

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians



# MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTORY



*Passing on the Four Sacred Medicines, Tobacco, Cedar, Sage,  
and Sweetgrass, to the Next Generation*



## The Seven Grandfathers Teachings

Debwewin—	Truth	—Be faithful to reality
Gwekwaadziwin—	Honesty	—Tell the truth
Aakdewin—	Bravery	—Choose with courage
Nbwaakaawin—	Wisdom	—use good judgment
Minadendmowin—	Respect	—Act without harm
Zaagidwin—	Love	—Practice absolute kindness
Dbaadendizwin—	Humility	—Treat all life equally

### — MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE —

For assistance with a membership issue or concern,  
contact a Membership Liaison at (906) 635-6050,  
(906) 643-2124, (906) 341-8469, (906) 450-7011,  
or [membersconcerns@saulttribe.net](mailto:membersconcerns@saulttribe.net).

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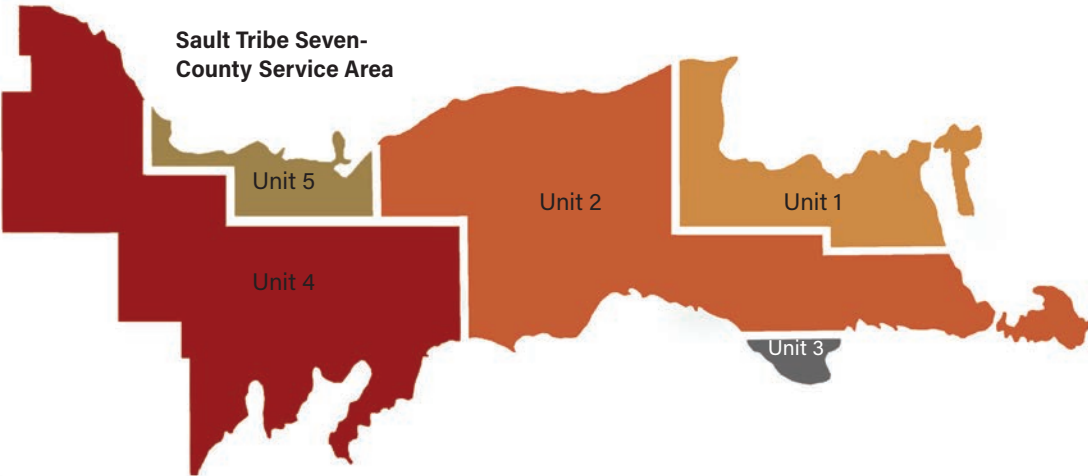
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# Introduction

Aanii, Boozhoo,

Welcome to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Membership Services brochure. This handout offers an overview of services available to Sault Tribe members, residing both inside and outside the service area.

There are over 50,000 enrolled tribal members, many of whom live in the tribe's seven-county service area spanning the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The tribe has landholdings, businesses, housing and health clinics throughout its service area. It provides membership services through the revenue generated by its businesses, grant funding, federal self-governance funds and other sources such as third-party insurance revenue.

Services include social services and victim services; Anishinaabemowin (speaking Ojibwe) language lessons, cultural events and facilities; Elder services; health services including medical, pharmacy, behavioral health, community health, traditional medicine and others; home ownership and rentals; treaty fishing, hunting and gathering conservation regulation, enhancement and management; child care and Head Start; after-school youth programming; and recreational opportunities across the tribe's service area, among many others.

Published by Sault Tribe's Communications Dept., this booklet provides an overview of Sault Tribe, an overview of services and contacts for each tribal service division, and a map of Indian Health Services serving members of federally recognized tribes with links throughout the United States. Please call the tribe's main line, (906) 635-6050, or see the tribe's website at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), for more information.

Find this booklet online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) to click on the links.



# Anishinaabek Community & Family Services

## ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER



ARC provides comprehensive, culturally-honoring and trauma-informed responses to those impacted by the abuse of power and control. Services for survivors and their families are confidential and free of charge, depending on grant funding.

**Services include:** Core advocacy, transportation assistance, safety planning, personal protection order assistance, court accompaniment, client computer kiosk, educational resources, financial assistance, crime victim compensation assistance, criminal justice advocacy, outreach activities and missing or murdered advocacy. The Traditional Medicine - Survivor Care Kit is available outside the seven-county service area.

