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BearPaw Legal Education produces and distributes culturally relevant legal education resources for Indigenous people in Alberta. We are a department of Native Counselling Services of Alberta.

BearPaw creates material for individuals and programs operated by a variety of organizations and institutions throughout Alberta.

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

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NEW DVDs

HUNTING FIREARMS: LAWS OF THE LAND
16 minutes
2018
$10.00
*NEW*

For Indigenous people, the traditional right to hunt is an important part of family and community roles and identity. Today, Canadian law requires that anyone in possession of a non-restricted firearm needs to have a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL). Join BearPaw Media as they explore Firearms Licencing for Adults and Minors and how both Indigenous Natural Law and Canadian Law can walk side by side in the name of safety.

LEARNING DISABILITIES IN SCHOOL
8 minutes
2017
$10.00
*NEW*

The discovery of a learning disability at school can feel overwhelming, the law gives parents the right to make decisions about their child’s education. Learn about the assessment process, development of an Individualized Program Plan (IPP) and how to work with the school’s recommendations for the child. Through this journey parents and school staff will learn how to build on the child’s strengths to achieve success in school.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS IN SCHOOL
5 minutes
2017
$10.00
*NEW*

No parent wants to hear their child is going to be suspended or expelled. This video will help parents through a suspension or expulsion in Alberta schools. While it is true that students and parents must abide by the law and follow the school’s code of conduct, parents have rights in the process as well. Through this journey parents will learn to advocate for their child to help them find success in school.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH GOING TO COURT
9 minutes
2017
$10.00
*NEW*

Radiant Goes to Court (Ages 4-11) - Learn about the basic concepts of court and common testimonial aids designed to keep children comfortable and safe while testifying as either victims or witnesses. There is an accompanying colouring book for this cartoon.

Court Report (Ages 12-17) - In this BearPaw Digital Short, Courtworker Mena delivers the goods on how youth can prepare for court and the surprising changes that can come with it.
YOUTH DVDs

MOVING FORWARD:
Employment Rights in the Workplace
17 minutes
2013
$10.00

This video follows three Indigenous People's lives and career choices. A number of Alberta labour law issues are discussed, including taxes for First Nation People, how to handle workplace harassment, the rules of being “let go”, and what you can do when faced with racism. These inspirational stories will encourage young Indigenous people to aim for the careers they desire, regardless of their circumstances. Features actor Dr. Evan Adams from the movie “Smoke Signals”.

CYBER BULLYING
23 minutes
2012
$10.00

Cyber Bullying offers viewers a rare glimpse into the true nature of the harassment and persecution carried out via modern communication platforms. Following the lives of four kids, this documentary explores technology’s dramatic effect on the way today’s youth relate to each other and the dangers that come with instant communication in public forums. Canadian cyber bully expert Dr. Shaheen Shariff is also featured in the film.

FIGHTING CHANCE
12 minutes
2011
$10.00

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
$10.00

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 Indigenous Elder. In the wilderness, they are forced to do the unimaginable: work together in the spirit of respect.

IDENTITY
24 minutes
2006
$10.00

Who am I? Where do I come from? What does it mean to be an Indigenous person in the 21st century? This video journey into the cultural heartlands of four Indigenous peoples illustrates how language, culture, and storytelling continue to play vital roles in forming positive identity today.
JUST CAUSE 3
19 minutes
2016
$10.00

Are you avoiding phone calls because of Collection Agencies? Wondering if bankruptcy is right for you? Is that Lease-To–Own couch right up your alley? Have you ever regretted a Pay Day loan? Well this video is for you!! Edna Rain and Nathan Alexis are back as a notoriously negligent Kokum/Grandson duo, spending cash anywhere and everywhere they go. Hosted by comedian Howie Miller and special guest appearances by musician/actor Winston Wuttunee and comedian Paul Sveen, Just Cause 3 delves into Money Matters that will have you laughing all the way to the bank.

JUST CAUSE 2
18 minutes
2014
$10.00

Hosted by Howie Miller, Just Cause 2 shows viewers their legal rights and obligations in regards to landlords and tenancy, identity theft, and even probation. The hilarious adventures of a rebel Kokum (Edna Rain) and her semi-responsible grandson (Nathan Alexis) depict some basic “do’s and don’ts” of dealing with the law in a way that entertains as well as educates. (Information is only applicable to ages 18 and up.)

