

MEET YOUR FACILITATOR

Hi! I'm Dene

Learning is a journey, not a destination. Together, we'll create brave, safe spaces where all students can grow, learn, and thrive.



ABOUT ME

Dene Guillas (he/they) is a proud Two-Spirit, pansexual, and transgender man, as well as a devoted father, husband, and lifelong learner. Dene is deeply passionate about youth mental health, healing, and creating safer environments where young people feel seen, valued, and empowered. A natural storyteller, he draws on his Indigenous identity and lived experience to connect with students and educators alike. His approach encourages reflection, bravery, and honest conversations that lead to meaningful change.

MY BACKGROUND

With over 20 years of facilitation experience across education, organizational, and community settings—including 13 years in non-profit—Dene brings warmth, authenticity, and insight into every space he enters. He led an education team at a renowned Canadian 2SLGBTQIA+ organization for five years, working to advance inclusion and support schools in adopting trauma-informed and relationship-centered practices.

His background spans youth services, education, child & family supports, and transgender healthcare—equipping him to speak directly to the mental health needs and lived realities of today's students.

FUN FACTS



I have 4 cats named:
Batty, Bean, Bug & Butter



Saskatoon pie is my
favorite dessert.



I like to camp with my
wife, daughter & friends.



I love to exercise
and lift weights.