

## Suzanne Smoke - Bio



Suzanne Smoke, Ginew Kwe, Golden Eagle Woman is a member of Mississauga's of Rice Lake, Alderville First Nation and she sits with the Bear Clan. Her most important role in community is being a life giver and Mother to her daughter Ogimaa Geeziko Kwe , Cedar Smoke, Head Woman of the Skyworld.

Suzanne had many roles in community. She works as Area Outreach and Program Coordinator for the Muskoka/ Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services working to stem the tide of violence against Indigenous women and girls. Currently she works in Anti Human Trafficking with Simcoe Muskoka AHT Coalition as well as U.S. Consulate Greater Toronto Area AHT Strategy. Currently she is also working for TAIBU Indigenous Mental Wellness council in supporting Indigenous and Afro Indigenous families in Scarborough and GTA in Covid response , Vaccination and Mental wellness Support.

She is also the Executive Director of Biindigen Healing and Arts, a Not for profit Grassroots Agency serving the off-reserve population of Southern Ontario providing Culturally sensitive and culturally appropriate programming and healing. Her knowledge base is in Women's Traditional Teachings, Seven Stages of Life Teachings and she is also a Pipe Carrier and Sundancer with the Gathering of Sacred Pipes in Pipestone Minnesota. Her extensive knowledge in Harm reduction, Trauma Informed healing methods come from over 30 years walking the Red Road with many Elders and teachers.

During Covid, Suzanne, with the help and vision of Laurie Hermiston also began Dashmaawaan Biimaadzinjin WE FEED THE PEOPLE in response to food crisis and shortage during the pandemic. They have provided over 10 000 meals to Elders, houseless and Residential School Survivors and relatives since the pandemic began.