



Որպես Վճար Դա ՈՆՎՐԳԱԾ ԼՈՐԳԱԾ

Tikinagan

Child & Family Services

ՎՃ 2021/22

ԼԼՕ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ՈՒՐԴԱԾ ԼՐԱՊԵՐՈՒՄ

ԵՐԱ ՎԼԼՕ ԴՈՐՈՐԴՈՒՄ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ՔՍԵՏՈՐ

Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin

Everyone working together to raise our children

ԵՐ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

Որպես Երկրորդի Վճ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ՎճԱՆ ԵՐ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԼԼՕ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐ ԼԼՕՐ՝ ՈՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

Որպես ՔՍԵՏՈՐ



Որպես Վճար Դա ՈՆՎՐԳԱԾ ԼՈՐԳԱԾ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԼԼՕ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԼԼՕ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԼԼՕ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ 30, Որպես Վճար Դա ՈՆՎՐԳԱԾ ԼՈՐԳԱԾ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ
ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ

• ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ ԵՐԿՐԱՆԻՆԻ



ᑎᑭᑭᑦ ᑕᑕᑦᑭᑦ ᑭᑦ ᑎᑭᑭᑦᑕᑦ ᑭᑭᑦᑕᑦ

Tikinagan

Child & Family Services

Winter 2021/22

Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin Newsletter

Everyone working together to raise our children

ᑭᑭᑦ ᑕᑕᑦᑭᑦ ᑕᑕᑦᑭᑦ

ᑕᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᑦ

In this Issue:

- Tikinagan trail-blazes again, begins work on Niigaanshkaawin
- Pikangikum staff receive OPP commendation
- On October 27th, We Dressed Purple to Show Families We're Here to Help



Our Model

Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin is the Tikinagan service model. In Ojibway/Oji-Cree, Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin means, "Everyone working together to raise our children." It is a system of protecting and caring for children and supporting families that has been designed and is delivered by First Nations people.

Our Vision

The Creator entrusted First Nations with the sacred responsibility of protecting our children and developing strong families and healthy communities. The Chiefs created Tikinagan to support and strengthen our children, our families, and our communities. The future of our communities is our children.

Why Do We Wear Orange?

On September 30, Tikinagan Child and Family Services wore orange for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to show their support for residential school survivors.

The residential school system historically separated families and disrupted community life. Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, which means "Everyone working together to raise our children," is the Tikinagan service model and works to keep families together, maintain our culture and respects the inherent authority of First Nations to care for our own children. The residential school system actively broke the authority of First Nations, caused trauma and pain, and disrupted a whole culture.

By wearing orange, we stood together and honoured the journey of healing and resilience of our Indigenous peoples. Showing your support goes a long way in starting a conversation about our history and its implications on our present. These conversations lead to action and change that can bring our communities together. We encourage you to act everyday- honour and support residential school survivors and their families. Action can include...

- Learning about the history behind Orange Shirt Day.
- Learn about residential school history and its current impacts.
- Participate in local activities and events honouring the journey

- <ρρσb> 3

of both residential school survivors and those countless children that were lost.

- Hold your politicians accountable. Learn about government policy and stay informed.
- Donate to and volunteer with charities that support residential school survivors and their families.

Blue Jays Donate Tix For Kids in Care



On September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, six children in the care of Tikinagan Child & Family Services traveled to Toronto, ON for a baseball game and sight seeing.

The tickets were donated by the Jays Care Foundation.

Tikinagan trail-blazes again, begins work on Niigaanshkaawin

Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, Tikinagan's service model which means "everyone working together

to raise our children," has always been seen as a trailblazer in allowing First Nations to exercise their rights around how they want their children and families supported. Now, the agency is taking another step as a leader in child welfare approaches.

At the Tikinagan Child and Family Services Annual Chiefs Assembly held virtually in October, Tikinagan Executive Director, Thelma Morris presented on a proposal called Niigaanshkaawin. The name, which means "walking ahead or first to walk ahead" aptly describes the goal to have Tikinagan break trail on a new, proactive path to support and integrate Band Representative programs and First Nation law making. At the Assembly a resolution was passed to form a new Chiefs Committee to oversee a process to determine the role of the agency in the future with wide-ranging changes in the child welfare landscape.

"We chose the name Niigaanshkaawin because Tikinagan has always led the way," explained Morris. "I have always said we are two-steps ahead of everyone in Ontario. This can be the base for child welfare laws in Ontario. My dream is for each First Nation to have their own child welfare laws."

Morris said the field of child and family services is changing dramatically. On June 21, 2019, the federal government passed Bill C-92, An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families. This legislation has the goal of keeping Indigenous children and youth connected to their families, communities

Foster Connection

We need caring Indigenous Foster Homes and Foster Parents in the Thunder Bay district to care for children. We are looking for people who support Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, the Tikinagan service model.

[Learn more on our website](#)



and culture. This bill will transition Tikinagan's role in some communities from a position of child welfare leadership to a more supportive role in developing and enacting their own child welfare laws that align with their community's culture and history. The new Tikinagan Chiefs Committee will consult with community members and leaders to determine the specific role communities want the agency to fill. These consultations will allow Tikinagan to prepare to support in whatever way each community sees fit.

