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## Intentional Inclusion of Indigenous Families in Service Provision

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Aaniin, Hi; Boozhoo, Hello!

The GVSU Native American Advisory Council (NAAC) has the following draft statement for land acknowledgement:

We would like to recognize the People of the Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples on whose land we are gathered. The Three Fires People are indigenous to this land which means that this is their ancestral territory. Every university is built on stolen, native land. We are guests on their land and one way to practice right relations is to develop genuine ways to acknowledge the histories and traditions of the people who originated here first, who are still here, and who tend to the land always. As we make this land acknowledgment we know it is but an important first step, and that there are many more that we need to take when we decide to engage in the important work of social justice.

For more information on the purpose and intent of land acknowledgments, see Northwestern University's site, <https://libguides.gvsu.edu/nativeamericans>

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT by Sarah, Keith and Monti.

"As we live and learn on these territories, we must keep in mind the community struggles for self-determination and colonial legacies of scholarly practices."

"We acknowledge that the University of Michigan, re-named for Michigami, the world's largest freshwater system and located in the Huron River watershed, was formed and has grown through connections with the land stewarded by Niswi Ishkodewan Anishinaabeg: The Three Fires People who are the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi along with their neighbors the Seneca, Delaware, Shawnee and Wyandot nations."

Dr. Sandy Mumper

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## Session Objectives

Increase

Increase service provider awareness of the impact of cultural considerations on vulnerable youth populations such as Indigenous youth.

Increase

Increase service providers' confidence in their abilities to properly assess NA/IA youth and increase service provision that includes family involvement through a culturally inclusive lens.

Increase

Increase our awareness on what service providers can do to be more inclusive and intentional in their efforts of engagement through education and linkage to available resources.

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## Who are Michigan's Indigenous Youth in Indian Country and what is the difference between tribal and urban youth 80/20

TRIBAL

Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Michigan, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (Michigan and Indiana), Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan

<https://www.unitedtribesofmichigan.com/other-resources/>

URBAN

Only 20 % of Indigenous people at any time live on tribal land, SO the other 80% live off reservation. We are anywhere from 1% to 2% of any city and state population statistical reports.

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## TOBACCO PREVENTION EFFORTS

### Seema traditional Medicine

- <http://www.tobaccowise.com/resources/know-the-difference/>
- Elders (recognized individuals in First Nations and Métis communities who have earned respect through their wisdom and teachings) teach that tobacco is traditionally used to communicate with the Spirit World and the Creator, to pray and give thanks; and to heal the body and mind. When making an offering of tobacco, Indigenous people communicate their thoughts and feelings by praying for themselves, family, relatives and others.<sup>23</sup> In this sense, using traditional tobacco can promote good health and assist with spiritual guidance and growth.<sup>24</sup> The chemical and addictive properties of commercial tobacco do not fit with these purposes. It is the non-traditional use of tobacco – whether in the form of smoking commercial tobacco cigarettes, chewing tobacco or otherwise that causes all of the dangerous and harmful health effects.

### Tobacco Commercial Usage

- Health Canada. (2016, March). *First Nations & Inuit Health – Tobacco*. Available from: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/health-sprya/substan/tobac-tobac/index-eng.php>
- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. (n.d.). *It's Time: Indigenous Facts and Strategies on Tobacco – Interventions, Medicines & Education: A Toolkit for Commercial Tobacco Interventions – Facilitator Manual*. Available from: <http://www.its-time.ca/indigenesources/itstime-tobacco-interventions-facts-and-strategies-for-commercial-tobacco-interventions-facilitator-manual.pdf>
- National Association of Friendship Centres. (n.d.). *My Journey...*. Available from: [http://naafc.ca/uploads/miscpdf/Tobacco\\_C\\_Essential\\_Tools.pdf](http://naafc.ca/uploads/miscpdf/Tobacco_C_Essential_Tools.pdf)
- Tobacco Wise, Cancer Care Ontario Aboriginal Tobacco Program; <http://www.tobaccowise.com>
- \*Image courtesy of Sudbury & District Health Unit/Anishnabek Health Centre's "This is My Tobacco" Indigenous youth group

