

Vision Statements

To be identified as a self-governed organization that is recognized as a leader in the research and delivery of child welfare, mental health and addictions, and health services;

Delivery of community based services that enhance the well-being of Anishinabek children, families, and communities in a culturally safe manner.

Mission

Dilico promotes healing and the well-being of the Anishinabek people using an integrated holistic approach in a way that honours values, culture, and traditions.

Our commitment to your privacy

The protection of your privacy while using Dilico services is very important to us. Dilico ensures that the information you provide is fully protected.

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Anishinabek Family Care

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The Mikinaak Service Model

The Mikinaak Service Model was created by the Elders and Chiefs within the Robsinson Superior Treaty Area. It recognizes the culture and traditions of all Indigenous Nations and provides First Nations a unified approach in caring for Anishinabek children, families and communities. Mikinaak is an Ojibway term, when translated it means "Turtle" which represents Turtle Island, mother earth, holistic way of life, which is representative of the 7 sacred teachings and the well-being of the individual, family, extended family and community.

The Mikinaak Agreement for Customary Care has at its core, the belief that **it takes a "community" to raise a child.** It is the role of the worker to ensure that the "community" guides the decision making for a child in the Mikinaak agreement for Customary Care and other types of placement that is in the initial planning.

The Mikinaak Service Model is a child, family, and community service model that recognizes the traditional and customary practices of Indigenous communities. Dilico Anishinabek Family Care's Mikinaak Customary Care Service model ensures First Nations exercised their inherent right to care, plan and advocate for their children and community members.

We are seeking safe, loving and committed Caregivers for our children. Become a Mikinaak Caregiver.



What is a Foster Parent?

When a child is placed in the care of Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, Alternative Care Families in Thunder Bay and the district provide a safe and caring temporary home for a child.

Different types of Alternative Care include:

- Emergency
- Mikinaak Customary Care Home
- Respite
- · Specialized

Who can be a Foster Parent?

Dilico's Alternative Caregivers are caring, loving, team-orientated individuals who lead healthy lifestyles and are committed to making a positive difference for a child.

Caregivers are individuals who are committed to meeting physical, emotional, spiritual and cultural needs of a child.

Alternative Caregivers recognize the importance of a child's connection to family, extended family and communities. It's important to demonstrate a willingness to learn and appreciate Anishinabek culture.

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Why be a Foster Parent?

- To keep a child safe
- To make a difference in a child's life
- To be a part of a team that is helping to build a strong foundation for a child and their family
- An opportunity to learn about the Anishinabek culture and way of life
- To provide a safe and loving environment to help a child grow

What type of support is provided for Foster Parents?

- Learning and educational training
- Cultural education and activities
- Professional support staff assigned to your home
- 24-hour on-call support
- Mutual support and networking opportunities
- Financial support
- First Nation Communities

I was in foster care since I was about nine years old- breaking that cycle of disadvantage has been important to me. Luckily, I was placed in a foster home that was really supportive and really loving. My foster parents helped me on my journey and showed me that I could be whoever I wanted to be.

- Crystal Hardy Nurse Practitioner & Lecturer at Lakehead University