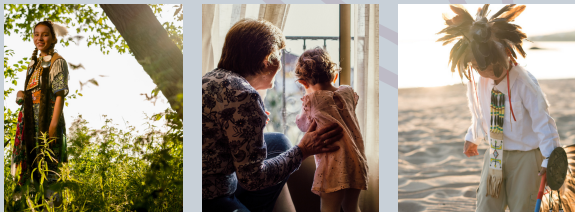


What is a Customary Care Agreement?

Customary Care practices are influenced by the cultures of the parents and the community, in which the child/youth is being raised. The use of Customary Care Agreement is based on the principles of consensus, voluntary participation, cooperation, and collaboration of the care of the child/youth. The Agreement recognizes that members of the immediate and extended family and community share responsibility in the provision of care to a child/youth.



Types of Customary Care Agreements

Short-Term: Temporary placements and signed for up to six months at a time.

Long-Term: Can be in effect until the child/youth turns eighteen years of age.

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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.

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 is licensed by the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services (MCCSS) to approve Alternative Care Homes.

Customary Care Providers must meet Ministry and Agency standards of care and agree to participate in formal planning and decision-making for the child/youth and their family.

What is Customary Care ?

The Customary Care Program is based on our Indigenous cultural belief system. Our Program recognizes and respects the inherent rights of the Anishinabek. This model of Customary Care will be implemented only if the child/youth is deemed in need of protection, as identified through a Child Welfare Authority or the Courts and the respective First Nation community, declares that the child/youth be cared for under a Customary Care Agreement, through a Band Council Resolution (BCR).

Customary Care Agreements are a priority to ensure children and youth remain with family and community. It is desired that Customary Care Agreements be reached before any court applications are required. The program individualizes each Agreement, encompassing traditional practices and/or healthy child-rearing and care. All members of the family, extended family, relatives, and community are involved in caring for children, whose families experience difficulties.

Customary Care Coordinator

- Works collaboratively with families to develop Customary Care Agreements.
- Provides education and awareness on Customary Care programs and services.
- Coordinates and ensures all documentation is completed for implementation of the Customary Care Agreement.
- Monitors and assists in regular reviews of Customary Care Agreements.

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

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