

Bay Mills' 6th Noojimo'iwewin: The Violence Against Women Act and Indian Child Welfare Act Training

BRIMLEY, MI — Bay Mills Indian Community invites you to join its annual [Noojimo'iwewin: The Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\) and Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Training](#) on July 31-Aug 2. In its 6th year, Noojimo'iwewin will focus on **Healing Together**. Training [registration](#) is open and free.

This annual domestic violence and child welfare training, held on the northern shores of Michigan, brings together attendees from local communities as well as from Washington, California, Alaska, Minnesota, and beyond. Each year Bay Mills Indian Community strives to share national voices and timely content to heal our communities from family violence.

"At Bay Mills Indian Community, we are committed to fostering healing and resilience within our communities," says Whitney Gravelle, President of Bay Mills Indian Community. "The Noojimo'iwewin training is not just an event; it's a powerful gathering where we come together to share knowledge, support one another, and build stronger networks to combat family violence and protect our children. By working collectively, we can create a safer and more just future for all Indigenous peoples."

Four two-hour units will provide hands-on skill-building opportunities for legal personnel, social workers, victim advocates, law enforcement, and anyone who works in areas involving violence against women.

BMIC, located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, is home to the newly renovated site of the training, [Bay Mills Resort & Casino](#). While in the area this summer, attendees can enjoy local seasonal activities like the Mission Point Lookout, Whitefish Point Lighthouse, the Farmer's Market, the Sault Locks, Monocle Lake, and all of the freshwater joys Lake Superior has to offer.

If you cannot attend the training in person, Noojimo'iwewin continues to be available virtually. When registering, be sure to note if you will attend in person or online. This free training is pending approval for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education and Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Units.

Attendees can anticipate being surrounded by the healing environment of Chippewa County alongside fellow professionals and community members who all prioritize the same undertaking: staying up to date with tools to address the violence against Indigenous peoples crisis. The training is designed to help attendees assess, refine, and enhance community safety strategies while navigating complex jurisdictional frameworks.

Tentative topics include:

- **Strength in Solidarity:** Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence (DV) (Keynote)
- **Empowering Practitioners:** Trauma-Informed Supervision In Action
- **Compliance Essentials:** Understanding VAWA and TLOA Requirements
- **Protecting Survivors:** Strengthening Law Enforcement Practices in DV Cases
- **Current Trends:** Evolving Challenges and Solutions in Domestic Violence (Panel)
- **Collaborative Care:** Working and Partnering with State Agencies

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Both in-person and online attendees will be asked to connect by using the interactive event platform, [Whova](#), for all training details. Attendees can [register](#) and [sign in](#) to see the agenda, speaker details, and presentation materials, and get to know each other through community discussion boards and more.

Registration is free and still open. In-person attendees must [book their room](#) at the Bay Mills Resort and Casino by July 15. Mention the VAWA ICWA Training to join the room block. Contact trainings@whitenergrou.biz with questions. This training is funded by the Tribal Justice Support Division of the Office of Justice Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Photo caption: Bay Mills Indian Community, located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, will host the 6th Noojimo'iwewin domestic violence and child welfare training. This year's training material photo by President Whitney Gravelle features a mural in Brimley, MI.

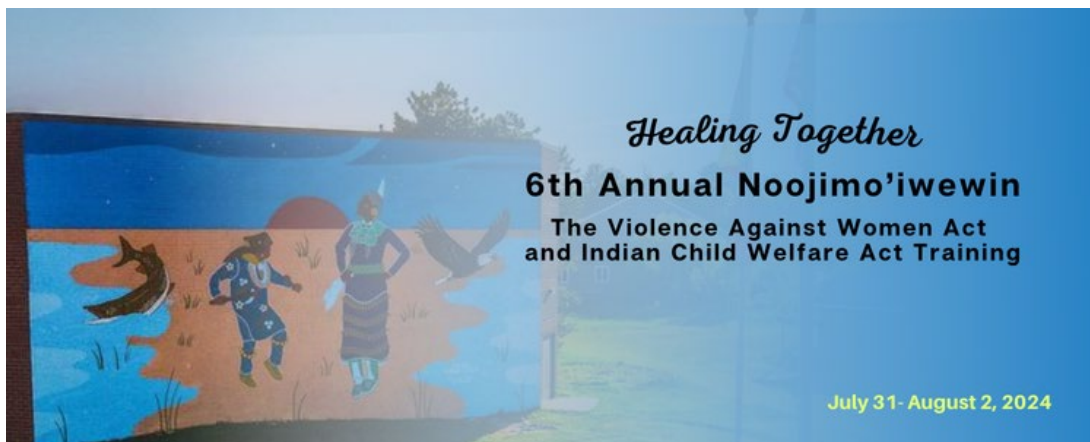


Photo caption: Bay Mills Resort and Casino in Brimley, MI.



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