



Matawa
FIRST NATIONS



Awashishewiigiihiwaywiin Program

Logo Description

The mother goose is caring for her young and offers love and protection. The nest represents the warmth that can only be felt at home with your family.

The image also includes Cree flowers as a symbol of Grandmothers passing along care and teachings to their children and grandchildren. The flowers are a symbol for unlimited love and care that is found with family; there is no stronger love and connection than that of a grandparent to their grandchildren. There are three flowers to represent forever love found with family units - love and culture that is passed from past, present to future generations.

Finally, the four colours represent First Nations culture and teachings that includes love, protection and life balance for babies, children, youth, adults and elders.



AROLAND FIRST NATION



CONSTANCE LAKE
FIRST NATION



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FIRST NATION



GINOGAMING FIRST NATION



LONG LAKE 458 FIRST NATION



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First Nation



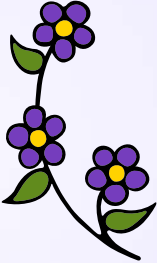
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Vision

- Healthy, strong, spiritual, families together.



Mission

- Children are a gift from the Creator, it is our sacred responsibility to protect, love, teach and honour them.
- Awashishewiigiihiwaywiin will support children and families to restore family connection and unity.
- We will empower our children, families, parents and communities by wrapping them in a blanket of love, care, trust and support.
- We acknowledge and understand our family systems.
- We are culturally-based and rooted in a historic understanding of Anishnawbe way of life.

What we do

Awashishewiigiihiwaywiin (Social Services Framework) provides assistance to families from the Matawa First Nations (both on and off-reserve) who are at-risk of child welfare involvement, have open files, or have had children apprehended. It also supports families from the Matawa First Nations with Customary Care Agreements, Kinship Agreements, and Advocacy.

Awashishewiigiihiwaywiin works with families from the Matawa First Nations to support them in navigating the child welfare system through prevention, planning and goal setting using community-based, culturally appropriate/responsive care models for children with a focus on prevention and family reunification. Opportunities are also provided for care givers and children to participate in traditional parenting programs, life skills, cultural programs and other group programs.

What do we offer?

- Support when dealing with child welfare agencies
- Assistance navigating the system
- Support for personal goals
- Connect to other resources
- Life skills
- Housing advocacy
- Nutritional programming
- Crisis counselling and support
- Address housing, domestic violence and child custody issues
- Referrals to additional supports that work towards family needs
- Traditional programming



**Call us at 344-4575 ext 2383
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