it.
**SOCIAL DVDs**

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**TAKING CONTROL**

20 minutes  
2010  
$50.00

*Taking Control* takes on the Alberta Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act. With an NCSA courtworker acting as guide, this video examines the subject by presenting three family scenarios involving Children’s Services. *Taking Control* helps viewers understand their rights within the act, empowering them to “take control”.

**A SACRED CIRCLE**

14 minutes  
2010  
$50.00

*A Sacred Circle* explores the traditional Aboriginal circle process known today as Family Group Conferencing, its role in making decisions regarding children, and its value to families involved in the child welfare system. FGCs represent a return to the traditional roles Aboriginal families and communities played in determining their children’s best interests prior to years of government services assuming the responsibility.
Intergenerational abuse: hidden and poorly understood, it nevertheless hurts individuals and destroys families. This video looks at how it eats away at the fabric of families - but also how patterns of abuse can be turned around through restorative justice and the legal system. Featuring the dramatized story of an abuse-ridden family intercut with wisdom from Aboriginal seniors and community professionals, this video presents families with an opportunity to talk about abuse and begin the healing process.

This documentary-drama explores separation and divorce on reserve. The tale of a woman and her daughter evicted from their home following a divorce is depicted alongside female Elders discussing traditional domestic roles and responsibilities.

Lateral violence – putdowns, backstabbing, and sabotage occurring within a discriminated-against group – is a serious yet little-discussed problem in Aboriginal society. Hosted by Tantoo Cardinal, this BearPaw bestseller explores the problem and challenges viewers to help break the cycle that perpetuates it. Over 5000 copies of Lateral Violence have been distributed worldwide, from the far reaches of the Arctic Circle to the Australian outback.

“The Lateral Violence video has created discussion in the community about how we treat each other. It probably has been the most significant piece of work we have seen for some time here; it actually calls people to question how they behave.”

Mick Gooda, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Social Justice Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission
This film examines the history of Aboriginal peoples’ relationship with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, from the signing of the treaties to the present day. After years of mutual mistrust, RCMP and Aboriginal leaders now seek to overcome that obstacle and return to the treaties’ original intent.

Gang Aftermath explores the issue of Canadian street gangs from an Aboriginal perspective. How are gang members recruited? What role do females play in the gang lifestyle? Is it true that the only option for a gang member is death or life in prison? With insights from current and former gang members, Gang Aftermath is a no-holds-barred look at gang culture and lifestyle. Gang intervention and prevention programs are presented, along with the journey of one individual determined to get out and stay out.

Prostitution can start anywhere: at home, on the internet, in school, at recreational facilities, even through friends. No Matter How Far You Go is about making choices that will prevent youth involvement in prostitution. For those already working in the sex trade, it encourages development of the traits necessary to get out. Exploring the hardships six former prostitutes have faced, it will inspire others to make positive choices. There is hope for everybody, no matter how far you go.

Produced in partnership with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Canada, Honouring Our Spirit explores the trauma and grief caused by impaired driving, as seen through the lens of the Aboriginal community. The video is a call for healthy grieving as a means to attain a brighter future.
CLICK: Stories of Cyber Bullying
Free up to 20 copies
$2 per additional copy

CLICK is a comic book presenting three stories about cyber bullying’s impact on youth. This resource will engage kids, promoting discussion about cyber bullying and how to prevent it. CLICK: Stories of Cyber Bullying is intended for use with the film Cyber Bullying.

MUSKWA: Fearless Defender of Natural Law
Free up to 20 copies
$2 per additional copy

BearPaw’s second foray into the comic book world introduces Muskwa the Bear, woodland superhero and fearless defender of natural law.

BREACH
Free up to 20 copies
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Breach is an entertaining look at some serious topics: breach charges, the administration of justice, and the consequences of disobeying court orders as a young offender.
ABORIGINAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP GUIDE
Free up to 10 copies
$2 per additional copy

The need for more Aboriginal business owners increases daily. This guide provides Aboriginal people living on or off reserve valuable information about starting a business.

