

## **Omamoowango-Gamik Supportive Housing Good Neighbour Plan**

**Operating Agency:** NiGiNan Housing Ventures

Neighbourhood: Belvedere

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## **Program Description:**

NiGiNan Housing Ventures is a registered non-profit charity that was formed to address the housing needs and requirements of Indigenous people living in Edmonton, Omamoowango-Gamik came into being as a result of a partnership between Right at Home Housing Society and NiGiNan Housing Ventures to provide supportive living housing in the Northeast of Edmonton where there was an identified shortage of housing for indigenous peoples. Omamoo provides Supportive housing to individuals and small families who have struggled with houselessness currently or in the past, Omamoo also provides an environment where families with children in care can stabilize and work towards family reintegration while being supported by staff and the Omamoo community.

NiGiNan provides residents with a stable, supportive housing environment, ensuring that they have access to Indigenous cultural supports, goal-setting support, assistance with attending medical appointments, mental health support. Staff also facilitate onsite workshops and cultural gatherings to foster a community atmosphere and build resident living capacities and life skills.

## How this program advances Edmonton's Updated Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness:

This program enhances the focus of crisis response services and facilities on permanent housing outcomes by increasing access to mental health, addiction, trauma, and Indigenous wellness supports.

This program provides supportive housing to indigenous individuals and families not currently served or underserved by the currently existing resources. NiGiNan provides light wrap-around supports and a welcoming and inclusive cultural & spiritual environment where residents can sustain housing and make long-term inroads to resolve challenges that could allow them to become vital members of the Omamoo community and the larger community.