**Programs include:** Aakdehewin Gaamig - Lodge of Bravery - Domestic Violence Shelter (Sault Ste. Marie): gender integrated, handicap accessible, communal living, indoor/outdoor children's play area, on-site laundry, climate-controlled animal kennel, adult/child support groups, resident computer kiosk, traditional medicine garden, in-room microwave/mini-refrigerator, and an on-site healing wabano.

## Naanda Nswi Kidwenan "Those Three Words" Sexual Violence Services (SVS)

**Program:** Core advocacy, transportation assistance, safety planning, personal protection order assistance, educational resources, cultural healing support, financial assistance and education and outreach activities. Culture is the Key to Healing - Facebook community group craft events are available to tribal members outside the service area.

Website: [www.arcsaulttribe.com](http://www.arcsaulttribe.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC](http://www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC).

## FAMILY SERVICES / CHILD PLACEMENT

Services are designed to improve the outcomes of safety, permanency and well-being in each program area of the Family Services/Child Placement component. Services are provided in the tribe's seven-county service area.

**Family Services:** Children's Protective Services (trust land), Prevention Services, Parent Nurturing Program, In-Home Care Services, Family Continuity, Adolescent In-Home Services (AIHA), Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) monitoring in the United States and Adult Protective Services (trust land).

**Child Placement:** Foster Care, Foster/Adoptive Home Licensing, Adoptions and Foster/Adoptive Home Promotion.



## **DIRECT SERVICES**

Direct Assistance Services provides financial assistance to tribal members residing in the seven-county service area who are facing financial hardship. The exceptions are Funeral Assistance that has no restriction on service area and the USDA Program that covers 15 counties. Direct Assistance includes: General Assistance, Native Employment Works, Emergency Assistance, Elder Heating Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Self-Sufficiency Funeral Assistance (USA), Child Care Development Fund, Child Care Licensing (Trust Land) and USDA Food Commodities Program (15-County Service Area).

Bgwasendam Gamigong, the Lodge of Hope Shelter Program, is a direct service that provides trauma-informed and culturally relevant/honoring shelter services to Sault Tribe households that are homeless or unsafely housed and under 80% of the area median income. Shelter guests work with staff to develop individualized case plans to address physical, mental, spiritual and emotional health; the ability to increase income; and access to permanent housing.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Sault Ste. Marie Main Office**

2218 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093  
[www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)

### **ARC**

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 632-1808 or toll free (800) 726-0093

### **Lodge of Hope**

3901 I-75 Bus. Spur, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 632-5000

### **USDA**

3601 Mackinaw Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 635-6076 or toll free (888) 448-8732

### **Kincheloe**

60 Kincheloe, Kincheloe, MI 49788  
(906) 495-1232

### **St. Ignace**

1140 N State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781  
(906) 643-8689

### **Manistique**

5698 W Highway US-2, Manistique, MI 49854  
(906) 341-6993 or toll free (800) 347-7137

### **Munising**

622 W Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862  
(906) 387-3906 or toll free (800) 236-4705

# Education

The Education Division is dedicated to the concept that all students, from early childhood to adulthood, can learn and master basic educational skills. Students can succeed regardless of previous academic history, family background, socio-economic status, gender or ethnic identity. We believe that the primary purpose of our program is to instill all students with high expectations of academic success and competent thinking skills while fostering growth in social and emotional behaviors and positive attitudes. Services include:

**Early Childhood Education Programs:** Child Care Center (infants through pre-school age), Early Head Start (infants, toddlers and pregnant women) and Head Start (pre-school). For more information about Early Childhood Education, call (906) 635-7722.

**Youth Education & Activities (YEA) Program:** Homework labs and in-class tutoring, cultural enrichment activities, Tribal Youth Council, summer activities (Circle of Life and Little Learners). Visit [saulttribe.com/membership-services/education](http://saulttribe.com/membership-services/education) for more information.

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program.** On-The-Job Training, Classroom Training, Work Experience, Summer Youth Employment Program and Senior Employment Program. Call (906) 635-4767 for more information.

**Sault Tribe Internship Program:** Internship Program for Sault Tribe member college students. Call (906) 632-6797, or email [internships@saulttribe.net](mailto:internships@saulttribe.net) for more information.

**Adult Education Program:** GED Classes, GED Test Assistance and GED Referral Assistance. Call (906) 495-7305 for more information.

**Higher Education Program:** Scholarships, higher education grants, and self-sufficiency incentive awards. Contact Higher Education at [highereducation@saulttribe.net](mailto:highereducation@saulttribe.net) or (906) 635-7784.

