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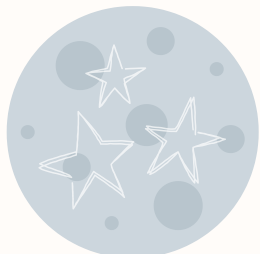
Child and Family Services

Alternative Care Newsletter



December 2022

Mnidoo Giizooohns



Little Spirit Moon

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Cultural Connections

Mnidoo Giizooohns - Little Spirit Moon

Ahniin, Boozhoo Kina Weya,

This moon is known as the messenger that signals the solstice and preparations begin for the Great Spirit Moon – Gchi Manidoo Giizis in January.



The Earth is resting, and the stillness is the time of the Great Spirit – the one Creator – Gizhe Manidoo.

Na’how, Miigwetch,
Culture Team



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

From the Alternative Care Team

Office will be closed on
December 26 & 27, 2022
January 2, 2023

Our After Hours Team will be
available for emergencies at
1-855-223-5558

Beginning December 2022, many Alternative Care Providers who have children placed in their home by a Customary Care Agreement will be slowly assigned to the Customary Team. This move serves to support and manage the growing number of Customary Care Homes within the Agency.

The Customary Care Team's role is threefold; they will be the team to assess the homes who are identified as potential care providers for child(ren) by way of Customary Care, they will coordinate case conferencing and be the person(s) to facilitate the Customary Care Agreements between the parties and First Nation(s) and lastly they will provide Alternative Care Support for those families who have children placed in their home.

The Team consists of Lizabeth Brant, Customary Care Coordinator, Julie Hunter, Customary Coordinator, Stephanie Therrien, Family Finder, and Katie Baltzer and Charity Young (kinship services workers and kin in care assessors) and Scott Corbett Services Manager.

We look forward to meeting all of you soon and we hope you have a safe and amazing holiday season.

Sincerely,

The Customary Care Team



Children's Christmas Party
 Sunday, December 11, 2022
 10a.m. - 3p.m.
 Shawanaga First Nation - Community Centre
 2 Village Road

Your presence is required and we look forward to seeing you!

Join us for a special jolly visitor, presents, and a turkey luncheon! Your worker will contact you for confirmation of attendance and to discuss any food allergies.

Please RSVP by December 1, 2022
 To: (705) 763-2000 ext: 3005 or registration@nijjefcs.com

CULTURAL EVENTS

Round Dance Ceremony Teachings

Monday, December 5
 10:00a.m.- 12:00p.m.
 10 Miller St Parry Sound, ON or VIA Zoom
 Guest Speaker: Christine King
Register by 4:00p.m. on December 2, 2022

Nishnaabemwin Bingo

Wednesday December 14, 2022
 5:00p.m.- 7:00p.m.
 In Person at 10 Miller St Parry Sound, ON
 or VIA Zoom
 Come and play the Anishinaabe way!
 Gift Cards to be won!
Register by 4:00p.m. on December 9, 2022

Community Drum Social

Saturday, December 10, 2022
 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
 The Gathering Place, Wasauksing First Nation
 Come dance, listen to singing and socialize!
 This is an open event, everyone welcome and encouraged to attend.
No registration required.

Winter Solstice Teachings & Feast

Wednesday December 21, 2022
 3:00-4:30pm
 6 Serenity Lane, North Bay ON or VIA ZOOM
 Join us and learn about Winter Solstice and
 celebrate this time with a feast!
Register by 4:00p.m. on December 14, 2022

To find out more about any Cultural events listed or to register,
 please contact: (855) 223-5558 ext 1201 or registration@nijcfs.com

Anishinaabemdaa - Let's speak/talk Ojibway

Pronouns

I ----- NIIN
 You ----- GIINN, GIINWAA
 He or She ----- WIIN
 We (excluding you) ----- NIINWI
 We (all of us) ----- GIINWI
 They ----- WIINWAA

Holiday Reminders

FIRE SAFETY



KEEP LIVE AND FAKE TREES AWAY FROM HEAT SOURCES

If you have a live tree, make sure it stays hydrated. If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled "fire resistant." Fire-resistant trees are less susceptible to catching fire.

WORK AS A TEAM

When stringing lights and decorations above your normal reach, make sure you use a proper ladder with someone supporting the base.

USE UNBREAKABLE ORNAMENTS

If you have fragile ornaments, place them out of reach from pets and kids.

CHECK & TURN OFF LIGHTS

Replace any lights with frayed wires, broken sockets, and loose connections. Turn off all lights when you go to bed and before leaving the house to avoid a short that could start an electrical fire. Prevent electrical cord damage. Don't mount lights in a way that might damage the cords, and avoid using nails or tacks. Use hooks or insulated staples instead.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

BEWARE OF POISONOUS PLANTS

Poinsettias, holly and mistletoe are poisonous when eaten, so keep them out of reach of kids and pets.

SMALL ITEMS AND PIECES

Be mindful of small items and pieces from food (such as toothpicks, bread ties, bags, etc.) and small pieces from cutting toys out of packing, and batteries.

