

General The medical care of Indians and Eskimos is within the jurisdiction of the Medical Services, Department of National Health and Welfare.

The National Museum of Man is the federal authority on traditional Indian culture and prehistory. Information in these matters may be obtained from the Education Section of the Museum.

General information on Canada's native peoples is available from Information Services, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Ottawa. Films and film strips may be obtained from the National Film Board, Ottawa.

Future patterns for Indian development A welcome trend during the past few years has been an ever-increasing awareness on the part of the Indian people that their future lies largely within their own control. As a concrete illustration of this fact, the conduct of Indian affairs is assuming more and more importance in the eyes of individual Indians, groups or associations.

In a comparatively short time, strong, viable Indian associations have been formed in every province and territory of Canada. They are putting forward their own ideas on what should be done to help their people, and the Department is listening and co-operating. There is also an increasing recognition on the part of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs that the Indian people should have as much responsibility as they are willing to assume. One example of this fact is the Contributions to Bands Program by which Indians bands, funded in part by the Federal Government, are able to control such basic necessities on their reserves as welfare, roads, maintenance, housing, etc.

This trend can be expected to accelerate in the future.

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