"Over 30 years prior to this legislation and the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, Chiefs in our communities dreamt of having a child and family services agency that would deliver services respectful of the culture and customs of the Indigenous people. With the development of Mamow service model in the last 20 years or so, we at Tikinagan have been able to work alongside First Nations to practice their inherent rights in making key decisions around care and provision of services to families in child welfare service."

Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief Bobby Narcisse echoed these ideals in his address, encouraging the Chiefs and Delegates that everyone needs to work together when it comes to raising our children.

"We are here to support our families in regards to child welfare," he said. "We encourage our First Nation communities to work with Tikinagan to ensure we maximize the resources at our community level."

After more than 15 years working in child welfare, NAN Deputy Grand Chief Victor Linklater said one of his biggest passions has always been putting children at the centre of the work being done by agencies like Tikinagan.

"I encourage leadership in our communities: let's work together, let's protect children, rebuild our families and have strong communities," said Linklater.

Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum showed her support for work done by Tikinagan.

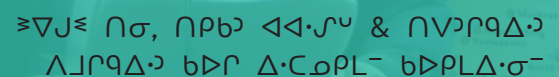
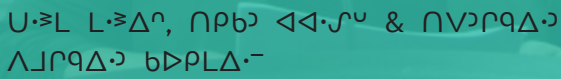
"I continue to see families that need Tikinagan and others to make sure they have homes, medical and other resources. Thanks to Tikinagan staff and other resources to support families and keep them safe."



Lorraine Crane, Tikinagan Child & Family Services Board Chairperson

Lorraine Crane, Slate Falls First Nation Chief, provided her report as Tikinagan Board Chair. Throughout the uncertainty of the pandemic, she highlighted how Tikinagan remains committed to supporting families.

"As we all remain socially distanced, you can take great comfort in knowing your agency is working diligently to keep families safe and connected," said Crane. "I hope when this pandemic comes to an end, we are all able to come together to celebrate what we gained and honour who we lost. I hope we will continue to hold what we learned such as stronger family values and togetherness in our hearts. Until this time comes, stay connected, keep safe and follow the rules, as we are all role models. Tikinagan is always here for support and guidance to our families."





Thelma Morris, Tikinagan Child & Family Services Executive Director

In her annual report message, Morris shared her passion for caring for children, supporting her own family and the families in Tikinagan's communities. By leading by example, Morris wants to see our children and families healthy and see our families and communities work together.

"I want Tikinagan to be seen as an ally or helper with resources and support," said Morris. "I am open to listening and hearing from families and communities about how we can help them become better, stronger, and healthier. By working together, we can improve the lives of our families and communities."

Rachel Tinney, Tikinagan Associate Executive Director, said the staff miss travelling to the communities they serve and meeting in-person.

"As an essential service, we have remained a consistent support for our families and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and the key to this was our community-based staff. We rely on them a lot, especially when communities are in full lock down to prevent further spread of the virus."

Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig First Nation

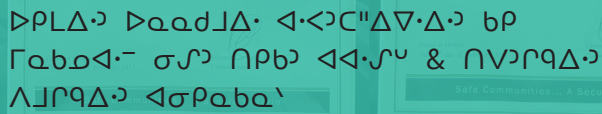
Chief Donny Morris, representing the Tikinagan Chiefs Committee, provided an update on the transition to serving families connected to Tikinagan-affiliated First Nations in the city and district of Thunder Bay. The Chiefs of this region repeatedly directed Tikinagan to provide Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin services to their members in the Thunder Bay area. The Tikinagan Chiefs Committee was mandated by the Chiefs to achieve this goal and through their hard work and advocacy, the Ministry designated Tikinagan to provide services in the Thunder Bay area effective January 30, 2020. Chief Morris highlighted the progress of this huge undertaking and indicated transfers of families and children in care to Tikinagan are now almost all completed. Chief Morris says the committee is pleased to have been able to help our First Nations achieve this goal.

With the one-day assembly taking place virtually, more than 30 First Nation delegates and guests attended from their own communities.

To start and end the assembly in a good way, we were grateful to have Board Elder Emily Gregg do the opening prayer and Board Member Jim Bottle closing the meeting in prayer. We were honoured to also have Victor and Romaine Lyon open and close the assembly with drum songs.



