

# Our Mission

Empowering our youth to create a brighter future through culture. We are taught that culture is prevention. "Honor your past-Strengthen your future."

# About Us

Our purpose is to divert youth with mental health and substance use issues from the juvenile justice system. Provide total wrap around services and family support through partnerships with local agencies. Cultural activities will play an important role to form values, growth, healing, form cultural identity through the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Provide pathways to resilience, healing, and cultural restoration.

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*"Lead a Good Life"*



## Youth Diversion Program

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# 7 Grandfather Teachings

## **Nibwaakaawin - Wisdom:**

Wisdom is given by the Creator to be used for the good of the people

## **Zaagi'idiwin - Love:**

To know love is to know peace and freedom. Love must be unconditional. Love yourself

## **Minwaadendamowin - Respect:**

To honor all creation is to have respect for all life, respect for one's self, and respect for the body. If respect is given, respect will be given back.

## **Aakode'ewin - Bravery**

Bravery is to face a foe with integrity. In the Anishinaabe language it literally means "state of having a fearless heart". To take a healthy risk.

## **Gwayakwaadiziwin - Honesty:**

Being honest and true in your word and action. Being honest first with yourself and you will easily be able to be honest with others, can mean "righteousness".

## **Dabaadeniziwin - Humility:**

Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of Creation. You are equal with all but are not better and are compassionate.

## **Debwewin - Truth:**

Truth is to know all these things and hide them in your heart, speak truth, do not deceive yourself and others.



Maple Syrup  
Gathering



Traditional Drumming



Beadworking



Pow-Wow Dancing



Wild Rice Harvesting



# Services We Offer

- Partnership with Mashkiiziibii Youth Services
- Assisting youth and families with resources to lead a good life
- Support for goal setting and achievement
- Activities to develop relationships with community and family
- Advocating for youth and family in school and community
- Provide various cultural activities
- Activities for exercise and fitness to lead a healthy lifestyle
- Serve as role models, mentors, motivators and advocates with mental health issues and substance use issues
- Offer transportation to attend activities, support groups within our program, and appointments if needed

