

Anishinaabek Wiidosendiwak FAQ Sheet



Q: What is Anishinaabek Wiidosendiwak?

- A:**
- Anishinaabek Wiidosendiwak is the child and family wellbeing Law being developed by Henvey Inlet First Nation (HIFN)
 - The Law will guide how HIFN cares for and supports our children, youth, and families.
 - The Law will bring child and family services back in the hands of HIFN and replace services currently provided through Niijaansinaanik and the provincial government.
 - The Law will be based on Anishinaabe values, HIFN traditions and what the HIFN community says is important.

Q: What is Anshinaabek Wiidosendiwak Child and Family Wellbeing?

- A:**
- Anishinaabek Wiidosendiwak Child and Family Wellbeing will be the community organization that supports HIFN children and families.
 - It will provide community-based services and supports for children and caregivers.
 - The Band Representative Program will become this new organization.

Q: What will happen to Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services?

- A:**
- HIFN will no longer rely on Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services to support its children and families.
 - Anishinaabek Wiidosendiwak Child and Family Wellbeing will support HIFN families.

Q: Will Children's Aid Societies and the provincial government be involved?

- A:** No, this work is about HIFN building its own services and programs to support HIFN children and families on- and off-reserve.

Q: Why is HIFN creating Anishinaabek Wiidosendiwak?

- A:**
- HIFN wants a child and family support system that is designed by the community and reflects Anishinaabe values.
 - For many years, outside systems made decisions about First Nations children. Anishinaabek Wiidosendiwak allows HIFN to:
 - Make its own decisions
 - Focus on prevention and supporting families earlier
 - Keep children connected to their culture and community
 - Provide services that work specifically for HIFN families

Q: Who is creating the Law?

- A:**
- The HIFN community is creating the Law. Your voice helps decide what the Law and organization will look like.
 - Community members are helping shape the law by sharing their ideas, knowledge, and experiences.

Q: Why is this work important?

- A:**
- For many years, outside systems made decisions about First Nations children. This has led to:
 - Children being removed from families
 - Loss of culture and language
 - Families not getting the support they need
 - Creating our own Law means HIFN can decide what is best for our children and families.

Q: How can I be involved?

- A:**
- The Law should reflect what the HIFN community believes is best for our children and this is why we need to hear from community members.
 - You can get involved by:
 - Attending community engagement sessions
 - Sharing your ideas and experiences
 - Talking with the project team
 - Providing feedback on drafts of the Law

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Quick Facts

- Anishinaabek Wiidosendiwak means "the people walking together" to support children and families.
- The Law is being developed by HIFN for HIFN.
- The community decides what the Law will look like.
- The provincial government is not involved in writing the Law and will not be involved once the Law is passed.
- The goal is to support families and keep children connected to culture and community.
- Community voices are essential to building this Law.