



*A view of Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek.*



## ROCKY BAY CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

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### HISTORY OF BIINJITIWAABIK ZAAGING ANISHINAABEK (ROCKY BAY)

To promote healing and well-being by utilizing an integrated holistic approach. We honour culture, values, and traditional ways of life. We do this by creating a model that is culture-based and respects the values of our children, families, and community.

Our vision is to empower our families and to instill a sense of hope for our community.

***Family First- "A New Beginning"  
Oshki - Bimadiziwin***

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Rocky Bay Reserve is located along the shores of Lake Nipigon, 20 kms from the town of Beardmore and 185 kms from the City of Thunder Bay on highway 11. Total population of Rocky Bay First Nation is 788, which consist of 328 on reserve and 460 off reserve (as of June 2022).

The Community is well known for its commercial fishing and takes pride in the traditional teachings passed down through generations.

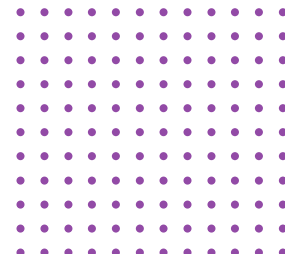
***Wehwehni Giinwendaso Abinoji  
"Looking after children  
in a good way"***



## WHO DO WE SERVICE?

Band Members + Affiliates  
On And Off Reserve

## PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Addiction Support
  - Band Representation
  - Child & Family Service
  - Crisis Support
  - Cultural Coordination
  - Early Childhood Intervention
  - Elder Group/Support
  - Family Coordinator
  - Family Support Worker
  - Jordan's Principle Worker
  - Parenting Support
  - Prenatal Infant Care
  - Prevention Worker
  - Traditional Care
  - Youth Liaison Worker
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### THE 7 GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

#### Aakode'ewin - Bravery:

Benton-Banai (1988) states that "Bravery is to face the foe with integrity." This simply means that we need to be brave in order to do the right thing even if the consequences are unpleasant. It is easy to turn a blind eye when we see something that is not right. It is harder to speak up and address concerns for fear of being retaliated against. Oftentimes, one does not want to 'rock the boat.' It takes moral courage to be able to stand up for those things that are not right.

#### Zaagi'idiwin - Love:

Love is one of the greatest teachers. It is one of the hardest teachings to demonstrate especially if we are hurt. Benton-Banai (1988) states that "To know Love is to know peace." Being able to demonstrate love means that we must first love ourselves before we can show love to someone else. Love is unconditional; it must be given freely. Those who are able to demonstrate love in this way are at peace with themselves. When we give love freely it comes back to us. In this way, love is mutual and reciprocal.

#### Gwayakwaadiziwin - Honesty:

It takes bravery to be honest in our words and actions. One needs to be honest first and foremost with oneself. Practicing honesty with oneself makes it easier to be honest with others.

#### Nibwaakaawin - Wisdom:

Wisdom, a gift from the Creator, is to be used for the good of the people. The term "wisdom" can also be interpreted to mean "prudence" or "intelligence." This means that we must use good judgment or common sense when dealing with important matters. We need to consider how our actions will affect the next seven generations. Wisdom is sometimes equated with intelligence. Intelligence develops over time. We seek out the guidance of our Elders because we perceive them to be intelligent; in other words, they have the ability to draw on their knowledge and life skills in order to provide guidance.

#### Dabaadendiziwin - Humility:

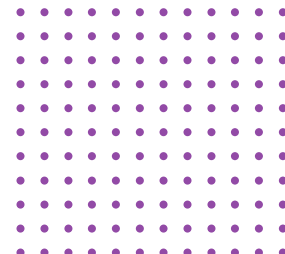
As Indigenous people, we understand our relationship to all of creation. Humility is to know your place within Creation and to know that all forms of life are equally important. We need to show compassion (care and concern) for all of creation.

#### Debwewin - Truth:

"Truth is to know all of these things" (Benton-Banai, 1988). All of these teachings go hand in hand. For example, to have wisdom one must demonstrate love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility and truth. You are not being honest with yourself if you use only one or two of these teachings. Leaving out even one of these teachings means that one is not embracing the teachings. We must always speak from a truthful place. It is important not to deceive yourself or others.

#### Minaadendamowin - Respect:

One of the teachings around respect is that in order to have respect from someone or something, we must get to know that other entity at a deeper level. When we meet someone for the first time we form an impression of them. That first impression is not based on respect. Respect develops when one takes the time to establish a deeper relationship with the other. This concept of respect extends to all of creation. Again, like love, respect is mutual and reciprocal – in order to receive respect one must give respect.



### ANISHINAABEK CHILD WELL-BEING LAW

- Exercise of inherent jurisdiction
- Respect for the role of family and community
- Promotes voluntary services
- Ensures protection of children and youth
- Respects community standards
- Respects role of First Nations and agencies
- Adoptions require First Nations and parent approval

*"Our vision at Rocky Bay Child and Family Services is to empower our families and instill a sense of hope for all our community members"*

*"With every generation of children comes the chance to create a Canada anew. A chance to create a First Nation community anew. One that represents the ancestor's dream of that community"*

**- Cindy Blackstock**