CORRECT AGE RANGE TOYS

Buy toys that are labelled for the correct age range. Age recommendations on toys are typically about safety, not based solely on the ability of the child.

CANDLES

Secure candles. Keep candles on a sturdy base to prevent tipping. Never leave a lit candle unattended. Ensure matches and lighters are stored away from children.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE WORKING FIRE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.

REVIEW EXIT PLAN AND LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WITH ALL MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD.



This is not a complete list. For more information visit:

[Ontario Native Fire Fighters Society](#)
[Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs](#)



Alternative Care Upcoming Training

Recommended by Ministry of Social Services

2 Days First Aid / CPR

December 2022

1 - 2

5 - 6

10 - 11

15 - 16

January 7 - 8, 2023

Best Western

North Bay, ON

January 14 - 15, 2023

10 Miller St Parry

Sound, ON

Provided by

St. Johns Ambulance

375 Sherbrooke St,
North Bay, ON

8:30am - 4:30pm



Life Book Workshop

Parry Sound

Nijaansinaanik CFS Office

10 Miller St

December 3

1pm - 4pm

North Bay

Location: TBD

January 14, 2023

1pm - 4pm

Pictures can be printed prior up to \$100 per year per child, if unable to a small portable photo printer will be at the workshop however only be able to print no more than 5 per family. All other materials will be provided.

We do encourage you to bring the children.

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention

January 21 - 22, 2023 in Parry Sound

March 4 - 5, 2023 Location TBD

May 9 - 10, 2023 in North Bay

Registration required. Please contact: (855) 223-5558 ext 3005 or registration@nijcfs.com

Children's Colouring

All ages and skill levels are encouraged to submit to get entry to the draw. Raffle winners will be notified.

Submission Date: December 29, 2022

Draw Date: January 5, 2023

Prize: \$25 Walmart Gift Card



Monthly Family Engagement Activity



Theme: Picture of your Holiday Decoration

Prize: \$50 Walmart Gift Card

Caregivers can spend \$20.00 max for this contest.

To submit receipt with expenses.

Submission Date: December 29, 2022

Draw Date: January 5, 2023



Car Seat

Did you know that car seat safety is a requirement for all Alternative Care Homes? Our Trainer/Recruiter is available for One-on-One training.

Tip: Always check your manual before installing your car seat.
Best safety practice: Toys, mirrors, seat covers or a blanket under the car seat should not be added.

For more information please contact:

Lillian Couchie at
Lillian.Couchie@nijcfs.com
or at 1-855-223-5558

Heart
& SPIRIT

January 28 - 29, 2023 &
February 11 - 12, 2023
Best Western, North Bay, ON
Participants will be notified



April - May 2023
10 Miller Street, Parry Sound, ON
Participants will be notified

Contact us

We love to hear from you.

Your role as a caregiver is crucial in many aspects. Thank you for choosing to be a care provider and making a sincere difference in the lives of many. Thank you for believing in our Agency and helping keep Indigenous children in our/your communities. Together we can provide positive and healthy experiences for children and youth, who can grow up with true and strong connections.

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Round Dance Ceremony Teachings

Facilitators:

Geraldine Govender & Brennan Govender
Moose Cree First Nation

MONDAY • DECEMBER 5 • 10 AM - 12 PM
10 MILLER STREET, PARRY SOUND
& VIA ZOOM

The Round Dance Ceremony is one of our oldest ceremonies and is a time to feast our passed loves ones. This is the one time Creator allows our passed loved ones to come eat and dance with us.

Join Geraldine & Brennan as they share the teachings & protocols of the Round Dance Ceremony.

PLEASE REGISTER AT
registration@nijcfs.com

Deadline to Register
December 2, 2022 at 4:00pm



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ALL AGES AC EVENT

Nishnaabemwin BINGO!

DECEMBER 14
5:00-7:00PM

In person at 10 Miller Street, Parry Sound &
VIRTUAL EVENT via ZOOM

Nishnaabemwin gpkinaagewin giqgdod
Bingo Caller, Pilar Welling

PLEASE REGISTER AT
registration@nijcfs.com

DEADLINE to Register
December 9, 2022 at 4:00pm



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DRUM SOCIAL

Sing, Dance & Socialize

COME AND SOCIALIZE WITH US



Grandfather Drum & Hand Drums

There will be a Grandfather Drum, Hand Drums and singers that will share their different songs



Dancing & Regalia

You are more than welcome to bring your regalia and dance. Its okay if you don't have one, still show up and learn how to dance!



Socialize

Bring your family and/or friend & come on out to watch listen and socialize!



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WINTER SOLSTICE

TEACHINGS & FEAST



WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2022

3:00-4:30PM

NORTH BAY ARBOUR, 6 SERENITY LANE WEST
OR VIA ZOOM

Please Register at
registration@nijcfs.com

Deadline to Register
December 14, 2022 at 4:00pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2022 6:00-8:00PM
THE GATHERING PLACE, WASAUKSING FIRST NATION



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