## Aboriginal Entrepreneurs Pathway to Success



**Entrepreneur:** Cindy Crowe **Business:** Crowe Consulting Services & Co-Founder of Blue Sky Community Healing Centre **Industry:** Construction

Cindy is from Lake Helen First Nation and established Crowe Consulting 11 years ago

and is also a Co-Founder of Blue Sky Community Healing Centre. Since Cindy operates two businesses she is diversified in both cross-consultation, acting as a liaison between industry and First Nations, as well as education and personal development.

Cindy wanted control over her life that sparked her desire to start her own business. After making this decision, she registered Cindy Crowe Consulting and created a website with a company profile. By responding to requests for proposals and using her personal contacts, Cindy's business began to grow with profits being reinvested to continue operations. Initially, a computer, telephone and contacts were all she needed; today Cindy owns a commercial space and all of the equipment required to run her consulting business.

The introductory stages Blue Sky Community Healing Centre were realized through volunteer hours and donations of equipment and gifts. A key resource was registering the business as a non-profit incorporation guided by a Board of Directors, which allowed Cindy to apply for different types of government grants. Since, the Centre has become a registered charity, which permits the freedom to seek financial support through foundations and benefactors. In order to receive the professional advice she needed, the Centre hired a lawyer and BDO Canada for their services.

Cindy believes having faith in your vision, listening to yourself and having determination will allow you to achieve long-term success. She advises to surround yourself with people who believe in you and your vision. Don't let anyone or anything get in the way of your goals.







