

"Nina Na" which means "about me" in the Ojibway language, takes you on a journey of learning about Anishinabe culture through Woodlands style art, starting right from the basics.....

You will learn the basic steps, shapes to express yourself using this art form. The meaning of symbols. As you go on your journey into seeing through the Anishinabe way of learning, it will broaden your understanding more of the ways of "The People", and also self expression storytelling, because everyone has one to tell.....

As an Anishinabe Artist and Art Educator, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how beautiful this art style is and how we can share.....as a people.....

Meegwetch.....Tansi.....Thank you.....

Victoria Elaine McIntosh

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Program Themes:

*The 7 teachings of the Anishinabe

* The Medicine Wheel

*The Clan system of the Anishinabe

*Basic Ojibway/Cree words pertaining to symbols/teaching of art forms

* The Manitous in storytelling

The Anishinabe culture has much to offer and children in care should feel proud of who they are. The culture teaches that Anishinabe hold 7 generation of memories from our ancestors in our DNA. We create we make things, we paint, we draw family and teachings are very important This is passed on to the next generation.....

A sharing circle will be conducted first for introductions and participants can share only their names if that is their choice. The sharing circle will be explained and time would be spent talking about the art presentation and teachings of the day.

Each child will have their own personal portfolio of the work they have done. There will be projects to do at home so that caregivers could also participate in their foster child's learning....

As art projects are created the children will be explained the meaning of what it is they are working on....

The Niin Na art program will run for 10 weeks beginning in the fall of 2010. Each session will be one hour in duration. Sessions will occur in early evening and on weekends at 70 Arthur Street

(office number to be announced.)

The fee for the 10 week program is 180.00 This will include all the supplies necessary and snack during the session...