Rachel Tinney, Tikinagan Child & Family Services Associate Executive Director

[illegible]

ካኤ፣ ከላላ ሲገኝላቸው ከሆነ ሲገኝላቸው ምርጫ ምክር ቤቱን
ከሆነ ከሚገኝላቸው ሲገኝላቸው ምርጫ ምክር ቤቱን

[illegible]

$L_{\Delta} = \sigma \rho R^2 C_D$ $b_{Gamma,beta,\Delta} = \Delta \cdot N \geq \Lambda_{\Delta}$ $\Gamma_{\Delta} J_{\Delta} h b_J$

[illegible][illegible][illegible][illegible]

መልካሚው ስለሚገኝበት ሁኔታ ለሰላም ማስጠበቅ ማስፈጸም የሚችል መሆኑን ማረጋገጥ ይቻላል። ለሰላም ማስጠበቅ ማስፈጸም የሚችል መሆኑን ማረጋገጥ ይቻላል። ለሰላም ማስጠበቅ ማስፈጸም የሚችል መሆኑን ማረጋገጥ ይቻላል።

ለጃብጥ ፖሊስ ኃይል ልዩ ምርመራና ምርመራ ለሚደረግበት ሰዓት፡



Commendations earned by two
Tikinagan Child & Family Services' staff

Pikangikum staff receive OPP commendation

Two Tikinagan Child & Family Service staff have received a commendation for their years of volunteer service in helping keep youth and adults safe in Pikangikum First Nation. Whyderman Black and Julie Suggashie were both “honoured” to receive the Commissioner’s Commendation from the Ontario Provincial Police’s (OPP) Commissioner, Thomas Carrique.

“It’s an honour to receive this,” said Black, Direct Services Supervisor for Tikinagan in Pikangikum. “I wasn’t expecting it, so it was kind of a surprised when I was told about this.”

Suggashie, acting Direct Services Supervisor at Tikinagan, was also surprised.

“I never received anything like this before,” she said. “It was an honour to receive it.”

Both were presented the commendation in recognition of their community support and assistance to the OPP and Pikangikum Police and community peacekeeper service in urgent missing persons investigations involving youth and throughout the years. Many of the incidents were critical in nature, involving people who threatened self-harm or death, making the guidance they provided vital in resolving situations.

“I am proud to have awarded Whyderman Black

and Julie Suggashie with a Commissioner’s Commendation for Selfless Actions,” said Commissioner Carrique. “They have assisted Pikangikum Police and the OPP in locating and saving the lives of several suicidal youth in Pikangikum, and in many instances their assistance was critical to achieving a positive outcome. The relationships we build with community members are invaluable to the OPP.”

Black and Suggashie’s community involvement began well before they started with Tikinagan. Black said he’s been coordinating searches for years to keep youth and adults safe. Suggashie started her work as the youth patrol coordinator almost a decade ago before Tikinagan to ensure youth were safe at night.

“Helping out in my community was a big step in stepping up and assisting,” explained Black. “I’ve been doing it for years. Usually, I get calls from OPP that they need help with a certain person. I coordinate the searches, finding out who they are in contact with last and where they were last seen.”

When their service is required, Black and Suggashie help organize a team of volunteers for searches — sometimes as many as 30 community members.

For Black, this honour is about helping the community, and he encourages youth to reach out for help when they need it. In essence, it’s all about Tikinagan’s service model Mamow-Obiki-ahwahsoowin, which means “everyone working together to raise our children.”

“I wanted to send a message to all the youth,” said Black. “It is important to save a life and to let them know that the person is there to help them.”

Added Suggashie: “This (commendation) is about showing the youth that we care for them and that they can look at us as role models. There’s actually people out there that really care about them. They can come to us and we can

<ρρσb> 11

talk to them one-on-one and support them.”

Both Black and Suggashie have worked for Tikinagan for a total of six years.

On October 27th, We Dressed Purple to Show Families We're Here to Help

Every October Children's Aid Societies and Indigenous Child and Family Well-Being Agencies across the province raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families. This includes every adult's legal duty to call their local Children's Aid Society or Indigenous Child and Family Well-Being Agency if they have a concern about the safety or well-being of a child or youth. It also includes the responsibility to check their bias before making a report. Stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, ability, poverty, and sexual orientation can lead to overreporting.

Dress Purple Day offers an opportunity to encourage everyone to speak up for every child and youth's right to safety and well-being in all spaces. Not just physical safety and well-being—children and youth have the right to have their

intersectional identity, which includes culture, race, sexual orientation, and gender identity, protected and supported in all spaces.

We use this day to raise awareness that Children's Aid Societies and Indigenous Child and Family Well-Being Agencies are community organizations that are part of the circle of care that supports the well-being of children, youth, and families. At Tikinagan, we refer to this circle as the Wee-chee-way-win Circle.

The Wee-chee-way-win Circle may include the child's parents and siblings, extended family members, the First Nation Chief and Council, Elders, the school principal and teachers, workers from other community resources, Foster Parents and other caregivers, and Tikinagan workers and supervisors. Although each has a different role in the Circle, the success of a child's emotional security depends on teamwork. By working together in mutual cooperation and respect, a circle of healing will surround the child. The Wee-chee-way-win Circle is an integral element of Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin.

Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, which means “Everyone working together to raise our children,” is the Tikinagan service model and works to keep families together, maintain our culture and respects the inherent authority of First Nations to care for our own children. Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin is rooted in our traditional customs of caring for children. In our culture, children are regarded as sacred gifts from the Creator, not only to the family but also to the larger community of extended family members. Everyone shares in the responsibility of protecting and caring for that child.



Be in the know!

For more information, career opportunities, or to become a Foster Parent, visit [tikinagan.org](https://www.tikinagan.org). Follow us on Facebook @Tikinagan, Instagram @Tikinagancfs and on Youtube.

