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Thank You to the Communities

Thank you to the communities we serve and work with to help make a better life for our children and families. With our mandate to work alongside leadership, we are partners and a part of each community. We continue to strive towards a day where all of our families are healthy and raising happy, strong and proud children. As we continue the important work we do in child and family services, we truly appreciate the guidance, wisdom and values of each community.

Lorraine Crane

Board Chairperson

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About Tikinagan Child and Family Services

Created by the First Nation leadership in our region back in 1984, Tikinagan is a community-based child wellbeing agency rooted in and accountable to the communities we serve. We are a large team of caring staff working in First Nations and supporting our families from our 30 First Nations.

We are here because we want to protect our children, help our families and nurture our communities.

OUR MANDATE

We are also mandated by our Chiefs to provide services that are culturally sensitive to the needs of Indigenous children, families and First Nations. We are accountable to the Chiefs and to the communities for this responsibility.

Tikinagan Child and Family Services has a dual mandate. We are also one of 53 Children's Aid Societies in Ontario mandated under the Child, Youth and Family Services Act to protect children from harm. We are accountable to Ontario for this responsibility.



OUR VISION

The Answers Lie Within the Communities

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. They need to be nurtured within their families and communities. As such, community responsibility for child protection is an essential aspect of First Nations' self-government.





Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin

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.

Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin represents the culmination of almost 40 years of work to develop a culturally appropriate response to children and families who are in need of help in the First Nation communities. In developing Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, we have sought to be true to the original vision that the Chiefs and Elders had when Tikinagan was created.

Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin is designed to respect the inherent authority of First Nations to care for our own children. It acknowledges that our First Nation mandate supersedes provincial legislation and that our ultimate goal is the pursuit of complete First Nation jurisdiction over our own child welfare services. Until this goal is achieved, Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin services are designed to be culturally appropriate and meet the needs of our First Nations and provincial legislation, regulations and standards.

CUSTOMARY CARE

Customary care is an integral element of Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin. Within the customary care system, the First Nation Chief and Council have the authority to declare children to be placed in Tikinagan care when removal from their home is required. The First Nation, parents, Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin caregivers and children in care sign a Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin Care Agreement for children coming into the agency's care. Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin care puts the decision in the hands of families, extended family, communities, and First Nation leadership, and not mainstream Court systems.







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Lorraine Crane
Board Chairperson

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Greetings,

This has been a year of reflection. Reflecting on our families, our communities, and our services.

Our families are experiencing changes in these uncertain times. Raising children is different today. Some changes have been for the better and some for the worse. These changes motivate our dedicated board and staff in finding new and better ways to support our families while respecting our culture.

In my youth, there were no agencies. If the parents were unable to care for their children, our community stepped in and did what was necessary to ensure our young people were cared for and loved. This was our way and it worked.

Our service model, Mamow Obikiahwahsoowin, was developed based on our



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traditional ways of raising children. Our agency strives to follow this philosophy to ensure children remain in their communities with those who understand their needs.

We need to support not only our children in care, but those who take care of their families without formal agreements. Caregivers come in all different forms – grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins – and they step in when parents need support. These people need to be supported so families can be reunited.

When a referral is made and we go to a home unexpectedly, I understand the instinct to feel attacked and the need to defend oneself. This is something I have experienced myself. After the initial hurt and anger, I took a step back to take a look at my life, to examine why someone would have made a call. I took that opportunity to make positive changes in my life which not only benefited me, but also the children in my care.

My hope is that when a referral is made and we go to a home, our families take that same opportunity to make positive changes. I hope they use Tikinagan as a resource to strengthen and empower

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Tikinagan was created not to take children away from their families and communities, but to keep families together and support them in staying strong and resilient.

Our new initiative, Niigaanshkaawin, is our way forward to achieving the original Chiefs' vision where each community would implement and maintain their own child welfare laws. Since embarking on this new journey, we have seen an increase in communication with some communities and we look forward to more communication with other communities in an effort to determine how they would like to see Tikinagan provide support in the future.

