



**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE**  
Restorative Justice Cultural CD Program  
Bamenim Anishinaabeg "Care for the People"  
- Healing Spirit, Mind & Body -

## **JUVENILE REENTRY CD TREATMENT PROGRAM**

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### Bamenim Anishinaabeg Mission ~

To promote healing of the spirit, mind, and body and address the root causes of CD use in crimes and delinquency.

### Who We Serve ~

High risk youth, ages 12 - 17 (when entering the program), residing on or near the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, who have been court ordered to detention or treatment.

### Our Program Model ~

The Bamenim Anishinaabeg Reentry Cultural CD Program Model is a strength-based, client-centered, family-focused model, grounded in Anishinaabeg values and culture, guided by the Four Hills of Life, the Four Seasons of the Year, and the Four Phases of the Wraparound Principles of the *National Wraparound Initiative*, based on data-driven decision making and measureable outcomes.

### The Four Hills of Life ~

The First Hill - the Abinoojiiyensag (Babies) and Ikwezensag Miinawaa Gwiiwizensag (Little Boys and Girls) Stage

In order to successfully climb the first hill, participants must engage in traditional teachings which may include:

- understanding the teachings of the 7 Grandfathers
- receiving or reconnecting with an Indian name
- using traditional medicines: tobacco, sage, sweet grass
- understanding Anishinaabeg history, morals, and values

The Second Hill - the Oshkaya'aag (Youth) and Oshkinaweg Miinawaa Oshkiniigikweg (Adolescent Boys and Girls) Stage

In order to successfully climb the second hill, participants must engage in life-skills which may include:

- obtaining certificates of identification (Tribal/State ID)

- obtaining a driver's license



- conducting vocational or interest inventories
- creating a genogram or Family Relationship Map
- completing the Bamenim Anishinaabeg Tobacco Class
- completing the Bamenim Anishinaabeg Alcohol Class

### The Third Hill - the Gichi-Aya'aag (Adults) and Ininiwag Miinawaa Ikwewag (Men and Women) Stage

In order to successfully climb this third hill, participants must engage in educational/vocational pursuits which may include:

- obtaining a high-school diploma
- obtaining a GED
- submitting a college application
- pursuing vocational training

### The Fourth Hill - the Nookomis Miinawaa Mishoomis (Grandmother and Grandfather) Stage

In order to successfully climb this fourth hill, participants must engage in "giving back" which may include:

- developing resources
- mentoring peers
- helping elders

Four Seasons of the Year ~

All program participants will be involved in cultural activities

Ziigwan (Spring): Participants may partake in springtime activities such as maple sugar harvesting.

Niibin (Summer): Participants may participate in summertime activities such as fishing, berry-picking, and harvesting medicines.

Dagwaagin (Fall): Participants may participate in fall activities such as ricing and hunting.

Biboon (Winter): Participants may participate in wintertime activities such as storytelling.



The Seven Grandfathers ~

The Seven Grandfathers guide all of us as we work together to heal those that need healing of the spirit, mind, and body.

***Nbaakaawin***—**Wisdom**: To cherish knowledge is to know Wisdom. Wisdom is given by the Creator to be used for the good of the people.

***Zaagidwin***—**Love**: Love must be unconditional. When people are weak they need love the most.

***M'naadendamowin***—**Respect**: Have respect for all that is. All of creation should be treated with respect. You must give respect if you wish to be respected.

***Aakdeh'ewin***—**Bravery**: To face a foe with integrity. To do what's right even when the consequences are unpleasant.

***Gwekwaadziwin***—**Honesty**: Always be honest in word and action. Be honest first with yourself, and you will more easily be able to be honest with others.

***D'baadendiz'in***—**Humility**: You are equal to others, but you are not better.

***Debwewin***—**Truth**: Speak the truth. Do not deceive yourself or others.

Our Program Staff ~

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