



## Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services

### 1992-1995

Formerly known as *Gzaa-Gaah-Naa-Nig Child and Family Services*. Original funding agreement between *Gzaa-Gaah-Naa-Nig* and the *Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS)*. Provincial government discontinues funding and the organization was forced to cease providing services.

### MARCH 2016

Chiefs mandate *Waabnoong Bemjiwang Association of First Nations (WBAFN)* to pursue the development of a First Nations Children Services Agency for member First Nations and Shawanaga First Nation (Independent).

### APRIL 2016

Draft budget submitted to MCYC for consideration to support development of a Child Well Being Agency.

### SEPTEMBER 2016

WBAFN and MCYS sign service contract for WBAFN to begin development as a pre-designated Child Well Being Agency servicing the First Nations of: Wasauksing, Shawanaga, Magnetawan, Henvey Inlet, Dokis, Nipissing and Wahnapiatae.

### DECEMBER 2016

Operations begin with hiring of Project Manager to guide process under WBAFN Board of Directors. MCYS indicate 5-stage (A,B,C,D,E) process to be completed before designation.

**Stage A begins.**

### JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2017

Community Consultation with youth, communities, service providers, Chiefs and elders take place. Organizational Steering Committee developed with community representatives. Urban Indigenous populations consulted.

### DECEMBER 2017

**STAGE A - (Community Consultations) conclude.** Ministry approval to begin Stage B.



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## OCTOBER 2018

Resolution of Council of Chiefs to support servicing of all Indigenous Children and families in the jurisdiction of services.

## DECEMBER 2018

New Board of Directors assume roles for the Organizations. Alternative Care License is acquired allowing the organization to recruit and open Indigenous Alternative Care homes.

## MARCH 2019

Naming Ceremony takes place on Nipissing First Nation as the new organization receives name "Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services".

## NOVEMBER 2019

3-Day Strategic Planning occurs with Board of Directors in Rama, ON. Ontario Chiefs pass resolution supporting designation of Agency to occur Spring 2020.

## FEBRUARY - NOVEMBER 2018

Further capacity building with development of an Organizational Service Model, Elders Advisory Committee, Policies and Procedures, increase in staffing occurs.

## NOVEMBER 2018

Incorporation as a Non-Profit Organization of the Province of Ontario.

## JANUARY 2019

Transition Plan begins to devolve from Tribal Council to Sole Incorporation Status.

## JULY 2019

**Stage B Activities (Capacity Building) Completed.** Cultural Ceremony held in West Nipissing with Deputy Ministry Mernard in attendance. Correspondence sent to Ministry indicating the completion of Stage B and preparedness to advance to Stage C.

## NEXT STEPS

**STAGE E (Sustaining Capacity)**

**Stage D (Ministrial Designation)**