



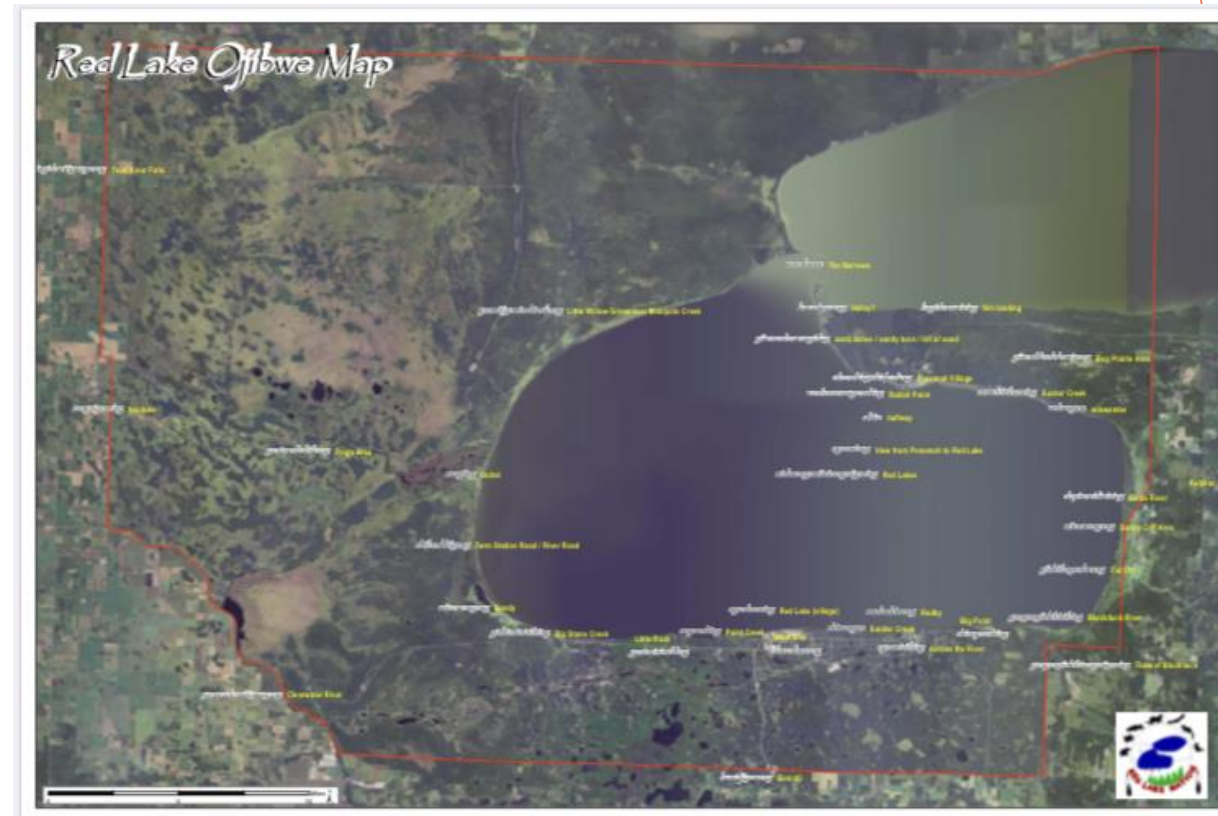
Ombimindwaa Gidinawemaaganinaadog

Uplifting all of Our Relatives

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Ombimindwaa Gidinawemaaganinaadog

