Rights of Anishinaabe Children and Youth

The Rights of Anishnaabe children are inherent and forever in all our customary care practices and include:

The Right to...

1

Anishinabewin

Identity - to know and choose who he/she is within the context of his/her heritage, culture and spiritual path

2

Anishinaabemowin

Access, know, learn, and speak his/her **language**

3

Miinigooswin

A healthy balanced life using traditional and/or contemporary healing that reinforce his/her true **identity, culture and personal connection to Creation**

4

Minobimaatiziwin

The **Good life path** they chose before they entered the physical world-

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Anishinaabe akiig

Land, water, air and fire - for the child's past, present and future lies in all parts of Creation

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Anishinaabechigewin

Choose a **lifestyle** that offers gifts for balanced health, prosperity, happiness, and fulfillment

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Kinamaatiwin

Traditional and/or formal education that includes opportunities to learn experientially through land-based learning, teachings, and ceremony, in addition to learning from books and formal institutions

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Anishinaabe Ishinikaasowin

Choose a **spiritual name** that will help guide them through life and know their place in Creation

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Ododemun

Know and be a member of his/her **clan** and the role this plays in their family, community and Nation

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Shawentaasoo Ganawentasoowin

Protect and be **protected both inside and outside of the family**

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Live a life full of purpose, meaning and forever learning

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Gutsiimuh

Know and be a part of his/her family, community, people and Creation - **"All My Relations"**

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To be a "Child" and live - through this part of their sacred medicine wheel of life, free of unnecessary pain, suffering and burdens that are not theirs to carry