

*“The knowledge holders say that children are listening, even if they are not directly paying attention, they are hearing the words and taking in the information”.*

- Family Preservation Practice Guide

Contact us regarding our developmental, rehabilitative, or speech and language services. We will work side by side with you to enhance your child’s physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellness.



## VISITING GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM

Developmental Support Services



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Supporting  
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## PROMOTING FAMILY BONDING

“Grandparents were in charge”

- Expert Informant Consultant, December 4, 2017

“We encourage bonding between parents, children, grandparents and extended family. Bonding is achieved by spending time together. It does not require any special activity, just sitting together, eating together, playing a game or watching a movie. All of these can help a family bond.”

- Family Preservation: Knowledge Holders Consultation



“Children will learn about their culture and values by participating in activities with their parents. Parents will learn important teachings about their roles and responsibilities within the culture. Children will also learn that there is a support system far beyond their nuclear family unit.”

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## CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPY

Our developmental therapists will introduce children, youth, and families to anishinaabe grandparents to support traditional values and beliefs in the home and in the community.

Grandparents will share anishinaabe stories, knowledge and language with children and families to increase opportunity for learning and growth and support traditional child development.



The program supports...

“family preservation principles that are within the anishinaabe term: *wiitigemaagan* or *wiitgemaaganag*. A long time ago young parents would live with their grandparents so they could learn how to live and prepare to live on their own. This was anishinaabe custom.”

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