

MISSION STATEMENT

Gwayakochige-Wigamig is a **24-hour emergency youth shelter** devoted to providing services founded in the Anishinaabe worldviews and ways of practice.

VISION

Gwayakochige-Wigamig's vision is to decrease the amount of youth in need of emergency shelter services while increasing the amount of youth who are moreculturally, confidient, self-aware all the while, honoring their resilience.

GWAYAKOCHIGE-WIGAMIG RED LAKE NATION YOUTH SHELTER



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Next to RL Chemical
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It still takes a village to raise a child.
Together we will
provide, preserve, and protect.

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ABOUT US

Gwayakochige-Wigamig: "Making the right choices" (as in the choices Creator would want you to make)

Gwayakochige-Wigamig is a cornerstone for intergenerational and community healing. We are committed to ensuring that our Anishinaabe youth and their families have access to their Indigenous rights of community, belonging and cultural identity.



Gwayakochige-Wigamig is a non-profit Anishinaabe culture-based emergency crisis shelter, located on the Red Lake Indian Reservation, for at

risk Oshkii-ayaa'aag (youth) ages 5-17 who may be experiencing but not limited to:

- HOUSELESSNESS
- FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL CRISIS
- RUNAWAY STATUS
- ABUSE
- INVOLVED WITH JUVENILE CORRECTIONS
- CHILD PROTECTION

Our shelter can house up to 8 youth at any given time.

We are open **24 hours a day 365 days a year**. An intake process is required to determine eligibility.

Shelter stays are temporary, however extended stays are available if eligible.

MISKWAAGAMIIWI-ZAAGAIGANING RED LAKE HISTORY



Historically, the Anishinaabeg (Indigenous People) did not experience some of the problems we face in our communities today such as- houselessness/homelessness, substance abuse, domestic violence, poverty, and other colonial-induced community sicknesses.

However, pressures from the western religious education system became greater and would soon create some of the most detrimental impacts on Anishinaabeg communities.

Tribal Nations experience social and cultural problems that prevent them from the highest possible quality of life. These stressors affect our youth spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically in ways greater society may deem delinquent.

There is undoubtedly a need for an emergency shelter and services for youth as they are still shaping their lives all the while taking on generations of traumas. Here at Gwayakochige-Wigamig, we believe these children deserve to thrive, not just survive.



SERVICES

- Outreach Services
- Case Management
- Transportation
- Community Health Services
- Traditional Food Education
- Spiritual/Physical/Emotional Well-Being
- Mental Wellness
- Comprehensive Assessments
- Youth Outpatient

CULTURAL PROGRAMS

- Teaching Lodge
- Sweat Lodge & Appropriate Ceremonies
- Traditional Seasonal Activities
- Self- Identity Building
- Ojibwemowin Teachings
- History Teachings
- Medicine & Traditional Food Gathering
- & Other Appropriate Traditional Teachings

MENTAL WELLNESS SERVICES

- Inpatient & Outpatient Therapy
Via telehealth or in-person
- Individual Therapy (ages 5-17)
- Family Therapy
- Trauma & Resilience Focused Therapy
- Wellness Support