**JKL Bahweting School:** JKL Bahweting School is a public, charter academy.

**Sault Tribe Youth Development Fund:** Youth living within the seven-county service area may request funding for a variety of purposes outside of tribal programs. For more information, email [youthdevelopmentfund@saulttribe.net](mailto:youthdevelopmentfund@saulttribe.net) or call (906) 632-6797.

## CONTACT

2 Ice Circle Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 635-7010

[www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education](http://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education)

Facebook: Sault Tribe Education; Sault Tribe Youth Education & Activities;  
Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education Programs



# Elder Services

The Elder Division, established in January 1996, oversees Elder Programs for tribal members age 60 and older in the seven-county service area. These vital programs are designed to help elders remain in their homes with limited assistance by providing quality services and supportive care.

**Elder Meal Programs:** Congregate and home delivered meals. Meal site operations, Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

- Nokomis-Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-4971
- Elder Complex, 3017 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace, (906) 643-6484
- Hessel Tribal Center, 3355 N 3 Mile Rd., Hessel, (906) 484-2710
- Manistique Tribal Center, 5698 W HWY US-2, Manistique, (906) 341-9564

**In-Home Services:** Homecare services for elderly patients with functional limitations. Provides personal care assistance with activities of daily living (ADL) for elders, including help with bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, transferring, eating and walking; and homemaking assistance with light household tasks, shopping errands and meal preparation.

**Transportation:** Provides safe and reliable transportation to and from non-emergency medical appointments.

**Outreach:** Home visits from outreach team to help any elder needing assistance to access community resources available to them.

**Elder Health Fund:** Provides assistance for optical and dental services for elders receiving care at any Sault Tribe health facility. It also helps provide certain medical equipment and other healthcare items deemed medically necessary.

**Elder Committees:** Elder Committee members personally invite elders to attend any sub-committee meeting in their area. Attending the meetings keeps elders informed about tribal programs and issues. Meeting days and times:

Unit I – Sault Ste. Marie - First Wednesday of the month, 12 p.m., Elder Building, 2076 Shunk Rd.

Unit II – Hessel - Third Monday of the month, 12 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center

Unit II – Naubinway - Last Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Naubinway Pavilion (does not meet January, February or March)

Unit II – Newberry - Third Friday of the month, 10:30 a.m., Zellars Restaurant

Unit III – St. Ignace - Second Thursday of the month, 12 p.m., Elders Complex, 3017 Mackinac Trail

Unit IV – Manistique - Second Wednesday of the month, 12 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center

Unit IV – Escanaba - Second Wednesday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Escanaba Community Center

Unit V – Munising - First Thursday of the month, 11 a.m., Munising Tribal Center

Unit V – Marquette - First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m., Holiday Inn

**Elder Advisory Council:** Third Friday of the month, 1 p.m., Newberry Tribal Center (Does not meet November through February)



# Conservation Law Enforcement

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) issues all treaty-regulated hunting and fishing licenses across the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory in northern Michigan.

For forms, applications, maps and reports, go to:  
[www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources/download-files](http://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources/download-files).

## License Requirements

Several requirements that apply regardless of the type of license you are requesting: new applicant tribal members must provide a copy of their current tribal card (cannot be expired), reporting requirements must be met and an application is required for each licensing season. Members obtaining their licenses at STLE's window in Sault Ste. Marie are able to use a credit or debit card to pay. Licensing done through the mail requires a check or money order for payment.

Members are strongly encouraged to contact STLE prior to arriving or mailing their application if they have any questions regarding any of the required documents for processing their licensing application.

## Great Lakes Subsistence / Gill Net Licenses (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)

Chapter 20 of tribal law (Tribal Code) and Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Code regulates these licenses. All subsistence and gill net fishing licenses expire Dec. 31 each year. STLE begins issuing the upcoming year's licenses in mid-December.

Great Lakes subsistence licenses are free of charge; however, if you are applying for a gill net license in addition to the subsistence, and you are between the ages of 17 and 54, please be sure you have a check or money order in the amount of \$20 if obtaining your license at Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

For those requesting subsistence and/or subsistence gill net licenses through the U.S. Mail, ALL applicants must provide \$4 for the mailing fee.

By applying for and accepting the Great Lakes subsistence and gill net licenses, you are agreeing to comply with the mandated monthly catch report submission, due by the 10th of each month.

