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NOTICE - Program Name Change

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – Child Nutrition Program is now the **Sabkeshiinh Ngwaagan Program**, effective Monday June 1, 2020. Additionally, the FASD-CN Program Coordinator is now the Sabkeshiinh Ngwaagan Program Coordinator.

*The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder-Child Nutrition Program has undergone a name change. Our Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder-Child Nutrition (FASD/CN) program has undergone a name change as Maamwesying moves towards embracing our Anishnawbe Aadziwin including our Anishnawbemowin. Our new FASD/CN program name is **Sabkeshiinh Ngwaagan** which translates into "Spiders Web".*

Sabkeshiinh Ngwaagan was chosen as it reflects the work and care given by all whom care for individuals living with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Like a spider that spins and repairs its web day and night to protect self and family, caregivers and service providers continuously monitor and adjust services to ensure individuals with higher needs are well cared for. Sometimes the web is destroyed, but the spider goes back to fix and repair the web to help support those that need the web. The web shows the strength of the spider as it rebuilds or strengthens the web every day for those they are caring for.

Building a web is a repetitive behavior, as like those who have an FASD tend to live their lives. It also shows that every day can be a challenge for someone living with a brain difference and those helping them through life. We do not try to change them but rather accept them for who they are and to be there to help them and protect them if we can by building the web around them.

Traditionally the web of life means needing to build a strong web to care for ourselves and those in our care. It is a whole support system. Like a dreamcatcher, a spider web has things within it to help you in life as every day can be a challenge for those living with an FASD and their families or support systems. It is part of the spiders role to ensure that there are the things that are needed in that web to help the babies survive within it." ~ Laura Trudeau

Phonetical Breakdown: *Sub(p?) k'enh zhee n'gwa gun*. Another way that might make it easier to sound out; *sub k'ane zhe* (sounds like she with a z) *ni-gwah gun*

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