Our first in-person Annual Chiefs'
Assembly will be taking place this fall.
The board, staff and I are overjoyed.
Although meeting digitally and through other technologies has allowed us to make sure our services keep moving forward, the ability to talk about the future of the agency in-person will be a rejuvenating experience.

I would like to thank our communities for their continued support and dedication to their children and families who remain in their communities as well as those who live elsewhere. I am grateful for the support my fellow board members provide. Their wisdom and guidance have supported my role as Board Chair.

Tikinagan's leadership team and staff have worked hard during these changing times to ensure our families receive the services they need. I look forward to establishing our new normal and continuing to support our children, families, and communities.

Lorraine Crane Board Chair

Message From the Executive Director

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Thelma Morris
Executive Director

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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. This is what Tikinagan is all about. Our service model.

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Greetings,

The strengths of our people validate our way of life for Anishnawbe people, and the sacred responsibility for developing and sustaining our families takes us as Indigenous people back to the past to prepare ourselves for the future. The concepts, principles, and the values practised are the strengths we need now to encourage to ensure healthy families, which in turn, will be the foundation of strong and healthy communities.

I understand the challenge our families and communities face as a caregiver myself. Like many of our people, I want the best care for my children and grandchildren. I use that same perspective to look at our work within our communities. Equally important, our staff provide that same love and guidance for the children that come into our care.

The overall goal of Tikinagan is to keep our children with us, and within our community. This goal challenges us to nourish the values and principles of our people, draw our strengths from the people we serve, and develop skills and

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resources at the community level to address child welfare issues.

As it was in the past, the future of child welfare should be determined by each First Nation. We have worked, currently work, and will continue to work with our 30 communities toward achieving our goal of self-governance. The laws established by our First Nations will be how their children are provided care.

In an effort to support our communities and maintain our reputation for leading the way, the initiative Niigaanshkaawin was approved at our 2020/2021 Annual Chiefs' Assembly. Niigaanshkaawin is the next step in implementing the original vision of our Chiefs that will allow our communities to provide culturally appropriate, strength-based service.

Niigaanshkaawin, which means "walking ahead or first to walk ahead," aptly describes the goal to have Tikinagan breaking trail on a new, proactive path to support and integrate Band Representative programs and First Nation law making. In January, two program managers were hired to implement the Niigaanshkaawin initiative and they have begun developing a workplan to help us know where we are going and to guide our first steps on this new journey.

We encourage communities to be open to partnerships and collaborative work. As a child welfare agency, we want to align ourselves with those who are also fighting for equity for families and maximize access to resources in many areas like education. It is important that we work alongside our communities -- whether children are in care or not -- to ensure our children have access to community resources to maximize opportunities so they can succeed. Indigenous communities need to be able to run their own agencies and implement their own laws. History has taught us that mainstream laws and approaches don't work for First Nation communities. And we know change won't happen overnight, but if First Nations design their services and how they



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implement their laws, it will work better as it will be designed to work in our communities and in the North. These will be laws our community members can stand behind.

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. This is what Tikinagan is all about. Our service model, Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, which means "everyone working together to raise our children," is rooted in our traditional customs of caring for children. This year, all the efforts we made embodied this approach.

Guided by our values, we adopted a new staff holiday – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – which takes place annually on September 30. This allows our staff to take this very important day to reflect on our history, respect our culture, learn from our Elders, and to consider our spirituality.

In an effort to strengthen trust and create a safe space for trust and honesty, we made efforts to celebrate our relationships with our stakeholders. In March, we launched our first Foster Parent Appreciation Month, sharing success stories on our website and social media channels. I was amazed by reading and watching the stories on the impact our Foster Parents are making in the lives of our children and youth.

Mishkeegogamang First Nation's Jolene and Sims Roundhead said the biggest reward over the last six years has been "teaching them and watching them and seeing their expressions on

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their faces when they're actually learning something or doing something for the first time."

Emma Kejick said her community in Lac Seul First Nation has appreciated her role as a foster parent for the last decade, knowing her home is a safe place. "I try to explain right now these kids need a safe home and that's what I'm providing. I feel I can provide a safe place for them."