Tribal members are not required to have a subsistence license for recreational fishing on the Great Lakes; members can fish with just their tribal enrollment card (cannot be expired) as long as they follow state rules and regulations.



**Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Licenses (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31):** Chapter 20 of tribal law (Tribal Code) regulates these licenses. All commercial fishermen are required to contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement to schedule an appointment when applying for this license.

**Inland Hunting and Fishing Licenses (April 1 - March 31):** Chapter 21 of tribal law (Tribal Code) regulates these licenses.

All members between the ages of 17 and 59 must pay a fee of \$10 in the form of a check or money order. (See license requirements on page 9.)

All tribal members born after 1960 who are new applicants for the hunting portion must provide a proof of hunter safety in order to obtain the hunting portion of the license, but are able to obtain just the fishing and gathering portion without hunter safety.

This license has an annual harvest report requirement that is due by Feb. 1 each year with any catch or kill up to that date. This report is also required whether you go hunting or fishing and whether you catch or kill anything while hunting or fishing. We cannot process any current year applications without your harvest report for the prior year. Harvest report forms are available online at [saulttribe.com](http://saulttribe.com), at STLE, or by contacting the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department.

## **CONTACT**

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement: (906) 635-6065

Licensing Office fax: (906) 635-7707

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(mailing address P.O. Box 925)

Facebook: Sault Tribe Police

Natural Resources Department: (906) 632-6132



**Walleye fry raised by Sault Tribe Natural Resources for stocking.**

# Health Services

## Tribal Health Centers

### **Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center**

2864 Ashmun St.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 632-5200  
Toll Free: (877) 256-0009

### **Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic**

2861 Ashmun St, Suites 5 & 6  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 635-8877

### **St. Ignace Tribal Health Center**

1140 N. State St, Suite 2805  
Saint Ignace, MI 49781  
(906) 643-8689  
Toll Free: (877) 256-0135

### **Hessel Tribal Health Center**

3355 N. 3 Mile Rd  
Hessel, MI 49745  
(906) 484-2727

### **DeTour Tribal Health Center**

203 St. Mary's St  
DeTour, MI 49725  
(906) 442-0111

### **Gladstone Tribal Health Center**

2002 Minneapolis Ave  
Gladstone, MI 49837  
(906) 341-1836

### **Manistique Tribal Health Center**

5698W US Highway 2  
Manistique, MI 49854  
(906) 341-8469  
Toll Free: (866) 401-0043

### **Munising Tribal Health Center**

622 West Superior St  
Munising, MI 49862  
(906) 387-4721  
Toll Free: (800) 236-4705

### **Marquette Tribal Health Center**

1229 Washington St  
Marquette, MI 49855  
(906) 225-1616

### **Newberry Tribal Health Center**

4935 Zee Ba Tik Ln  
Newberry, MI 49868  
(906) 293-8181

### **Gladstone Tribal Fitness Center**

2002 Minneapolis Ave  
Gladstone MI 49837  
(906) 442-0103

### **Manistique Tribal Fitness Center**

5696W US HWY2  
Manistique MI 49854  
(906) 341-7677

## Tribal Health Services

**Acupuncture:** Chronic pain, smoking cessation and ear acupuncture.

**Audiology:** Preserves and enhances hearing for patients of all ages. With a team of highly skilled audiologists and support staff, Audiology offers a range of services, from hearing exams to advanced hearing devices. Appointments available in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Munising and Manistique Clinics. Services include diagnostic hearing evaluations (ages 4 and up), hearing aid consultations, hearing aid fittings and repairs.

**Behavioral Health:** Culturally sensitive outpatient services; individual, couples, family, and group therapy; psychological evaluations; psychiatric evaluation and follow-up care; crisis intervention and urgent care; enhanced outpatient for substance use disorders; compulsive gambling counseling; auricular acupuncture; continuing care counseling; alcohol/drug education and awareness; home-based parenting education. Assistance with substance use residential treatment funding, driver license assessments, prevention services, peer recovery coaches, recovery homes, community recovery events, harm-reduction supplies, evidenced-based Positive Action curriculum in participating schools and transportation help for active Behavioral Health clients for appointments.

**Community Health:** Provides outreach healthcare services, health promotion and disease prevention through Community Health Nursing, Diabetes and Nutrition programs. In addition to community outreach events, direct services offered, but not limited to the following, are:

Community Health Nursing Program: home assessments and direct care, medication management, footcare, immunizations, hearing and vision screening for children, health education and outreach programs (Nike shoes, car seats, incontinence supplies, community gardens).