DUTY TO CONSULT
Free up to 50 copies
$0.50 per additional copy

When governments make decisions that impact Aboriginal rights or treaty rights, they are required by Canadian law to consult the potentially affected Aboriginal communities. It’s a simple idea, but in practice Duty to Consult remains poorly understood. This booklet explains what it means in real terms.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS WHEN INTERACTING WITH POLICE?
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This resource outlines your rights and the responsibilities of police making an arrest or looking for information.

PARDON ME
Free up to 50 copies
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This resource answers questions about what a pardon is and the step-by-step process of applying for one. It also includes a list of resources if further assistance is required.

ABORIGINAL IDENTITY: Terms and Definitions
Free up to 50 copies
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This brochure clearly defines identifying terms and rights such as inherent and treaty rights. It also delineates the differences between Inuit, Métis, and First Nations.

MOVING IN: Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Renter
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This handy pamphlet will help you avoid unpleasant surprises after you move in - and help you stand up for your rights.
ELDER ABUSE

in Aboriginal Communities

Free up to 50 copies
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This publication describes elder abuse and its effect on victims. Also outlined are the orders and laws that apply to this type of abuse in Aboriginal communities.

PARENTING

Legal Rights and Responsibilities

Free up to 10 copies
$2 per additional copy

Are you a new parent or planning on becoming one? If so, this user-friendly guide to your new legal rights and responsibilities is a resource you won’t want to miss.

GOING TO COURT

Working your way through Alberta’s Court System

Free up to 50 copies
$0.50 per additional copy

Going to court? Know someone who is? This BearPaw pamphlet takes the reader through every step of the process, from initial charges to sentencing. Useful contact information is also provided.

UNDERSTANDING THE GLADUE DECISION: Sentencing for Aboriginal Clients

Free for up to 20 copies
$1 per additional copy

In 1999, a landmark Supreme Court decision changed the face of sentencing for Aboriginal offenders. This six-page booklet explains the Gladue Decision and what it means for Aboriginal people involved in the criminal justice system.

TAKING CONTROL: Knowing your rights within the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act

Free up to 50 copies
$0.50 per additional copy

Taking Control is your guide to the Alberta Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act. Presented in easy-to-understand language, this pamphlet cuts through the fear and offers helpful information.

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BearPaw Legal Education & Resource Centre podcasts are available online via our website www.bearpaweducation.ca, as well as an upcoming iTunes podcast channel. The podcasts are free to download for educational purposes and use on Aboriginal community radio. For more information please contact:

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UNDERSTANDING GLADUE

Understanding Gladue is an informative and insightful educational podcast about the “Gladue Decision” that features interviews with lawyers, courtworkers, and Aboriginal leaders. It looks at the landmark 1999 Supreme Court of Canada ruling that judges must take the unique circumstances of Aboriginal people into account during sentencing. The podcast also explains the importance of having pre-sentence reports outlining life circumstances and history used in court and sentencing.

SACRED CIRCLE

The use of Family Group Conferencing (sacred circles) by the Alberta government in affiliation with Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA) courtworkers is based on a traditional approach to consultation. Many children in care are Aboriginal so this approach addresses all parties involved in the difficult process. The podcast includes insights from provincial childcare workers, NCSA courtworkers, and Aboriginal seniors.

INVISIBLE: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and the Justice System

Invisible is a two-part podcast about the challenges Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder presents within the justice system. It features compelling interviews with three individuals who candidly recount their experiences with FASD and their justice system struggles. Invisible exposes the myths and realities of FASD and reveals what experts believe is needed to help offenders with this disorder.
Targeting youth and adults in urban and rural settings, both on and off reserve, our free-of-charge legal education workshops aim to reach the widest possible spectrum of people. To schedule your workshops or view a description of topics, please visit www.bearpaweducation.ca

Book early for the following Fall 2012 workshops:

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- KIDS AND THE LAW
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