



Newsletter



July Update

Mnaasged Child and Family Services is excited to announce the addition of two new staff members this month. We are pleased to welcome our new Receptionist, and HR Generalist.

Both bring valuable skills and experience to their roles, and their contributions will help strengthen the day-to-day operations and supportive workplace that Mnaasged strives to provide for our staff, families, and communities.

As the summer heats up, we encourage everyone to stay safe while enjoying the season. Remember to drink plenty of water, apply sunscreen, take breaks in the shade during peak sun hours, and keep a close eye on little ones around water.

Upcoming Dates

July 11-12 | Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point 54th Annual Pow Wow

- Blueberry Moon (Miini-giizis)
- Green Been (Aw^hihte)
- Time of the Honey Bee (Jagatamoewi Gischuch)

Member Nations

Mnaasged is proud to have partnership
with our communities

"Working together, we can move forward"



A message from Executive Director

Summer is a season of connection, and there is no better time to strengthen the relationships that guide our work. Over the past month, I have had the privilege of beginning visits with Prevention Teams in the communities we serve, and I am grateful for the warm welcomes and honest conversations about how we can work together to support children, youth, and families.



These visits are an important step in our journey towards designation, and they remind me that this work is built on trust, respect, and listening. I look forward to continuing these conversations throughout the summer and to seeing many of you at community gatherings and events in the months ahead.

As we enjoy the longer days and time spent outdoors with loved ones, I encourage everyone to take care of themselves and each other. Stay safe, stay cool, and make time for the moments that matter.

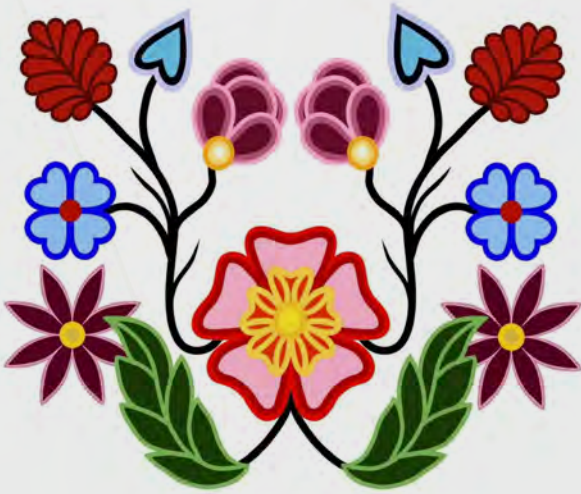
On behalf of all of us at Mnaasged, I wish you and your families a wonderful summer.

Thank you,

Melissa Patriguin



Welcome to the team



Kulsum Koya *HR Generalist*

Mnaasged Child and Family Services is pleased to welcome Kulsum Koya to our team as our new HR Generalist.

Kulsum brings a strong background in Human Resources, with experience in recruitment, onboarding, and employee support within fast-paced and highly regulated environments. Throughout her career, she has worked closely with diverse teams, supporting employees at every stage of their journey with a commitment to accuracy, confidentiality, and a people-first approach.

Outside of work, Kulsum enjoys watching movies, reading, and most of all going for long drives.

Miranda Dockstater *Receptionist*

Mnaasged Child and Family Services is happy to welcome Miranda Dockstater, who has stepped into the role of Receptionist.

A familiar face to many, Miranda is glad to be back and looking forward to connecting with everyone. As the first point of contact at MCFS, she's here to help, whether you have a question, need a hand, or simply want to say hello.

You'll find Miranda at her desk at the top of the stairs, and she can be reached at extension 240.



Member Nation Pow Wows

Kettle & Stony Point First Nation July 11th & 12th

During the summer months our Member Nations and surrounding First Nations in Ontario have Pow Wows which include competition categories, special categories and celebrations, food vendors, craft vendors, and much more!

These are family friendly events and help support the local communities. We highly recommended checking them out even for only a day. Below you will find the Southern First Nations Secretariat's flyer with more information.



Southern First Nations
Secretariat

SFNS Member First Nation 2026 Pow Wow Listing



Pow Wows:	Dates:
Aamjiwnaang First Nation	June 20-21
Munsee-Delaware Nation	June 27-28
Kettle & Stony Point First Nation	July 11-12
Caldwell First Nation	August 7-9
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	August 15-16
Delaware Nation - Moravian of the Thames	September 5-6
Oneida Nation of the Thames Fall Fair	September 25-27



Elders Council

New webpage

As we begin to hire on new faces that will be working in your communities we are striving to include more transparency. Recently we just added our Elders Council page which include our current members. We are striving to have two Elders from each Member Nation to bring us to a total of 12 Elders.

Over the next few weeks we will also be posting more information on upcoming programs, organizational updates, and education. Keep an eye out on our social media and webpage. If you have any additional questions please feel free to reach out!



Additional Questions?

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