

About Us

Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services (NCFS) is a culture-based organization responsive to the holistic needs of all children, youth, and families. NCFS provides services that reflect values, beliefs, and principles rooted within the Anishinabek culture. We believe the care of children and youth is the responsibility of an entire community. While working in the present, we acknowledge history and its impacts on our people in relation to outside influences and strive to build a strong, healthy future for all children, youth, families, and communities.

We are committed to providing culturally centered protection, prevention, advocacy, care, and cultural services for all children, youth, and families. Our fundamental values emphasize maintaining strong culture and language values, that teach us how to live Mino Bimaadiziwin: *The Good Life*.

We operate around a Culture-Based Service Model framed around caring for our children and based on Mino Bimaadiziwin – *the Good Life*, diversity, our Elders, the Clan System and Accountabilities, culturally restorative practices, and the seven Grandfather teachings.



Let's keep our children
in our communities!



Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services

Culture Team

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Who We Serve:

Henvey Inlet, Dokis,
Magnetawan, Shawanaga,
Wasauksing, and Wahnapiatae.

*Indigenous and Inuit children,
youth and families in the Nipissing
and Parry Sound Districts.

Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services are members of the Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario (ANCFSAO) and the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies of Ontario (OACAS).

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Niijaansinaanik
OUR CHILDREN
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Mino-Bimaadiziwin
The Good Life

Cultural Services



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Culture Program

- Supports children, youth and families on their healing journeys.
- Provides individual and group activities.
- Provides safe learning spaces to explore culture, traditions, teachings, and ceremonies.
- Respects all spiritual paths in our shared territory sharing good medicine.
- We honour all spiritual paths and share our Anishinabek ways for guidance.

Our cultural programming is a paramount anchor of NCFS services. Our Culture staff work with all departments to assist in creating and delivering support programs tailored to children, youth, and families' situations and desired outcomes.

Elder's Advisory Circle

Our Elder's Advisory Circle is made up of Elders from all member communities. They are a compass resource to assist staff in the steering, development, and delivery of services. They provide spiritual guidance and support, develop protocols and policies guided by the 7 Gifts, and Clan System. The Elders work closely with the Culture Team to develop future activities to positively affect children, youth and families.

Services

Cultural services can be provided to support children, youth and families on healing journeys to stay connected or to reconnect with culture and traditions. We respect all healthy spiritual paths and are happy to work with you for other cultural or traditional requests, including, but not limited to:

- Family Talking Circles
- Welcoming Ceremonies
- Traditional Parenting Program
- Naming and Colours Ceremony
- Rights of Passage Ceremony
- Traditional Land-Based Teachings
- Fasting and Vision Quest
- Odedemowin (Clan) Teachings
- Bundle Building Activities and Teaching
- Pipe Ceremony
- Cedar Teachings
- Sweat Lodge
- Others

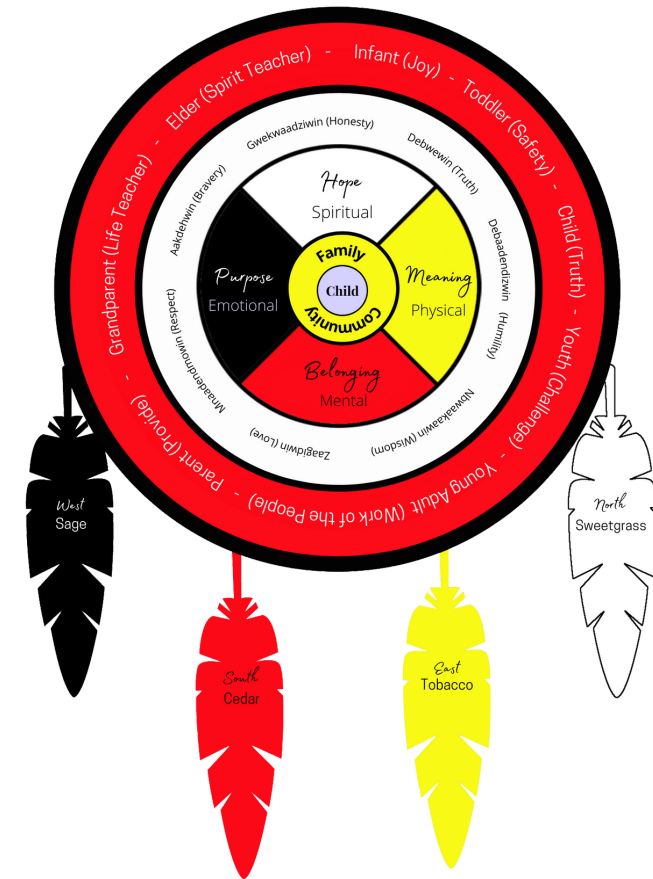
Provincial Public Health Regulations may affect if services requested will be held online or in-person.



All NCFS staff receive ongoing cultural training. Children Services Workers attend Circles with children, youth, and families when required. Our Culture Team is pleased to assist Children's Services Workers in development and delivery with Outcome Plans, Talking/Sharing Circles and more.

Maamwi Gdoo-Bwaajigemin

Together We Dream



The Child is in the center of the Medicine Wheel to signify their importance and their Voice. The Child is surrounded by Family and Community reflecting the Anishinabek belief that Family is the foundation of Community.

The Rights of Anishinaabe Children and Youth are inherent and forever in all care practices.

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