

MISSION STATEMENT

SHAWENIM ABINOOJII HONOURS THE SACRED DUTY TO LOVE, PROTECT, AND NURTURE THE CHILDREN IN ITS CARE BY PROVIDING UNIQUE AND NEEDED SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT AIM TO FULFILL THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY.

SHAWENIM ABINOOJII MANDATE

• SAI mandate has grown to respond to child, family and community needs -

To provide holistic care for those in need by creating and/or providing culturally relevant experiences, education and training, and support and placement services for the purpose of promoting and supporting selfsufficiency and wellness



SOUTHEAST CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

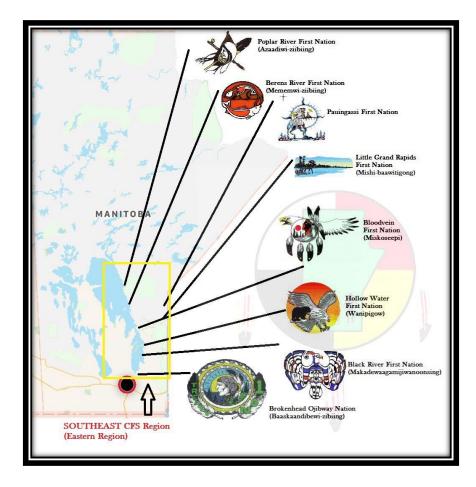
SOUTHEAST CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES SUPPORT THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES WITH PROVIDING RESPECTFUL AND CARING SUPPORTIVE, PREVENTATIVE, AND PROTECTION SERVICES THAT INCORPORATES A REVITALIZATION OF THE ANISHINAABE SYSTEM OF CARE THAT IS ROOTED IN THE CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS, AND VALUES OF THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

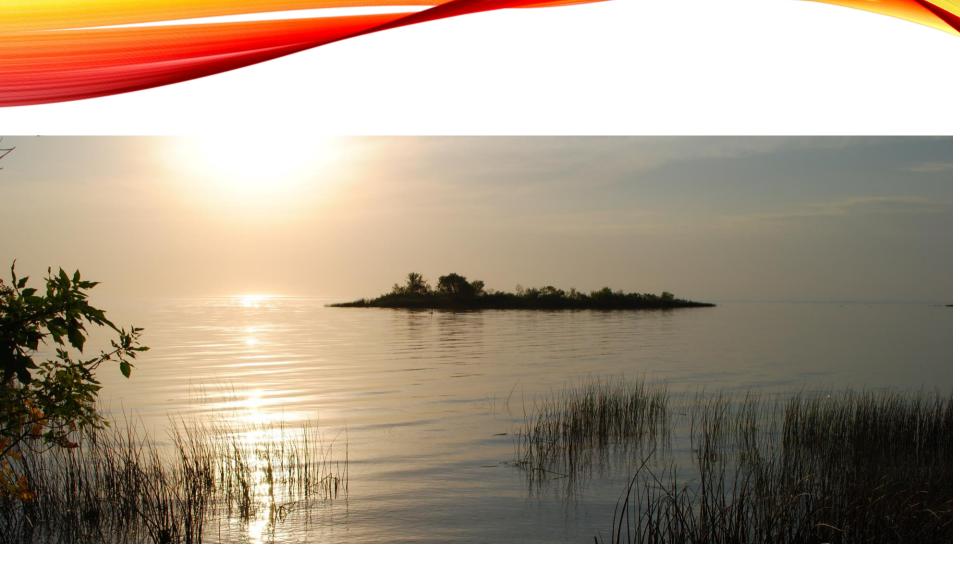
SECFS VISION - MINO PIMATIZIWIN

Leading a good life

- Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
- Black River First Nation
- Hollow Water First Nation
- Poplar River First Nation
- Little Grand Rapids First Nation
- Pauingassi First Nation
- Berens River First Nation
- Bloodvein First Nation
- Buffalo Point (served by Animikii Ozoson CFS)

COMMUNITIES WE SERVE





Bloodvein First Nation

ABOUT SECFS

- One of the largest First Nation CFS agencies
- 1,291 children in care as of October 31, 2019 (108)
- Believed to be the agency with the highest child in care per capita in Canada

ABOUT SECFS

- 5 First Nations have year round road access
- 3 First Nations are remote and have a winter road for about 1.5 months per year
- Off-reserve cases are growing faster than the onreserve numbers
- Need to have its own resources



ABOUT SECFS

- Children have been removed from their communities and placed in the city of Winnipeg
- Lack of housing, overcrowding and other systemic issues prevented extended family to be temporary or long-term caregivers (kinship/foster parents)
- Creative option is to build four-bed homes serviced by house parents (hybrid between a kinship home, foster home and a group home) most of whom are community members

SHAWENIM ABINOOJII INC.

- Indigenous not-for-profit third-party resource (exclusive to SECFS)
- Incorporated in 2005 as the Four Bedroom Home Unit Inc. by the Southeast Tribal Council
- Through a long-term lease, a bank loan supported the First Nation in building the homes.
- This was the start of a new partnership aimed at keeping and returning children to their home communities.

HISTORY

- 4 Homes were built or renovated in the First Nations of Pauingassi and Little Grand Rapids to provide community based placement options
- 2 Homes were in Winnipeg were developed to provide placements for SECFS youth for whom good homes are hard to find
- Poplar River First Nation offered to build 2 houses and 1 trailer to provide community-based placements, if the agency would pay the mortgage.

