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The Rights of Anishinaabe
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Who We Serve:
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Magnetawan, Shawanaga,
Wasauksing, and Wahnapitae.

\*Indigenous and Inuit children, youth and families in the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts. Let's keep our children in our communities!



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Taking Care of Children and Youth

## Alternative Care



Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services



## Become an Alternative Caregiver today!

Make a positive difference

Provide a safe home

Maintain cultural and community connection









## Support provided to our Alternative Caregivers



24-Hour support



Culturally appropriate, holistic services



In-Home support between caregiver and children/youth



Resources to meet needs of child(ren), youth and families



Training and educational opportunities



Relief/Screened support

## What is Alternative Care?

Alternative Care provides family-based residential care, routine, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual support to children and youth in need of protection and out of home placement, inclusive of:

<u>Customary Care</u>: Care and supervision of a child/youth by a person who is not the child's parent, according to the custom of the child's band or First Nation, or Inuit community.

Alternative Care: The provision on a daily basis of all the essential elements of family life that a child/youth needs. The child/youth can be readily integrated into the alternative caregiver's family and have their needs met by following the family's normal daily routines.

<u>Kinship Care:</u> Pre-existing relationship between the alternative caregiver and the child/youth that requires out-of-home placement. May be a familial relationship or an adult with no blood relation, clan affiliation, but who has played a significant role in the life of the affected child/youth.

