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The project, Anishnawbek Cultural Values and Well-being Based Early Childhood Development, will work to engage children in the community to learn Anishnawbek culture, laws, language and traditions from Elders and traditional knowledge keepers as part of their early childhood development.

Moreover, it will advance the vision and goals of the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework by:

- developing a vision or framework for a high-quality, culturally appropriate early learning and child care system in an Indigenous
- building and strengthening local Indigenous early learning and child care licensing rules and procedures;
- supporting ongoing education and training for Indigenous early learning and child care leaders, management and staff; and/or
- creating new tools, curriculum or training to support Indigenous early learning and child care staff working with children with special needs.

"This project constitutes an investment to restore our cultural traditions beginning with the children. Our seven sacred laws include love, courage, humility and wisdom, which have long been the foundation of our capacity to flourish on the traditional lands of our ancestral homelands. Our hope is that by planting the seeds of our traditional ways of being, living and governing in our children, our community will build the capacity for future leadership and wise governance."

- Tammy Manitowabi, Chief Executive Officer of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

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