Community Health Diabetes Program: Individual sessions to discuss carbohydrate counting, blood glucose (sugar) monitoring, diabetes medications and weight management.

Nutrition Program: InBody Bioimpedance scan, medical nutrition therapy, and individualized one-on-one education, support, and guidance. Cooking classes and other nutritional events offered.

**Dental Services:** Exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, root canal therapy, crowns, extractions, dentures.

**All In One Fitness Club:** Located on Big Bear Arena second floor surrounded by a 0.1 mile walking track available for use during Big Bear hours of operation.

**General Medicine:** Offers outpatient medical appointments for newborns through the elderly with family physicians, pediatricians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. Acute needs, chronic medical conditions, women's health and health promotion/disease prevention appointments. Some of our providers specialize in women's health, others in pediatrics. Nurse-only appointments available for blood pressure checks, allergy injections, immunizations, injectable birth control, wound care and additional services are offered once a month.

**Health Education:** Health promotion and chronic disease prevention programs to increase the health of individuals, families and communities across the tribe's seven-county service area. Medical Fitness is a 15-week personalized exercise prescription under the direct supervision of an ACSM Certified exercise physiologist to help lower risk factors, decrease chronic disease progression, and make positive lifestyle modifications.

**Immunizations:** Childhood and adult immunizations available at tribal clinics and Community Health immunization clinics.

**Laboratory:** Phlebotomy services available at Sault Ste. Marie, DeTour, Hessel, St. Ignace (via Mackinac Straights Hospital Laboratory), Manistique, Gladstone, Munising, and Newberry to eligible patients. Majority of testing performed at Sault Tribal Health Center Laboratory.

**Medical Case Management:** Short-term mental health therapy, assisting clients in procuring and obtaining services from various agencies, helping patients apply for Social Security disability benefits, applying for MI BRIDGES benefits, and enrolling for healthcare coverage.

**Optical:** Comprehensive eye health examinations with an emphasis on the prevention, offering early diagnosis and intervention of sight threatening diseases such as diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and macular degeneration.

**Physical Therapy:** Provided only by licensed physical therapists (PTs) or by physical therapist assistants (PTAs) working under the supervision of a physical therapist. Occupational therapy and speech therapy are also offered.

**Purchased Referred Care:** Purchases services from private health care providers for tribal members when tribal health can't provide the required emergency or specialty care or when supplementing alternate resources is necessary for comprehensive care. Due to limited federal funding, PRC's federal regulations determine eligibility and medical priority. PRC is the payer of last resort, meaning all other resources (Medicare, Medicaid, MI Child/Healthy Kids, VA, or employee-sponsored insurance, for example) must be used first.

**Pharmacy:** Services provided to Sault Tribe Health Division patients in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique. Phone (906) 632-5226 for more information.

**Radiology:** Medical imaging provides diagnostic radiology, mammography and ultrasound imaging services to eligible patients.

**Smoking Cessation:** If you are ready to quit, contact the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program at (906) 632-5210. The national program 1-800-QUIT-NOW also provides access to several types of cessation information and services.

**Traditional Medicine:** Services provided to members of federally recognized tribes, tribal households and families. Holistic Ojibwe traditional medicine services meet spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional needs, including traditional medicine procedures and ceremonial functions performed by traditional practitioners; seasonal fasting and ceremonies; giving of an Anishinaabe name, clan and color identification; and referrals.

**Ultrasound:** Available in Sault Ste. Marie: abdomen, breast, vascular studies (e.g., renal, carotids, legs but NOT cardiac), pelvis or OB, thyroid and prostate or testicles.

**More at:** [www.saulttribehealth.com](http://www.saulttribehealth.com) & Facebook: Sault Tribe Health Division

# Enrollment

Established in the 1950s, the Enrollment Department is the tribe's first and oldest membership service program. The department oversees the tribe's membership database and can assist members. Please keep your address up to date with the Enrollment Department. Fees:

- Card Renewal for Expired Card.....\$5
- Replacement of Unexpired Card.....\$20
- Tuition Waiver Certification .....\$15
- Blood Quantum Certification.....\$15
- Copy of File Documentation .....\$5