HISTORY

	THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate on the day of, 2016.
	(hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement")
BETV	VEEN: (hereinafter referred to as the "Nation")
	-and-
	SHAWENIM ABINOOJII INC
	(hereinafter referred to as "SAI")
	REAS the Nation has under its management, charge and direction the premises described as follows eFirst Nation Reserve:
	hree (3) housing units and surrounding land, located atFirst Nation Reserve (collectively, ereinafter referred to as the "Premises").
AND	WHEREAS, SAI is desirous of occupying the Premises for specialized foster homes.
	WHEREAS, The Nation agrees that SAI may use and occupy the Premises for the purpose of ding child and family services to the Nation.
mutu each	THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT, in consideration of the Premises and other al covenants and agreements herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, by of the parties hereto given to the other (the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby owledged), the parties agree with each other as follows:
	ARTICLE 1 TERM
1.1	TERM
	The Nation does hereby transfer the right to occupy the Premises to SAI for a term of twenty (20) years, commencing on the first day SAI occupies the Premises (the "Commencement Date"), which is anticipated to be on or around November 1, 2016, and ending twenty (20) years after the last day of the month in which the Commencement Date occurs (hereinafter referred to as the "Term"). Within a reasonable time after the Commencement Date occurs, the Nation will, by notice to SAI confirm the Commencement Date.

HISTORY

- The homes provided for economic development:
 - Homes built and maintained by local members
 - Service Opportunities:
 - House parents
 - Respite workers
 - Employment:
 - Support workers
 - Maintenance
 - Drivers

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- Support Work Program: family visits (family visit homes), family enhancement services, one-to-one mentorship and transportation
- Therapeutic Foster Care Program: placement resource (urban and rural)
- Memengoo Youth Transition Program: transitional services for youth exiting agency care
- Community Specialized Homes: placement resource (First Nation communities)



- Over 110 children have remained in their home communities or were returned to their home communities.
- Recruitment of Southeast Community members is prioritized in all services areas
 - 21 Core Staff
 - 32 House Parents

CURRENT COMMUNITY HOMES

- Pauingassi First Nation: 7 Homes; 23 children returned or remain in community
- Little Grand Rapids First Nation: 10 Homes; 41 children returned or remain in community
- **Bloodvein First Nation**: 5 Homes; 21 children returned or remain in community
- Berens River First Nation: 4 Homes; 15 children returned or remain in community
- Black River First Nation: 1 Homes; 4 children returned or remain in community
- **Poplar River First Nation**: 3 Homes; 12 children returned or remain in community

CURRENT URBAN/RURAL HOMES

- 10 homes in rural areas (some close proximity to city of Winnipeg)
- 15 Homes in the city of Winnipeg
- SECFS makes requests for specific type of home
 - Large Sibling Groups
 - Family Reunification(parent/s will reside in the home with support staff to work with the family)
 - Specialized home youth for whom good homes are hard to find, or where no other child or youth can be placed

EDUCATION SERVICES

In response to need, SAI developed options for Education

- **1) Education Support (On-Reserve) –** additional support for the children residing in community-based SAI homes. Children must be enrolled in and attend the local school.
- 2) Education Resource Centre (Ste. Anne) additional support for children requiring tutoring, an alternative classroom setting or transitional services in preparation for school enrollment.
- **3) Shawenim Abinoojii School (Winnipeg)** an accredited school for youth from Grade 8 to Grade 12 who benefit from an alternative classroom setting.



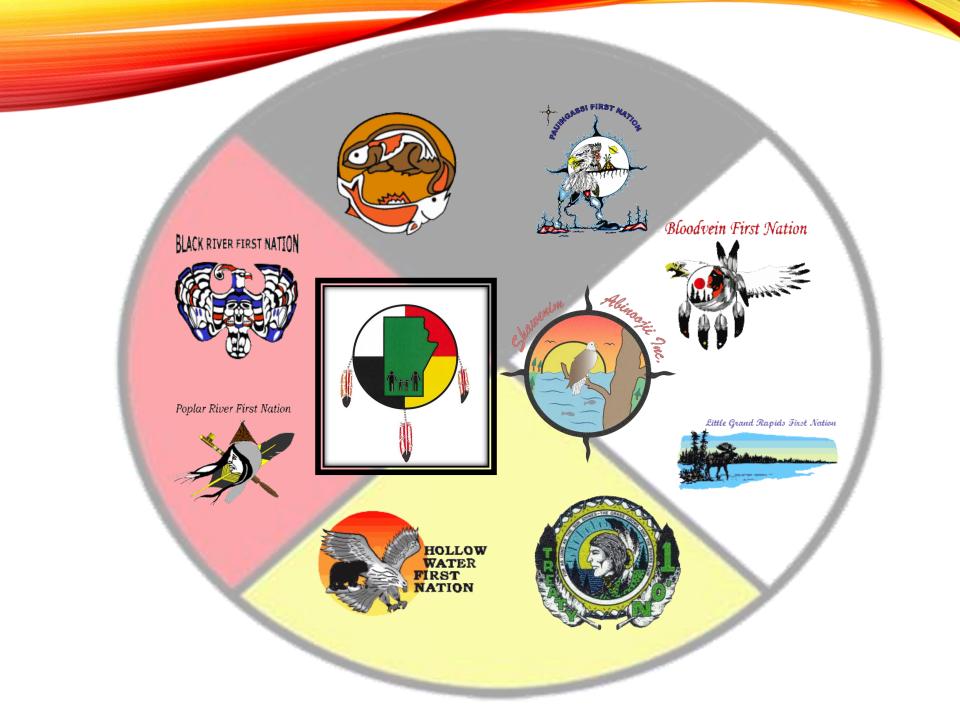












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