## Tribal Youth and Substance Use: Addressing the communities needs

- AI/NA youth initiate alcohol and substance use at earlier ages than their non-native counterparts which places them at risk for escalating and problematic use. Rates of Sub use of AI students Rep2014 p156-163
- A recent SAMSHA study found higher average rates of marijuana, heroin, and OxyContin use amongst AI youth when compared to the national data. Journal of youth and adolescence 3/14/2014 Vol.43, p437-453
- AI/NA youth w/ non-medical use of opioids over the age of 12 were reported twice the rate of whites and 3 times that of African Americans IHB Opioids. Retrieved: nihb.org/docs/09182017/opioids%20one%20pager.PDF
- In 2013, among persons 12 or older, the rate of substance dependence or abuse was higher among AI/NA than any other population, and 38.7% of AI youth aged 12-17 years old had a lifetime prevalence of illicit drug use.
- [https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/topics/tribal\\_affairs/ai-an-data-handout.pdf](https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/topics/tribal_affairs/ai-an-data-handout.pdf)

How do we intentionally add inclusiveness for Indigenous youth

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwLR23fHBQU>

<https://wemattercampaign.org/toolkits/>

<https://www.tribalyouthprogram.org/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3FL9uHTH\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3FL9uHTH_s)

**Suicide prevention efforts**



**Native Connections**

Of all ethnic groups in the United States, **American Indians and Alaska Natives** have the **highest suicide rates**.

**Native American youth are two times more likely to commit suicide** than other races.

To talk to someone who can help, or to help someone you know please call:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- 24/7 Behavioral Health Crisis Walk-In: 909.775.4850
- 24/7 Behavioral Health Crisis after Hours: 909.775.4700
- Nani Migi Mangwighan: 909.775.4400
- Listening Ear: 909.775.2818
- Nimbee Clinic: 909.775.4800
- Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255

For more information on Native Connections please contact:

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**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan**  
"Working Together for Our Future"

Photo by Unknown Author, 1992

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Indigenous Youth and Trafficking and why the risk is so much higher for this population

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6D5ui9qjLM&feature=youtu.be>

<https://digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1193&context=aillj>

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**10/14/19 Indigenous Peoples Day by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer**

**WHEREAS**, the idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous Nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an opportunity to reveal historical truths about pre-existing indigenous cultures that have survived an often violent colonization process and continue to exist and thrive in present day America; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United States endorsed the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on December 16, 2010, and Article 15 of that declaration states:

Indigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories, and aspirations, which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information.

States should take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding, and good relations among Indigenous peoples and all other segments of society; and,

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## Intentional Inclusion Efforts

Connect youth to culture  
that are looking for that



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Respect those youth who  
don't connect to culture



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## 10/14/19 Indigenous Peoples Day by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

**WHEREAS**, the state of Michigan recognizes the presence of the three major groups in our state today, the Chippewa (Ojibwe), Ottawa (Odawa), and Potawatomi (Bodéwadmik), who have lived upon this land since time immemorial, and values the progress our society has accomplished through Native American thought and culture; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has passed a resolution to officially recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October; and,

**WHEREAS**, the resolution states that Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous peoples on this land, and to celebrate the thriving cultures and values that the Odawa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and other Indigenous peoples contribute to society; and,

**WHEREAS**, on this second Monday of October, we should honor the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous peoples and their ancestral lands that also became known as the Americas and celebrate their contributions to communities throughout Michigan, the United States, and all over the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2019, as Indigenous Peoples Day in Michigan to uplift our country's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions.

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## The real story about Thanksgiving

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qciHVDWxDaY> A truly historical story
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7Jle8WMA0U> Youth Vouge Magazine
- [www.Nativehope.org](http://www.Nativehope.org) trafficking and other native topics of interest
- <https://www.wenative.org/> for native youth by native youth

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