Since many of our children and families reside in Thunder Bay and the District of Thunder Bay, we began the process of providing services in those areas in 2020. This transition continues to be a success and we are continuing to build our services, allowing us to be accountable to our clients in these locations.

Serenity Kashuba is a Foster Parent in Thunder Bay, and she sees her role as one of the many services available in the city for First Nation children and youth. "It comes down to the family unit as a whole. I do this work because I want to see not only the children thriving, but to be able to watch everybody come together to help the families – mom and dad, and extended families as well – is really rewarding."

Although the pandemic is still a presence in our lives, we continue to provide services to our children and families. We updated our procedures and adapted our services to ensure we maintained the safety of all staff, clients, and community members.

Tikinagan was created to provide culturally specific child and family services that emphasize an Indigenous approach to child welfare. Previously, services to support and care for Indigenous children and their families originated from outside the Indigenous community. We strive to provide career opportunities within our 30 First Nations and urban areas to access the skills, strengths, and knowledge of those who live within our communities. We enhance our employees' skills through our training and development programs, which allows our staff to provide better, culturally relevant

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services for our children and families.

I am pleased to share Tikinagan Child and Family Services' 2021/2022 annual report. This report highlights our activities for the year, statistics, financial position, and more. Thanks to the diligent work of our Elders, Board, Chiefs, Communities, and Staff, we have had a successful year in providing services to our children, families, and communities.

We continue to use the wisdom of our Chiefs, Elders and Board to guide our decisions and to ensure our work meets the needs of our people. The Chiefs created Tikinagan to support and strengthen our children, our families, and our communities. We continue this work today.

I look forward to another year of hard work, innovation, and moving forward in bettering the lives of our families and our communities.

Respectfully, Thelma Morris

Foster Parent Appreciation

New this year, we launched a new annual campaign to honour and celebrate our Foster Parents. Every March, we will acknowledge Foster Parent Appreciation Month. This year's celebrations included highlighting our wonderful foster parents and creating Foster Connection, our special foster parent magazine that features incredible success stories. Get your copy today by scanning the QR code below or visiting our website - tikinagan.org.





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Foster Parent: Serenity Kashuba

Just a few months into her new role as a Foster Parent with Tikinagan Child and Family Services, Serenity Kashuba was thrown a curve ball. *Read more in Fostering Connection!*

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Foster Parent: Emma Kejick

Growing up, Emma Kejick's childhood home was full of children coming and going as her mother regularly cared for her own family members and sometimes other children.

Read more in Fostering Connection!





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Foster Parents: Jolene & Sims Roundhead

Six and half years ago in Mishkeegogamang First Nation, Jolene Roundhead heard about Tikinagan's need for foster families. She went home to talk to her husband, Sims, about it and they agreed to try it out. *Read more in Fostering Connection!*

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Foster Parent: Shelly Meehan

Every child who walks through Shelly Meehan's door is invited to paint a stone, which represents more than just beautifully painted, unique artwork.

Read more in Fostering Connection!









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Honouring and supporting the 2SLGBTQ+ community is a natural extension of Tikinagan Child and Family Services' motivating philosophy.

"In the spirit of Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, 'everyone working together to raise our children,' Tikinagan strives to be a diverse and inclusive organization that supports equality and is committed to fostering a supportive environment for all," said Associate Executive Director Rachel Tinney.

"Prior to COVID-19, we were running frequent 2SLGBTQ+ trainings for staff and foster parents," she said. "We think it's important the adults in the lives of our children and youth are providing effective, affirming, and equitable services for diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions."

Tikinagan is also developing a resource to provide information about 2SLGBTQ+ definitions, rights, frequently asked questions, and more.

The 2SLGBTQ+ committee, which meets weekly, has launched an internal staff survey, created an inclusion statement for Tikinagan, and held and supported pride month events.

"We affirm the rights of all our First Nations children and youth to their identity, expression, and sexual orientation," Tinney said.

It's all part of an operating philosophy that attempts to transform traditional child service models, according to Tinney.