## CONTACT

Enrollment Dept., PO Box 1628, 2076 Shunk Rd, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783  
Phone: (800) 251-6597, (906) 632-8552, (906) 635-3396; Fax: (906) 632-1648  
Julie Salo, Tribal Registrar, [jsalo@saulttribe.net](mailto:jsalo@saulttribe.net)  
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# Housing Authority

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority strives to create and sustain housing programs that strengthen the quality of life, economic self-sufficiency and future growth for the tribal membership. Housing opportunities available within the tribe's seven-county service area include:

**Income-Based Rental Program:** The income-based Rental Program provides 400-plus rental units on nine housing sites across the seven-county service area. Families are selected using a point-based selection criterion and must meet NA-HASDA income guidelines. Rent is based on 27.5% of the family's adjusted gross income. The Resident Services Department provides training and counseling to improve quality of life and promote self-sufficiency, assisting families to remain in their homes.

**Home Ownership Lease to Purchase:** Gives the homebuyer an opportunity to achieve ownership of a home in return for fulfilling the homebuyer's obligations to make monthly payments based on an amortization of the purchase price, to provide all maintenance of the home and to satisfy all other program requirements. It is a lease with the option to purchase. This program is designed to have the home paid off in 15 to 30 years. Payments are based on the value of the home. No down payment required; participant may secure a traditional mortgage and purchase the home outright any time during the contract.

**Rental Assistance Voucher Program:** Provides rental subsidies to income-qualified, working families or families with a steady income. The family is subsidized, not the unit. Families are required to pay 27.5% of their adjusted gross income to the landlord and the voucher will pay the remaining rent up to fair market rent.

**The Homeownership Department:** Provides counseling and resources in an effort to reach the goal of homeownership. The department provides information on mortgage products, assistance with credit repair and advocates on behalf of tribal members with banks and credit unions.

**Down Payment Assistance:** Assists Sault Tribe members to become homeowners of a structurally sound home for the first time. Each member selected could receive up to \$9,500 or 20% of the purchase price. The member must secure a mortgage and contribute \$500. The applicant's income must not exceed 80% of the Median Income for the Area and must be no less than \$25,000 annually. The total housing cost, at the time of selection, for the home must not exceed more than 30% of the applicant's income.

## **Individual Development Account Program Zhaabwiiigedaa - Let's Save**

An Individual Development Account (IDA) program is a slow track homeownership program, designed to help participants who may not be able to finance a home in the immediate short term due to credit issues. Participants in the program will make monthly savings deposits of \$75 for 12 to 36 months. Participants' savings deposits are matched at a rate equal to \$10,000 with the maximum match of \$7,300 per participant.

**Sanitation:** Provides funding through Indian Health Services (IHS) for individual water and sewer services and community connections to municipal services. Each eligible member selected could receive up to \$50,500 in sanitation services; this program is a once-in-a-lifetime service. There is no income eligibility requirement for this program.

**Home Improvement Program:** Provides funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to assist Sault Tribe members in need of repairs and renovation to off-reservation homes in the tribe's seven-county service area. The goal is to provide housing for the neediest Indian families living in substandard housing and having no other recourse for assistance.

**Home Rehabilitation Program:** Provides rehabilitation services for Sault Tribe members who privately own homes both on and off reservation.

### **Standards of Assistance**

Level I — Not to exceed \$10,000 per applicant/household; eligible applicants may receive assistance no more than every 5 years. (See [www.saulttribehousing.com](http://www.saulttribehousing.com) for allowable repairs.)

Level II — Not to exceed \$15,000 per applicant/household; eligible applicants may receive assistance no more than every 10 years.

Level III — Structural Rehabilitation not to exceed \$60,000 per applicant/household; eligible applicants may only receive assistance once in a lifetime. (See [www.saulttribehousing.com](http://www.saulttribehousing.com) for allowable repairs.)

**Furnace and Water Heater Replacement Program:** The Owner-Occupied Rehab Program assists Sault Tribe members to replace substandard heating systems and water heaters. The funds are distributed to applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and who have demonstrated a need based on an emergency situation. Each eligible member selected could receive up to \$8,500 per household. This program may be accessed by tribal homeowners every 20 years. Each applicant may be served once.