JUST CAUSE
13 minutes
2011
$10.00

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.)
COMMON GROUND:  
Alberta Hunters & Alberta Fish and Wildlife Officers  
12 minutes  
2015  
$10.00

Common Ground is a documentary-drama that depicts an interaction between an Indigenous hunter and an Alberta Fish and Wildlife Officer. Featuring commentary from traditional Indigenous Hunters and leadership from Alberta’s Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch. Common Ground explores the historical and contemporary relationship and the common ground they stand on.

CRIMINALIZATION OF HIV IN CANADA  
32 minutes  
2013  
$10.00

The Canadian Indigenous population is one of the fastest growing groups being diagnosed with HIV today. Due to a lack of education, the disease’s victims face fear and discrimination. This video features four Indigenous Canadians diagnosed with HIV. In hearing their stories, the viewer will learn how they cope with the stigma surrounding their illness and live within the new legislation governing the most intimate part of their lives.

GOING TO COURT  
14 minutes  
2013  
$10.00

Using easy to understand language, this video explains what an Indigenous person going to court can expect. Walking the viewer through the courthouse doors, the video describes the titles and duties of inside and outside courtroom personnel, details court procedure and protocol, and lets the viewer know what to expect when their court date arrives.

GLADUE PRE-SENTENCE REPORT  
23 minutes  
2011  
$10.00

The Supreme Court ruling known as the “Gladue Decision” states that judges must take background and systemic factors into account when sentencing Indigenous offenders. This film tells the story of a young Indigenous man and a courtworker developing 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  
22 minutes  
2009  
$10.00

The Gladue Decision looks at the landmark 1999 Supreme Court of Canada ruling that decreed judges must take the unique circumstances of Indigenous people into account when passing sentence on Indigenous 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.
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.

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.

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 Indigenous 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.
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In Canada, Indigenous women are at the highest risk for violence as a group. This video illustrates the truth: violence is NEVER your fault. Follow the stories of three courageous women who overcame traumatic family violence and are inspiring others to do the same. This video also features an interview with Pam Palmater and a powerful poem by Helen Knott. Music by A Tribe Called Red.

This inspiring video explains the traditional role of Indigenous grandparents, the historical significance of family members being severed from one another, and what a grandparent can do to maintain connection to their grandchild in government care in Alberta today. Grandparents will learn about Family Group Conferences, guardianship, kinship care, and visitation and feel empowered in their sacred family role.

A NEW HOPE: APPLYING TO TERMINATE PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP ORDER
This video looks at laws that give former guardians the opportunity to bring their family together again, after losing their children to a permanent guardianship order (PGO).

YOUR VOICE COUNTS: CHILDREN AND YOUTH APPEALING COURT ORDERS
No matter how old you are, you deserve to have your voice heard. New laws in Alberta give anyone under 18 the right to appeal certain court orders that affect their life. Learn about appealing a court order.

Narrated by Tom Jackson and illustrated by Aaron Paquette, this video helps new parents of Indigenous children understand what a Cultural Connection Plan is, why it’s important, and how to successfully incorporate their child’s culture into their home. This package also includes supplementary material that will help in understanding and creating the best plan possible!

Lateral violence – putdowns, backstabbing, and sabotage occurring within a discriminated-against group – is a serious yet little-discussed problem in Indigenous 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.
**Parenting & Discipline**

This video explores Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada and how it relates to traditional Indigenous society’s view of discipline. Section 43 is known as the “spanking law”, which permits corporal punishment under certain conditions. The DVD also explains how traditionally gentle Indigenous child-rearing methods were disrupted by residential schools’ practice of corporal punishment.

**Taking Control**

*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”.

**Divorce 101 in Alberta**

*Divorce 101 in Alberta* is an informative, easy-to-understand animated video that guides viewers through the divorce process. This video contains information about self-representation, mediator use, and scenarios that will require a lawyer’s input. Guidelines regarding child custody orders, access orders, and child maintenance fees are described in this animation. Property division and spousal support are also discussed.

**Making It Home**

Four short animations examine the rights and responsibilities of those working with Alberta Children and Youth Services. Each segment directly targets a specific group. For biological parents, the focus is on dealing with apprehension of a child. Children in care will learn what should and should not occur in a new caregiver’s home. How to become a foster parent is detailed for prospective foster care parents. Potential kinship care families will discover what is required to take on this important role.

**A Sacred Circle**

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BREAKING A LEASE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CARD *NEW*
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YOUTH CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (YCJA) SECTION 38
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