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Update on Kunuwanimano CCWP development

Ontario Final Agreement on Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services (OFA)

What We Have Started

With the support and participation of First Nation band representatives, administrative staff, Community Well-Being Teams, leadership, and community members, we have begun foundational work toward the Child and Community Well-Being Plan.

- Community Profiles
- Environmental Scan - initial data gathering and validation framework
- Introduction of the project team to Chiefs, technicians, and community members
- Participated in two NAN engagement sessions regarding the OFA and CCWP (Thunder Bay & Sudbury)
- Post-Majority and Prevention Transition
- Review of policies and procedures
- Project plan outline
- Introduction of the Project Coordinator

During these engagements, we listened carefully to concerns regarding the Agency, the planning process, and what communities hope to achieve together through the CCWP.

What We Heard

Community voices were clear, thoughtful, and direct. The main points included:

- Renewed, relevant, and community-specific protocols should be reflected in the CCWP
- A preference for **working sessions over presentations**.
- Planning must be hands-on, collaborative, and co-developed.
- Planning must follow community leadership, direction, and cultural priorities
- Communities emphasized the need for culturally grounded service delivery
- Trust must be built through consistent, dependable actions over time.
- Clear trend reporting and analysis
- Clarity on agency processes and decision-making frameworks
- Communities want greater visibility and on-the-ground engagement
- Questions remain about what Post-Majority Support Services will look like during transition
- Communities seek clarity on supports for First Nations delivering these services
- Youth must be actively involved in implementation
- Planning and transitions should be youth-led or youth-guided wherever possible



Youth Panel Voices

The youth panel shared powerful and honest reflections:

- The experience of being apprehended and disconnected from culture and community
- The importance of connection to community for their identity and wellbeing
- How inconsistent and changing worker and placement relationships negatively impacted their self-esteem and their ability to put trust in others
- Biological and foster-sibling relationships are sacred and should be protected and treated as such
- Not being prepared for adulthood (financial literacy, budgeting, independence)
- Recognition that every youth's experience is unique
- They are much more than what has happened to them, they have gifts, they are resilient and resourceful
- The powerful impact of consistent, strength-based relationships with workers
- The importance of someone recognizing their "superpowers"

Next Steps

Engagement & Co-Development

- Scheduling community-specific CCWP co-development working sessions with participating First Nations leadership and technicians
- Meetings can be virtual or in-person based on community preference

Communication & Reporting

- Outreach through emails and calls to schedule next conversations
- Quarterly community-level and agency-wide reporting
- Invitations will be sent providing access to leadership and technicians to the Kunuwanimano CCWP document portal that will contain:
 - Plan updates
 - Reports
 - Tools and resources

Staying Connected

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