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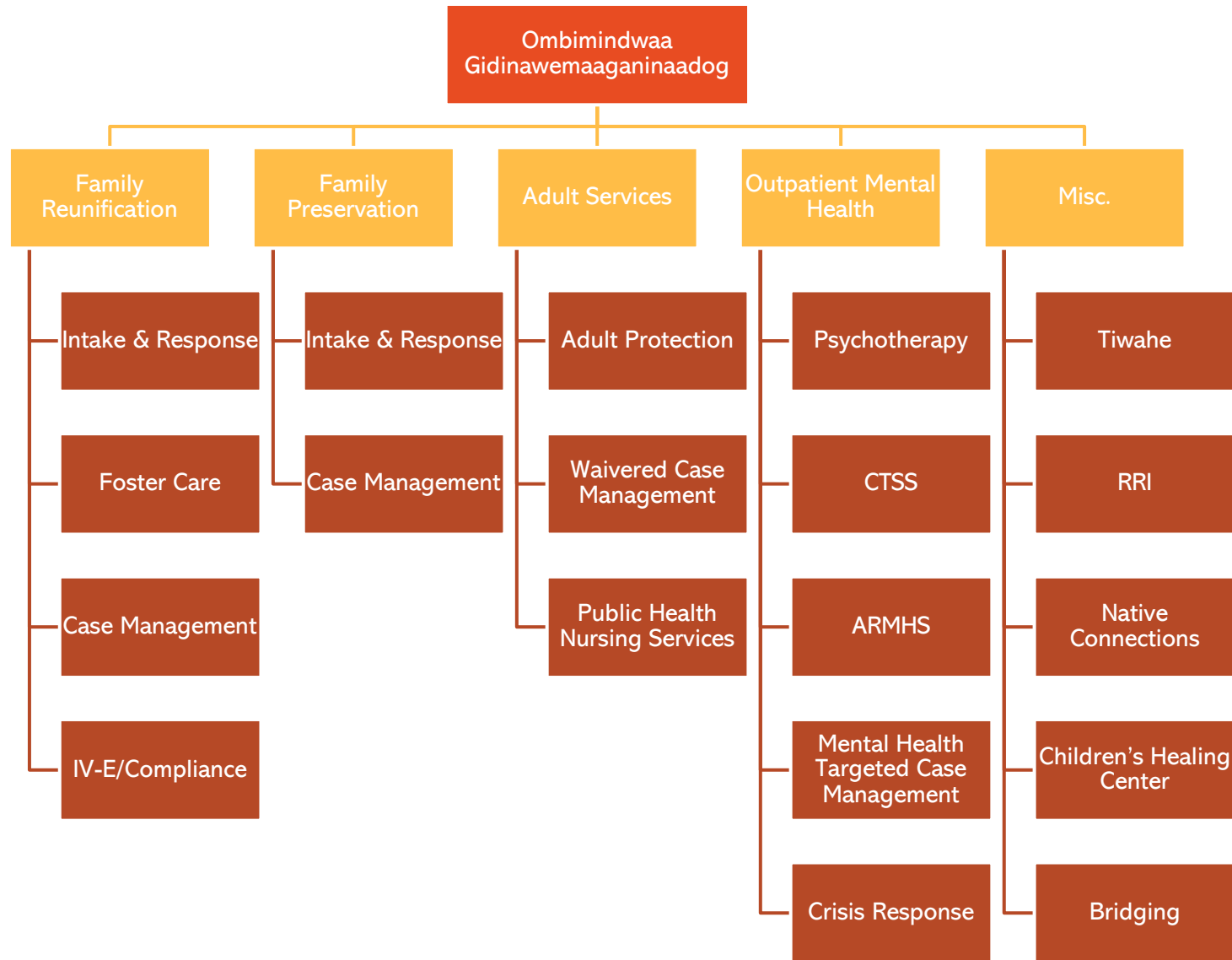
Decolonizing our practice



Original Anishinaabeg traditions

- ▶ Focus on relationships
 - ▶ engaging families and individuals
 - ▶ original Anishinaabeg traditions, values, and beliefs imply, by providing dynamic and excellent health care services to Red Lake Nation families and individuals through an intergenerational approach that encompasses everyone across the lifespan

