



Band Representative Program

This program supports community members, families and children who are involved or at risk of involvement with the child and family services system including Dilico or Children and Family Services (CAS).

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provide representation and advocacy for families on child welfare matters.
- Provide guidance and support for families about child welfare matters.
- Prevention services: Educational, recreational and cultural programs for families.

WHO THE SERVICES ARE FOR

- Biigtigong Nishnaabeg community members living on and off reserve.

SITES

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg & Thunder Bay

“The holistic well-being of Indigenous children, youth and families creates a solid foundation for future generations.”

REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY

- Advocate for the best interest of the child in child welfare matters.
- Participate in court proceedings pertaining to child welfare matters.
- Attend planning meetings pertaining to child welfare.
- Ensure that schedules are set for access visits with family.
- Assist families with customary care agreements.
- Other duties based on client/family needs.

We cannot get involved in criminal cases and family law.

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

- Help families understand the Child and Family Services Act and Part 4 of the Child and Family Services Act.
- Help families understand all their options and how to obtain legal counsel.
- Help navigate families through the child welfare court system.
- Help families understand what customary care means.

CULTURE

- Connect families to language and ceremony.
- Build cultural and community connections.
- Support customary care, kinship care and alternative care arrangements.

PREVENTION

- Provide support to children and families from an early intervention perspective, offering guidance and programming that promotes individual, family and community well-being.
- Social, recreational and wellness programs that offer a holistic approach addressing emotional, spiritual, mental and physical well-being.
- Traditional parenting programs.



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