



Niijaansinaanik

Child and Family Services

Alternative Care Newsletter



November 2020

WHAT'S INSIDE

Cultural Connections.....	2
We've Got News!.....	2
National Child Day.....	3
Language Illustrations.....	4
Annual General Meeting.....	4
Hand Washing.....	4
Contact Us.....	4

Mtikmeg Güzis

Whitefish
Moon



Cultural Connections

Preparing for the future

Whitefish Moon is the time the whitefish gather to spawn. Unlike most other fish they choose the fall to begin their life cycle. They join the land creatures in this dance of life. The Whitefish is a staple of the Anishinabek and other indigenous people. It's rich oil medicine is a much needed nutrient for the winter months to come. This being reminds us to prepare for the future through the young they come together to create. The eggs they lay are their future generations. Like us, we look to our children to carry on our legacies through our families, communities and nations. They nurture us today and enrich our future. Our children are the medicine we need for the winter of our lives.



All My Relations,

Perry McLeod Shabogesic

**WE'VE
GOT
NEWS**

**ALL CAREGIVERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN
PERSON OR VIA ZOOM, FOR AN UPDATE
REGARDING OUR EXCITING PROGRESS
TOWARDS DESIGNATION!**

NORTH BAY

BEST WESTERN HOTEL AND
CONFERENCE CENTRE
ONTARIO ROOM AB
700 LAKESHORE DRIVE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020
6P.M.

PARRY SOUND OFFICE

10 MILLER STREET
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020
6P.M.

**NIIJAANSINAANIK CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES IS
COMPLETING THE FINAL PHASE BEFORE
DESIGNATION DATE SET FOR APRIL 1, 2021.**

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
705-763-2000 EXT. 206 | SOPHIE.LEBLANC@NIIJCFS.COM
CONTACT FOR ZOOM INVITE

Chi-Mügwetch
SEE YOU SOON!



Niijaansinaanik
Child and Family Services

“ Our first teacher is our own heart. ”