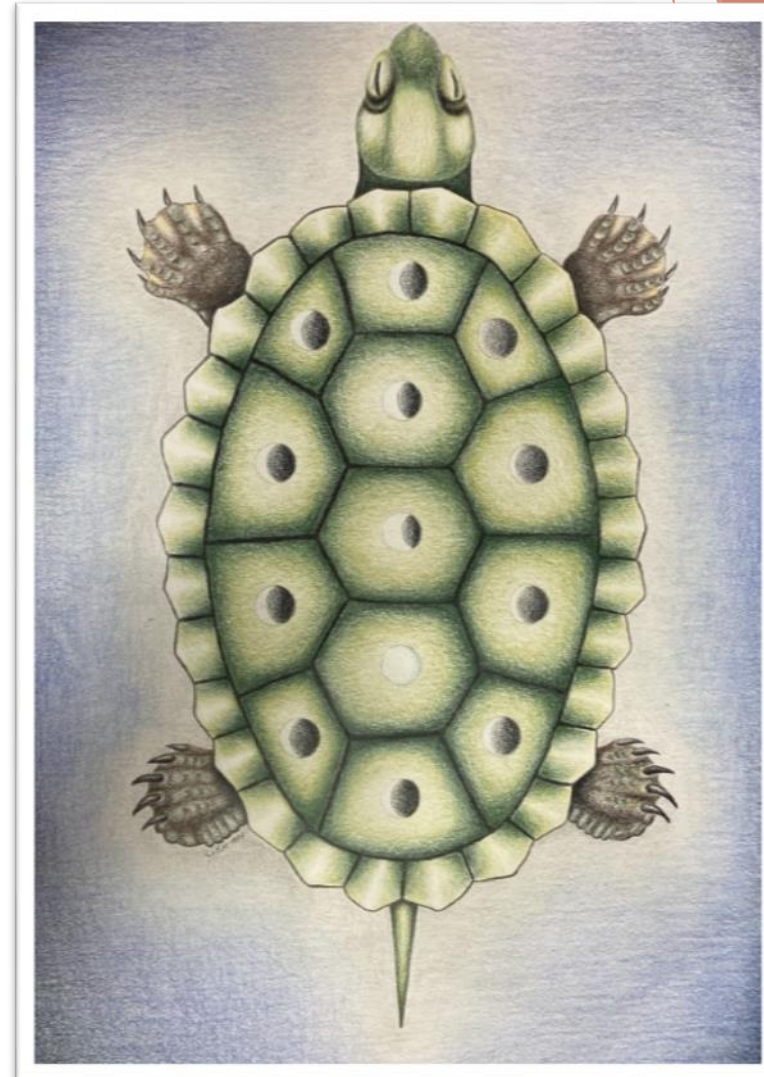




OMBIMINDWAA GIDINAWEMAAGANINAADOG SERVICE ARRAY

Seven Grandfather Teachings

- ▶ Zaagi'idiwin - Love
- ▶ Manaaji'idiwin - Respect
- ▶ Zoonide'iwin - Courage/Bravery
- ▶ Gwayakowaakiziwin - Honesty
- ▶ Nibwaakaawin - Wisdom
- ▶ Debandediziwin - Humility
- ▶ Debwewin - Truth



Program Changes

- ▶ Prioritize a strength-based approach to all of our services
- ▶ Changed program name from “Family and Children Services” to Ombimindwaa Gidinawemaaganinaadog, which means “Uplifting all of our relatives”
- ▶ Many name changes within the program:
 - ▶ We serve “relatives”, not clients
 - ▶ Staff are “community service providers”
 - ▶ Foster parents are “relative care community service providers
 - ▶ Investigation is “response”
 - ▶ Child protection is “reunification”



We believe that families prosper when they:

- ▶ Are engaged in their cultural and spiritual beliefs and traditions
- ▶ Have positive relationships and connections
- ▶ Are safe and secure
- ▶ Receive supportive help and services
- ▶ Are physically and emotionally healthy

Tackling social inequities

- ▶ 10 of our grants have budgeted funds for client/direct assistance
- ▶ Our reimbursement funds are also utilized for client/direct assistance
- ▶ In 2021, we spent over \$560,000 for client assistance across our programs
- ▶ These funds are used for furniture, food, utilities, basic needs, etc. to ensure families can focus on healing and staying together/reuniting

Program Data

- ▶ 63% reduction in the number of children in out of home placement from 2017 to present
- ▶ Currently ~40 families engaged in Family Preservation
- ▶ 157 relatives served in our Outpatient Mental Health program in 2021
- ▶ Guardianship of 43 adults, providing LTSS to 48 adults on a waiver
- ▶ 32 youth relatives participating in Reducing Recidivism Initiative
 - ▶ RRI has successfully addressed youth violence through intentional community collaboration

Pushing the Systems

- ▶ Tribal sovereignty remains our priority when working with other systems
 - ▶ Data sovereignty - push to keep ownership of our data and keep it private
 - ▶ IV-E Agreement
 - ▶ Tribal resolutions when accepting grants - codifying ownership and privacy of data
 - ▶ Tribal licensing/certification of programs and providers
 - ▶ Pushing legislative changes to include language that tribes consent to (not just consultation)