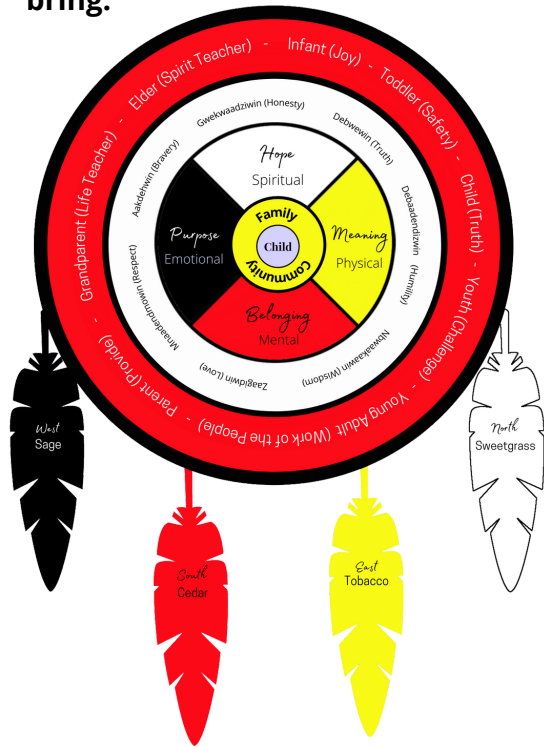


The child/youth is surrounded by family and Community reflecting the Anishinabek belief that family is the foundation of community. Our traditional teachings see the four directions as sacred because each direction gives us special gifts and teaches that we must always respect the four directions and the gifts they bring.



The Anishinabek belief of wholeness is symbolized by the circle, family, and community. The life cycle is a circle that shows our lives from infant to Elder. Wellness includes our body, mind, heart, and spirit, which are the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical parts of self that are shown in the four quadrants of the medicine wheel.

Let's keep our children in our communities!



## Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services

Family Support  
Services 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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*"Where Families Gather"*

# Family Support

Family visits are a right of children/youth and their families that are respected by Nijjaansinaanik Child and Family Services.

Nijjaansinaanik Child and Family Services will ensure that families are provided visits in a timely, supportive, and responsive manner following an Alternative Care placement or family separation.

The Family Support team provides services in two key areas:

- In-home family support/reunification
- Family visiting

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

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# Family Support Values

Anishinaabe children, youth and families are surrounded by layers of support: Family, extended family, community, clan, and Nation.

- Anishinabek culture is the foundation for wellness and supports the healing process of family visits.
- Family Support Services' medicine wheel guides the work of our team.
- Flexible family visits that occur in the family home and community.
- A strengths-based approach to family visits.
- Understanding of historical trauma.
- Anishinabek staff members.
- Our focus is to remove barriers.

## Doodemag Enji Maawnjidjik – “Where Families Gather” Access Centre

Our Access Program is Child/Youth-Centred and built upon the foundation of our Culture. This approach enables our families to be guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings and empowers positive learning experiences.

The Doodemag Enji Maawnjidjik Centre is located at Henvey Inlet and is a welcoming safe space where every room is child-friendly and family-focused. Anishnaabe teachings are illustrated in the interior design of the building.

