



KOOGNAASEWIN CHILD
WELL-BEING LAW INITIATIVE

Implementation Transition and Negotiations



The Koognaasewin project will focus on consultation, Anishinaabe law research and the development of a new child well-being model. The developmental work will produce a new Anishinaabe Child Well-Being Law(s), a new Child Well-Being system and a plan regarding the role of the existing Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services Agency. The developmental work will produce a plan to exit the Ontario Child Welfare System, in favour of an Anishinaabe Koognaasewin (Child Well-Being) system.

The content of the new Koognaasewin law and the design of the new Anishinaabe Child Well-Being system will require transformational change from the existing system to a new system designed by North Shore First Nations rights holders, lived experience people and service providers. As part of the new law and new system there will be new institutions/governance bodies, governance organization and structure, standards and procedures relating to child, family, and community well-being. The flip side of this page outlines the process of implementation, capacity development and negotiation.



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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

An implementation plan will be developed, that identifies the capacity development requirements relating to the new community-based child, family and community well being system. There will also likely be “regional” dimensions regarding the provision of second level or partner agency services. There will also be transition issues such as transferring Nogdawindamin from the provincial system to the Anishinaabe system, transferring existing files from the provincial system to the Anishinaabe system and establishing new working relationships among existing service providers.



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The capacity development work will be complemented by a financial needs and resource requirements study and plan for the implementation and maintenance requirements for the new system to be operationalized and operated on an on-going basis.



NEGOTIATING PROCESS

A negotiation process involving North Shore First Nations representatives, federal government and provincial government officials will take place to achieve funding and governance jurisdictional agreements. The negotiations process will need to be based on information from the developmental work, the implementation and transition plan and the costing and financial requirements study for the process of implementation and transition to be managed in a responsible and effective manner.