"Our agency is rooted in the fundamental value of respect," she said. "We have respect for all creation and we are grateful for the gifts that we are blessed with every day... This respect is demonstrated through humility, a non-judgmental attitude, effective listening, clear communication, and recognition of the unique strengths of others."



Staff Committee Highlight: 2SLGTBQ+ Committee

Our 2SLGTBQ+ Committee hosted a staff contest this year to create a design for window stickers. Several submissions were made with the committee choosing the winner.



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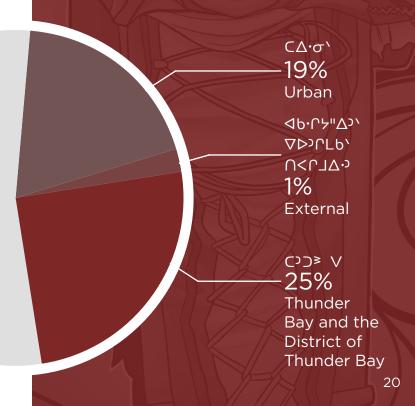
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Services Highlights

Since Tikinagan was established in 1984 by the Chiefs of this region, we have been moving away from mainstream service delivery and incorporating traditional practices and Indigenous values into the ways we provide service. Listening to our leadership, our Elders, our parents and children and youth, we continue to enhance and adapt our Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin service model even today. We strive for our services to embody the true spirit of Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin – Everyone Working Together to Raise our Children.

Intake & Investigation - Responding to Concerns

Tikinagan is here to help families, provide parents and caregivers support and assistance to ensure the well-being of their children and youth. The first step to serving a family is receiving a referral. A referral is a report of a child protection concern. Many of these reports come from concerned individuals from all over our region and beyond. The referral may come from extended family, neighbours,



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schools, health professionals, or even from parents reaching for help for their family. We received 7,984 referrals with over half of these received from within the First Nations we serve.

The reasons for referrals range from low risks like lack of supervision, to higher risks like physical harm. The top five reasons for referrals are listed below. However, the majority of referrals including these top five are connected to alcohol, drug or substance abuse and chronic addiction. This is a long-standing issue in our region that continues to impact our families and communities.

Top 5 Reasons for Referrals

23%	Inadequate Supervision
9%	Risk of Physical Harm
9%	Risk of Harm to the Caregiver
7%	Minimal Partner Violence
5%	Marginal Supervision

Family Services

Of the 1,061 families we were providing services to at March 31, 2022, 854 have their children in their care – not in agency care. The Mamow Obikiahwahsoowin priority is to keep families together. We have expanded and enhanced Family Services with expanded Admission Prevention supports. Admission Prevention focuses on supporting families before intervention is required with a family-centred approach. As a result, fewer

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children come into care. Family Services and Admission Prevention supports are also used to reunify families – children who were in Tikinagan care returning home. This year 347 children in care went home to their families.

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Children and Youth in Care

As of March 31, 2022 there were 639 children and youth in care with the five year average at 458. Over the last two fiscal years, the number of children in care has been substantially higher because of our expanded designation to serve the District of Thunder Bay and the subsequent transfer of children and youth in care to Tikinagan in that region. This number continues to decrease as

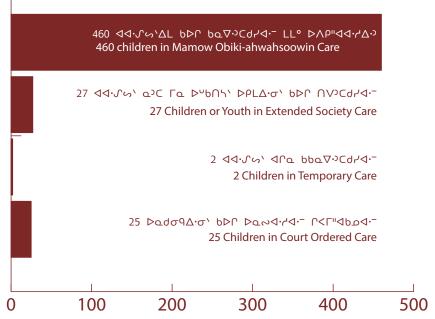
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we connect with families and provide supports so that children can return home.

Using Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, Tikinagan has always had very low numbers of children in court ordered care, including Extended Society Care which was previously called "Crown Wardship." Currently, there are 29 children in Extended Society Care. Tikinagan is working toward moving these youth into customary care with the ultimate goal of reunification.