Cheyenne

National Child Day

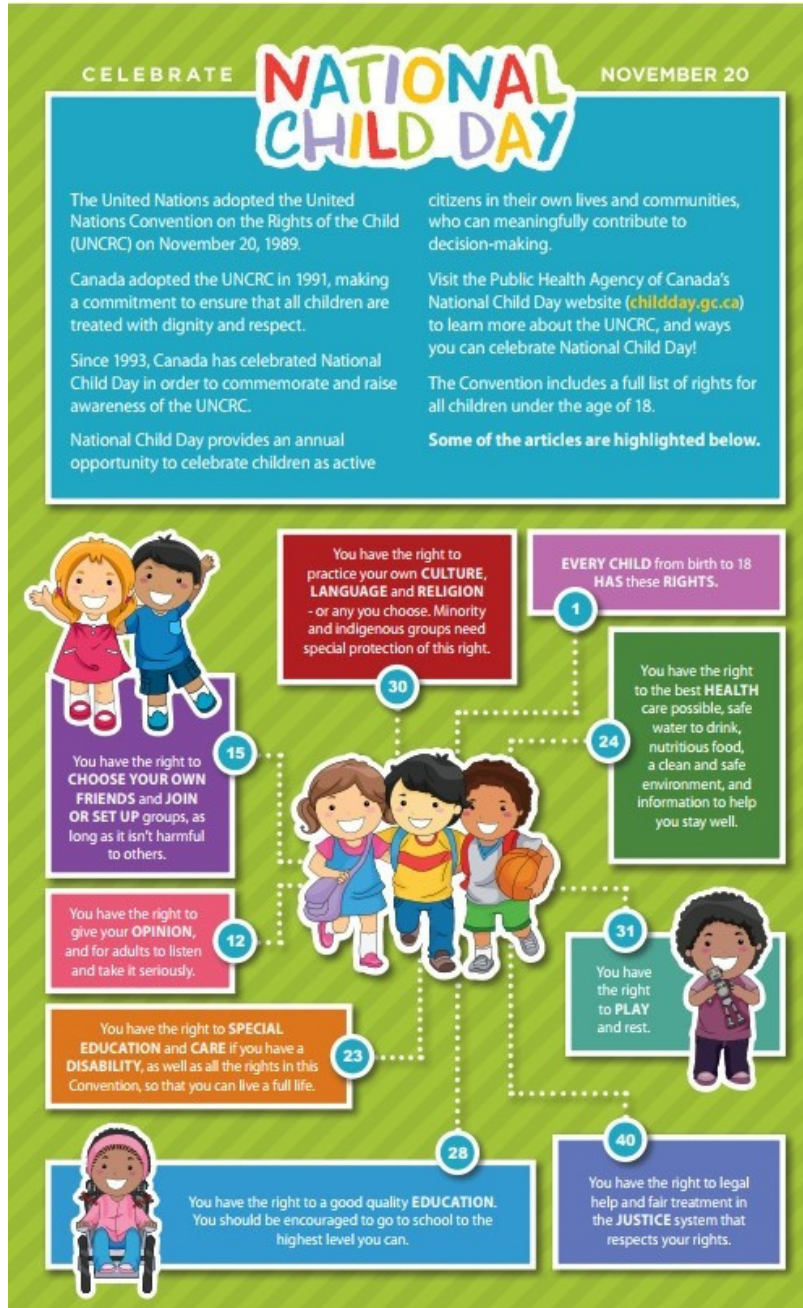
November 20

National Child Day is celebrated on November 20th each year. National Child Day has been celebrated across Canada since 1993 to commemorate the United Nations' adoption of two documents centered on children's rights: *the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child* on November 20, 1959, and the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child* on November 20, 1989. By ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991, Canada made a commitment to ensure that all children are treated with dignity and respect.

This commitment includes the opportunity for children to have a voice, be protected from harm and be provided with their basic needs and every opportunity to reach their full potential. Celebrating National Child Day is about celebrating children as active participants in their own lives and in communities, as active citizens who can and should meaningfully contribute to decision-making.



Click here to view the
*Rights of Anishinaabe
Children and Youth
Poster from our website*



Child Day Resources for Youth, Parents, Caregivers and Educators

A National Child Day [activity kit](#), including an activity guide and a colouring poster for kids (Celebrate National Child Day – [Colouring Poster PDF Version](#). [The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(Child and Youth Friendly Version\)](#)).

[A child and youth corner](#) to help children under the age of 18 learn about their rights

[Key reference material of child rights publications](#): A Canada Fit for Children, A World Fit for Children, A World Fit for Us, Say It Right, and Convention of the Rights of the Child.

“ To the world you may be one person;
but to one person you may be the world.”
Dr. Seuss

21 Languages of Hand Washing Resources

Funder of Art for Aid, Colleen Gray, as part of the UN call out for artists to assist in creating COVID-19 indigenous language resources, created free downloadable posters that read, "Wash your hands", in 21 indigenous languages.

(Translations are from Indigenous Services Canada website)

The Government of Canada has also made educational material available in indigenous languages.

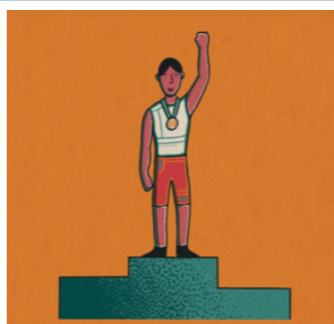


Annual Report

Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services debuted the 2019 Annual Report, during the Annual General Meeting held on October 7, 2020 in Sudbury, ON.

View booklet here:

[2019 Annual Report](#)



Gashki'ewizi -They accomplish, succeed



**Wiidookaazo - They help
Wijji'igoowizi - They receive help**



Migwech to Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley for sharing his images with us. Pawis-Steckley is an Ojibwe woodland artist from Barrie, ON. He is a member of Wasauksing First Nation.

Contact us

We love to hear from you.

Your role as caregiver is crucial in many aspects. Thank you for choosing your role and making a sincere difference in the lives of many. Thank you for believing in our Agency and helping keep Indigenous, Métis and Inuit children in our/your communities. Together we can provide positive and healthy experiences for children and youth, who can grow up with true and strong connections.

Migwech!



1-855-223-5558



niijcfs.com