



Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Dibenjikewin Onaakonikewin (KIDO) Maamao Dibenjikewin Kanawaabajikewin (MDK)

NOTICE OF KI's FAMILY LAW

TO: ALL Tikinagan Staff

RE: **Making referrals to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug ("KI" – Big Trout Lake) Dibenjikewin Onaakonikewin (Family Law)**

Background

As of **April 1st, 2023** Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Dibenjikewin Onaakonikewin (KIDO)'s Maamao Dibenjikewin Kanawaabajikewin (MDK Service model) is in operation. This means that KI is exercising jurisdiction over their own child and family services, as part of their inherent right to self-governance.

Tikinagan has signed a KI-TIK Service Agreement and a KI-TIK Protocol which outline the relationship between the parties during transition and moving forward. For example, several employees have been seconded, and KIDO is utilizing Tikinagan's after-hour phone service.

Tikinagan supports KI in implementation of KIDO and will continue to support KI. Under KIDO, Tikinagan will continue to provide certain specialized services such as secure treatment, and legal adoption. In addition, Tikinagan will step in if requested by KI.

Communication

When a **referral comes in** and you become aware that a parent (onihikihiikomaa) or child/youth (awaashish/oshkaadiz) has a connection to KI, you must refer the matter to KIDO. Please call the following number asap:

1-833-982-KIDO (5436)

The phone number is also available on the website: <https://www.kibt.ca/dibenjikewin-onaakonikewin>

Additionally, if you have an **open Tikinagan file** with a parent (onihikihiikomaa) or child/youth (awaashish/oshkaadiz) connected to KI, it is important to work in a collaborative way with the MDK staff of KIDO. The transfer of files between Tikinagan and KI will follow the protocol and agreement mentioned above, but prior to a transfer the continuity of care and support for these families (dibenjikewinan) is of the upmost importance. Your cooperation during this transition period is appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Hudson, KIDO Assistant Director at the above number.

KIDO, the "KI Family Law" has a vision is to create healthy self, healthy family, and healthy community. The emphasis of service is on family healing and maintaining connections within families and the community. KIDO's mission is that our dibenjikewinan (families) can raise our awaashishag (children) and oshkaadizag (youth) in healthy homes.