



Niijaansinaanik Child and Family 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).

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.

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.

FEBRUARY -

NOVEMBER 2018

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

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.

APRIL 2016

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

DECEMBER 2016

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

Stage A begins.

DECEMBER 2017

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

A DETAILED HISTORY OF NIJAANSINAANIK



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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.

NOVEMBER 2018

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

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.

JANUARY 2019

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

MARCH 2019

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

JULY 2019

Stage B Activities (Capacity Building) Completed. Cultural Ceremony held in West Nipissing with Deputy Ministry Mernard in attendance.

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.

JANUARY 30, 2020

Stage C-Transition Stage begins. NCFS continues to provide services, and increase organizational capacity.

MARCH 2020

The global pandemic, COVID-19, causes designation date to be moved to April 2021.

MAY 2020

Joint provincial counterpart committees continue planning for complete devolution in regard to First Nation, Métis, Inuit caseload in jurisdiction.

JULY 2020

Ministry officially recognizes HEART and SPIRIT as an alternative to SAFE and PRIDE.

APRIL 1, 2021

Stage D (Ministerial Designation) completed. Small ceremony held in Parry Sound to announce official designation by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS).