

# Executive Director

Animikii Ozoson Child & Family Services

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CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

## The Organization

Animikii Ozoson Child & Family Services was created in 2005 to meet the specific needs of children and families with ties to Ontario First Nations who are living in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The agency also serves families who choose the agency for CFS services but who are not members of an Ontario First Nation.

In February 2005, elders held a traditional Ojibway naming ceremony for the agency at Shoal Lake First Nation in Ontario. On that beautiful, serene and lightly snowy winter evening, the agency received the name, Animikii Ozoson, which signifies, celebrates and honours the sacredness of the thunderbird in Ojibway culture. The thunderbird's role is to protect its babies in their home (the nest). The English translation of the name is Thunderbird nest.

The goal of Animikii is to see healthy, strong families providing a nurturing place for children and where the whole community—elders, leaders, helpers, grandmothers, grandfathers, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, husbands and wives—work together to build the best place possible for all children.

## The Opportunity

An agency deeply rooted in its dedication to family preservation and connecting children with their community, Animikii Ozoson is looking for a strong, confident and committed leader. Reporting to the agency's Board of Director, the Executive Director will ensure the policies and mandate are transformed into effective programs and operations which protect children and strive to maintain family and community connections. The Executive Director must be able open-minded and flexible in their decision making while ensuring the best interests in the children is always their top priority. The successful candidate will have a deep understanding and appreciation for culture, ceremony and community protocols. They will be responsible for leading and fostering positive changes both internally and externally, building strong relationships with likeminded agencies and organizations in order to secure sustainable funding for programs and operations. The Executive Director is someone who leads with their heart and is a strong advocate for the rights of children and understands the unique challenges facing child and family services in Indigenous communities in Manitoba and Ontario.

To further explore this exciting executive leadership opportunity as an advocate for family preservation, please contact Rebekah Wilson at [rebekah@leadersinternational.com](mailto:rebekah@leadersinternational.com) or call: 613.788.8253 ext. 110 to submit your application in complete confidence



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