

## JOE BARNES

Joe Barnes was born in Southern Ontario and now resides in Kenora. He is presently the Executive Director of Kenora Chiefs Advisory, an organization that provides Mental Health Services and other community Health and Social Service Program supports to First Nation Communities. Barnes has a Diploma in Social Service Work from Seneca College and has extensive experience working within First Nation Communities and the broad Canadian context. Among Barnes' many accomplishments are such innovative activities as: the development of community strategic plans for Health services for their membership; and the First Nation Public Health Pilot Project in Northwestern Ontario. Barnes is committed to the goal of an independent and autonomous destiny for all First Nations. His work at the KCA takes him to many First Nation communities where the message is always the same: how to strengthen the lives of individuals and communities through dignity and self-determination.