

# **MELANIE JORGENSEN**

“I believe addiction affects Indigenous families in much greater depth than non-Indigenous families. The ripple effect is far greater. If you were going to throw a stone into Okanagan Lake, it would only go out so far for non-Indigenous communities. But for Indigenous communities, it will go on forever and deeper because it will affect everyone.”

**Do you agree with this? Why or why not?**

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**How does addiction affect the Indigenous community?**

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**What life circumstances may have contributed to Melanie’s statement?**

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**How did Melanie help herself?**

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