### **CONTACTS**

#### **Sault Tribe Housing**

154 Parkside Dr.  
Kincheloe, MI 49788  
(906) 495-1450  
Toll Free: (800) 794-4072

#### **Sault Tribe Housing**

1176 Chitoma Dr.  
Manistique, MI 49854  
(906) 341-5145  
Toll Free: (888) 353-9502

[www.saulttribehousing.com](http://www.saulttribehousing.com)  
Facebook: Sault Tribe Housing Authority





# Language & Culture

## **Anishinaabemowin miinwaa Bimaadiziwin - Language and Culture Division**

Language and Culture plays a critical role in preserving and promoting Anishinaabemowin (our language) and Bimaadiziwin (our life ways and culture). The division provides tribal members the opportunity to learn and engage with these vital aspects of our heritage, ensuring we preserve them for future generations.

### **Anishinaabemowin "The Sound of our Ojibwe Language"**

In Unit I, the division runs an after-school language immersion program for grade school children, immersing them in language around daily activities like cooking, sewing, beadwork, and even cleaning, while building language skills around these tasks. The division offers virtual and online learning platforms, allowing tribal members *anywhere* to participate in live virtual computer classes with Anishinaabe instructors. Over 150 recorded language lessons are archived and available for members to access. Pre-recorded lessons are posted each week on Facebook. Virtual Anishinaabemowin language classes are:

- Every Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. EST with Paul Blondeau and Susan Askwith: [www.tinyurf.com/susanpaul](http://www.tinyurf.com/susanpaul) or (312) 626-6799 (Meeting ID 926 5838 7956; Passcode 631691)

- Every Thursday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. EST with Yvette Pitawanakwat and Cecil Pavlat: [www.tinyurl.com/shirleycecil](http://www.tinyurl.com/shirleycecil) or (946) 558-8656 (Meeting ID 951 9196 1173; Passcode 346018)

### **Anishinaabeg Edinokiiwad: "Where Anishinaabe Work"**

Located on Sugar Island in the middle of the St. Mary's River, Mary Murray Culture Camp is a 2-story structure on 40 acres of woodland. Tribal members of all ages can participate in activities such as making maple syrup, building canoes, making hominy, crafting, exploring trails on snowshoes, or learning winter survival techniques.

### **Niigaanagiizhik "Leading the Day" Ceremonial Community Center**

In the 1980s, tribal elders recognized the need for a place to practice our ceremonial ways and strongly advocated for building this center on the Sault Ste. Marie reservation. The ceremonial building has become a busy place over the years with activities such as traditional funerals, naming ceremonies, baby showers, graduations, weddings, clan feasts, seasonal ceremonies, fundraisers and spirit feasts.

### **Bimadaziiwin "Our Way of Life"**

The staff plans and facilitates powwows and assists with others. Other cultural events include the annual snow snake competition, Anishinaabe language conference, seasonal ceremonies, annual community jiibay (spirit) feast, winter storytelling nights, and teaching traditional skills with at least two workshops a month across the service area.

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# Recreation

Sault Tribe members have free access to recreational facilities within the seven-county service area including Curtis, Escanaba, Kinross, Kincheloe, Manistique, Marquette, Munising, Negaunee, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace. Sault Tribe recently opened two new fitness centers in Gladstone and Manistique. A complete recreation and wellness guide is available at [www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com).

Sault Tribe youth have opportunities for free enrollment to various Lake Superior State University athletic camps. Laker athletic tickets are also available to the membership via an application process available at [www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com) and the tribal newspaper, Win Awenen Nisitotung.

## BIG BEAR ARENA

Sault Tribe owns and operates the Big Bear Arena located in Sault Ste. Marie. The recreation complex includes two ice rinks, basketball and volleyball courts, walking track, fitness center and has an on-site nature trail and playground. The following services and events are offered within the facility:

**Drop In Activities:** Hockey, Stick N Puck, public skating, snow shoe rentals, figure skating, basketball, volleyball and pickleball.

**Leagues:** Youth hockey, adult hockey and volleyball.

**Classes:** Cultural, educational, nutritional, fitness, health, cheerleading and skating.

**Events/Programs:** Birthday parties, holiday parties, school fun days, totzones, trainings, meetings, food truck distributions, health clinics, hockey tournaments, hockey clinics and tryouts, summer recreation program and special events.

Some activities are free or discounted to Sault Tribe members at the Big Bear Arena while others have various fees. Assistance is available through the Youth Development Fund as well as Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) for qualified applicants.