Transitioning youth into adulthood has been an important focus. Tikinagan provides Continuing Care and Support for Youth for those aged 18 - 21. Due to the pandemic, we are able to continue this support past the age of 21 to maintain stability. Funding coming available April 1, 2022 will allow us to significantly expand our supports to young adults aged 18-25 who were in care.

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Residential Services

Every child deserves a place to call home. Tikinagan has been working to expand our own residential services that includes First Nation and urban foster homes, agency operated homes and group care. This has led to less reliance on OPRs (Outside Paid Resources) because we are able to provide care and healing for youth with special needs in our own resources closer to their home community.

Prevention Services

Tikinagan service model emphasizes prevention – prevention of harm, prevention of children coming into care. Prevention is not a separate service in Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, it is a part of the work of all our service staff, whether they are a prevention co-ordinator, a family service worker, a child care worker, residential care worker or in intake.



Tikinagan staff providing support to a community in crisis.

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Thunder Bay Expansion

Because of our designation to serve the City and District of Thunder Bay effective January 2020, Tikinagan has had to rapidly expand staffing and resources to serve this large population in this very large geographic area. This means hiring and training staff, expanding office facilities and developing residential options for our children and youth in care, not just in Thunder Bay but throughout the District. However, in all this expansion, we have been mindful to maintain resources and focus on our on-reserve services, too.

The families we serve in Thunder Bay are all connected to our 30 First Nations, and our services to them are an extension of the services to our communities. These are families who can now be better connected with extended family and their affiliated First Nations. Also, our First Nations can now provide input and direction regarding their families living anywhere in the District of Thunder Bay.

We completed the final transfer of families and children in care in November 2021. In this transfer in the 2021/22 fiscal year, we were able to ensure over 30% of kids transferred were placed with extended family, community members or Indigenous foster parents. For others, the need to maintain placement continuity or provide require specialized supports is given priority at this time. However we will continue to move towards having all our children in care in the Thunder Bay region in placements that reflect their culture and connect them to their family and community.

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Looking Forward

For several years now, a Mamow Obikiahwahsoowin Committee has been looking at how we provide services and how our services could be improved. The committee was started to update forms, but quickly changed its focus to updating how we provide service. The committee has developed new ways to work with families, with a focus on keeping kids at home and bringing kids back home.

This family-centred approach allows workers to spend more time meeting families and getting to know them in order to develop service plans with the families that achieve what they see as their basic needs. We build on their strengths and the strengths of those around them to help them overcome the difficulties impacting the care of their children.

Another priority identified as part of this work was the need to expand and improve placement options for our children in care. Our Elders assisting the committee, emphasized that our children in care need to feel loved and cared for like they would with their Kokum or Shoomis. This spirit is being woven into the enhancement of residential programs in our agency operated homes and planned new group care in Thunder Bay, Emo and Vermilion Bay.

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At Tikinagan's 2021 Chiefs Assembly, a resolution was passed approving the Niigaanshkaawin project and appointing a Chiefs Committee to oversee this work. Niigaanshkaawin, which means "walking ahead or first to walk ahead," has the goal of breaking trail on a new path for Tikinagan, including support for First Nation Representative programs and First Nation law making in our communities.

Our First Nations have or are developing First Nation Representative programs. Tikinagan welcomes the opportunity to partner and collaborate with these programs to ensure no child, youth or family is left without support in their time of need and that they are connected to extended family and their community. The Niigaanshkaawin project will offer support to First Nations in the development of these programs in the spirit of Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin – everyone working together to raise our children.

Bill C-92, An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families, recognizes the inherent right of self-government, including jurisdiction in relation to child and family services. This new Act gives individual First Nations the right to develop their own laws and their own ways of supporting families and protecting children. The original vision for Tikinagan included the goal of First Nation control and delivery of child and family services and ultimately First Nation governance through the establishment of their own laws. The Niigaanshkaawin project aims to continue work towards fulfilling the original vision for all the First Nations we serve.

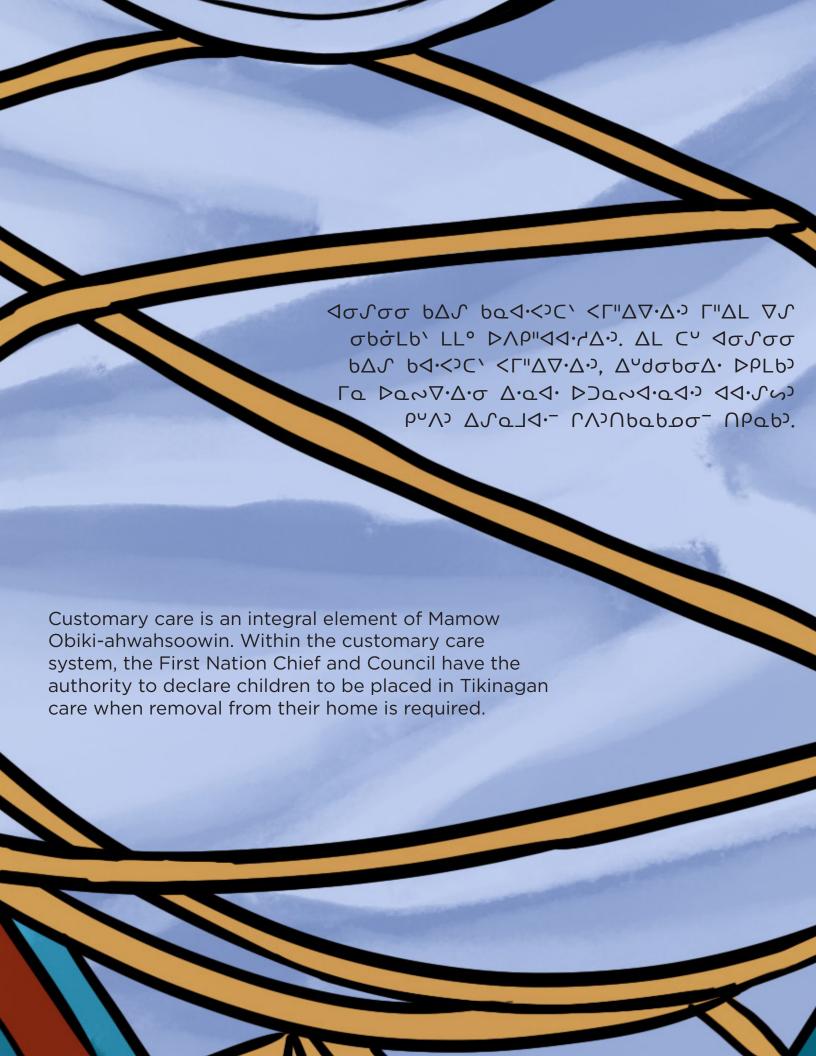
Tikinagan has always believed the answers are in the communities. Niigaanskaawin will look to our communities for the answers and honour the original vision of those who came before us. Working together, we are breaking trail for the future generations to come.



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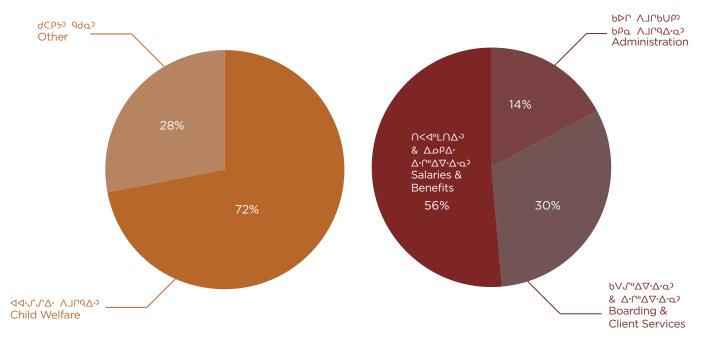
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Staff Recognition

Tikinagan Child and Family Services would like to recognize employees who have reached their 10th, 15th, 20th and 30th anniversary of employment with the agency in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Our thanks and congratulations go to the following employees for their many years of dedicated service to the families and children of this region.

10 YEARS

Christina Beardy
Maria Mekanak
Scott Whatley
Kelly Wilson
Lena Sagutcheway
Jason Firminger
Jennifer Cromarty
Leah Quequish
Jemimah Missewace
Allen Feeney
Linda Nevins
James Benson
Amanda Kakekaspan
Kimberly Mason
Butch Magashazi

15 YEARS

Cecilia Anderson Marilyn Shewaybick Kathleen Thomas Kathleen McKay Jessie Beaver

20 YEARS

Victoria Carpenter Mary Mamakwa

30 YEARS

Marlene Boos Robert Cantin



Last fiscal year we celebrated the 30th working anniversary of Caroline Derouin. Check out Caroline's story on our YouTube or scan the QR code!



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On June 19, 2021 we mourned the loss former Board member Archie Troy Meekis. He was 70.

He was happiest when on the land or imparting his wisdom that he gleaned from it. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and a reluctant but skilled blueberry picker. He was very spiritual and believed in prayer as well as helping and protecting people.

"I want to acknowledge Archie for the excellent work he contributed as a board member of Tikinagan. I first met Archie when I started my work as Executive Director for Tikinagan in 2015," said Thelma Morris, who first met Archie when she started in her current role as Executive Director in 2015.

Archie loved Tikinagan and wanted Tikinagan to succeed. He acted as a delegate at Tikinagan's Annual Chief's Assemblies. In 2012, he became board member and remained in that position until 2019.

"I will always be grateful for his acceptance and guidance in my role as ED. His wisdom, intelligence and gentle humour is greatly missed. Meegwetch for your positive role modelling, meegwetch for your kindness. Although Archie is no longer with us in this world, his teachings will be remembered and carried on for years to come."

Archie was a Residential School Survivor who overcame many obstacles to attend college in the early 1980's while parenting four small children. He achieved the highest marks in his program at Keewatin Community College, and he was very proud of that award.

Archie's legacy at Tikinagan lives on through his children, including Rachel Tinney, Associate Executive Director of Tikinagan.

In MemoriamIn Memoriam

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Tikinagan & Child Family Services mourns with Deer Lake First Nation on the passing of former Chief Moses Mawakeesick. He was 75.

Known as a wise and caring man to many, Moses is remembered for his prayers for and guidance of Tikinagan, reflected Thelma Morris, Tikinagan Executive Director, who knew him for more than 20 years.

"I am very sadden by our loss," she said. "Moses has been a big part of Tikinagan. He contributed in every way, not only as a staff person but Board Member and Elder. I am sending my condolences to Deer Lake and the surrounding communities because he knew a lot of people; and most of all, his family for their tremendous loss. He impacted lots of people, both in his personal life and work life."

Moses served with Tikinagan as an employee, Board Member, and Elder. He began his career with Tikinagan in 1997 as a Family Counsellor until 2000. In 2006, he joined the Tikinagan Board as Keewaytinook Okimakanak's representative. He resigned when he returned as Family Service Worker from 2009-2011. And since 2017, he guided the agency on the Elders Council.

Morris added that Moses was easy to work with because he was always accepting of people.

"He always had valuable wisdom to share with the agency. He was the type of person that said what needed to be said and did it in a respectful manner. The way he said it was truthful and respectful and never offended anyone. He had the personality that people gravitated towards, and people sought out his advice and welcomed his wisdom."

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

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Shoshannahfox.com

Shoshannah is a digital and traditional artist hailing from Bearskin Lake First Nation, now residing in Sioux Lookout. Shoshannah started her artistic career as a high school illustrative co-op student for Kwayaciiwin Educational Resource Centre back in 2018. After high school graduation, she was hired as an artist. Shortly after she entered motherhood and is now raising a young boy with the help of her family.

Shoshannah has completed projects for schools in the northern communities, including language-based and community-based resources such as flashcards, books, games, in-classroom materials, and learning tools.

In addition to digital artwork, she creates artwork using different media such as acrylic, gouache, watercolor, coloured pencil, marker and conte art.

To learn more about Shoshannah and to see more of her work visit:

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