## Culture-Based Well-Being Model

Our Culture-Based Well-Being Model has 4 outcomes:

- Provide hope;
- Instill a deep sense of belonging and connectedness with family, community, and the land;
- Provide meaning in our lives, and;
- Understand our purpose in life.



Anishinaabe children/youth are surrounded with layers of support: Family, extended family, community, clan, and Nation that can support these outcomes.

Let's keep our children in our communities!



Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services

Protection Services Team Toll-Free: 1-855-223-5558

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Who We Serve:
Henvey Inlet, Dokis,
Magnetawan, Shawanaga,
Wasauksing, and Wahnapitae.

\*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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Protecting Children and Youth

# Protection Services



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#### **Protection Services**

It is our goal to ensure that while sometimes protection services are necessary, services will be delivered in a culturally sensitive manner that will protect the rights of Anishinaabe children/youth to remain in their communities with their families, have access to their culture and language, and ensure that they maintain their identities, services include not limited to:

- Cultural Services
- Alternative Care Program
- Customary Care Homes
- Kinship Care and Kinship Service
- Safe House/Homes/Therapeutic homes
- Child Protection Workers
- Children's Services Workers
- Youth in-Care/Transition Workers

#### **Protection Team Role**

Our role is to provide services to help children, youth, families, and communities find appropriate healing, resources to become empowered.

We work closely with Prevention, Culture, and First Nations to assist children, youth, and families, and the community to ensure the safety and well-being of families.

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

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#### **Protection Values**

Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services (NCFS) is committed to providing culturally centered protection, prevention, advocacy, care, and cultural services for all families, infants, children, and youth who experience abuse or are at risk of experiencing any type of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. We strive to:

- Re-Empower Resources.
- Re-Engage Community.
- Provide holistically informed, wraparound services to address issues, and ensure safety and well-being presently and permanently.

The partnerships between communities and NCFS aim to include families and communities to participate in a holistic response regarding their child/youth's care and well-being, with ongoing communication and consultation.





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

The protection of children and youth is a shared responsibility. Communities have an inherent right and responsibility to raise children in ways that are consistent with traditional childrearing practices and communities.

For any questions, or to report a concern about a child/youth, call:



1-855-223-5558