## CONTACTS

### Big Bear Arena

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[www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com)  
[bookthebear@saulttribe.net](mailto:bookthebear@saulttribe.net)

### Gladstone Tribal Fitness Center

2002 Minneapolis Ave  
Gladstone MI 49837  
(906) 442-0103

### Manistique Tribal Fitness Center

5696W US HWY2  
Manistique MI 49854  
(906) 341-7677

*The facility is closed on Saturdays during the summer (Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend). For fee structures and detailed services, visit [www.BigBearArena.com](http://www.BigBearArena.com) or email [bookthebear@saulttribe.net](mailto:bookthebear@saulttribe.net).*



# Missing or Murdered Sault Tribe Members

The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) seeks information about missing or murdered Sault Tribe members. In 2021, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians worked with the Department of Justice to develop its own Missing or Murdered Indigenous Person (MMIP) Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP) to ensure a comprehensive and collaborative response to all reports of missing and murdered individuals while operating within a victim-centered, trauma-informed and culturally-honoring multidisciplinary team approach, using the tribe's Victim Services, Communications, Law Enforcement and Advocacy Resource Center.

ARC is seeking information regarding missing or murdered individuals who belong to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, in order to create an informational database for Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP).

The information provided does not need to be current information. The ARC is seeking information for ALL missing or murdered tribal members including the seven-county service area and tribal members across the world.

Please ask for Community Educator Jessica Gillotte-King when calling the ARC at (906) 632-1808 or toll free at (877) 639-7820.

If messaging the ARC Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC](http://www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC)), please leave the following information: first/middle/last name, date of birth, date of death, murdered/when/where, and perpetrator's name, if applicable.

If missing: nickname/alias, date last seen/went missing, physical description, distinctive physical features and any vehicle information.

Any information would be appreciated.

## MISSING PERSONS TOOLKIT

ARC has Missing Persons Toolkits available to assist families in case a loved one goes missing. The toolkit was designed to provide families with information and resources to assist them while their loved one is missing.

It also intends to provide police investigators with timely information to ensure essential steps in locating your loved one are undertaken.

The toolkit includes police information, templates for posters and flyers, tips for media coverage, communication logs, assistance with creating social media, assistance with performing an effective ground search, and much more. The kits are located at the ARC and have also been distributed to police departments and tribal entities within the Sault Tribe's seven-county service area. Request a Missing Persons Toolkit here: [support@arcsaulttribe.com](mailto:support@arcsaulttribe.com).



Members of federally recognized tribes are eligible for services provided by the Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The IHS provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.8 million of the nation's estimated 3.7 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.

## Tribal Health Centers in Michigan

**American Indian Health and Family Services:** Detroit: <http://www.aihfs.org/>

**Bay Mills Indian Community:** <http://www.baymillshealthcenter.com/>

**Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians:**  
<http://www.gtbindians.org/healthclinic.asp>

**Hannahville Indian Community:** <http://www.hannahville.net/services/hannahville-department-of-health-and-human-services-business-office/>

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Health Center:** <https://www.kbic-nsn.gov>

**Lac Vieux Desert:** <https://lvdhealthcenter.com>

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Health Center:**  
<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/membership-services/health-services>

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Ottawa Indians:**  
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/departments/health-services/health-clinic/>

**Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi:** <https://gunlaketribe-nsn.gov/departments/health-human-services/tribal-health-center/>

**Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Health Center:**  
<https://www.nhbp.org/health-and-human-services/>

**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Health Center:**  
<https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/health-services/>

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Health Center:**  
<https://www.sagchip.org/nimkee>

## Tribal and IHS facilities across the U.S.

**Urban Indian Health Program profiles across the country:**  
<https://www.uihi.org/urban-indian-health/urban-indian-health-organization-profiles/>

**IHS locations across the country:** <https://www.ihs.gov/locations/>

**This interactive map can be used to find an Indian Health Service, Tribal or Urban Indian Health Program facility:** <https://www.ihs.gov/findhealthcare/?CFID=168044660&CFTOKEN=17876895>

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**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors** meetings and workshops may be attended in person or by Zoom. See <https://www.saulttribe.com> for an annual board calendar, how to attend Zoom meetings, and the most recent board meeting announcements.

**Sault Tribe publishes a monthly newspaper.** See the complete newspaper online at [saulttribe.com](http://saulttribe.com) or order your print newspaper or digital subscription by writing [slucas@saulttribe.net](mailto:slucas@saulttribe.net). The newspaper is mailed automatically to elders 60-plus, by request to tribal members under 60, and by paid subscription for everyone else. See [www.saulttribe.com/newsroom/sault-tribe-newspaper](http://www.saulttribe.com/newsroom/sault-tribe-newspaper) for more information.