



WAWIYA

Description form

The Wawiya is a **gathering** of immediate and extended family members, friends, relatives and any other person significant to the **child** and **family** going through a **difficult time**. In addition, depending on the reason for the gathering, professionals may be invited to **promote the services** available. This practice respects the Anicinape rhythm and culture in order to promote **healing**.

Description

Wawiya is for families and children who are at risk or who have been reported to youth protection.

Eligibility

Restoring **family balance** and child well-being through Wawiya means :

Rallying and mobilizing community **strengths** and **resources** around the family.

Strengthening the **safety net**

Multiplying **options** and **solutions** that are culturally safe.

Analyze the situation from **different angles** to get an accurate perspective of the situation.

Welcome help and be realistic about the situation

Have a concrete **mobilization plan**.

General objectives

1. Mention of the objective
2. As a group, develop guidelines for the proper functioning of the Wawiya.
3. Explain the role of the participants and the facilitator and clarify expectations.
4. Signing of a confidentiality agreement.
5. Opening of the sharing session (introduction/opening prayer/smudge, etc.).
6. Facilitator mentions elements of risk to the child's safety or development.
7. Beginning of the facilitation (talking stick/feather).

Topics:

-Parents'/children'/significant others'/professionals' **perception** of the situation.

-**Concerns & needs**

-**Strenghts**

-Possible **solutions**.

- Written commitments in the **mobilization plan**

8. Scheduling a **review** date for the mobilization plan to validate the family's progress

Meeting procedure

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