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Michigan Native American Boarding School Experience

Purpose: To better understand the Indian boarding school experience in Michigan. The approach is guided by participating Tribes to identify and acknowledge the role the State of Michigan played, and the long-term impact to tribal communities. Voices of those who attended boarding schools, survivors, their descendants, families and communities will be amplified.

What We Hope to Learn: Community engagement talking circles and survivor truth sharing sessions will allow us to learn more about the Michigan boarding school experience. Additionally, we will hold key informant interviews, and listening sessions with Tribal leaders as guided by a Tribal advisory with a member from each participating Tribe.

Several Ways to Participate: Talking circles and one virtual session are scheduled to allow for greater and wider participation. Talking circles are not intended to be individual boarding school survivor sharing opportunities as voluntary individual survivor truth sharing sessions will be available onsite during our visit. With your permission, survivor truths sessions will be recorded and shared.

Please Register to participate:

The registration link will also provide information regarding community events, lodging, and access to trauma-informed resources to ensure wellness and healing.



surveymonkey.com/r/MiNABS

Trauma Resources Will Be Available: In addition to sharing information through the registration link, we will have inter-Tribal, local, regional and national resources available to help with healing and ensure individual safety.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Potawatomi Gathering ¹	Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa
<p>Community Engagement Talking Circles Thursday, July 25 – 2-4 p.m. Boyzie Jondreau Memorial Field Near KBIC Ojibwa Campground Baraga, MI</p> <p>Individual Survivor Truth Sharing* KBIC Reservation 16429 Beartown Rd, Baraga, MI Thursday, July 25 – 1-6 p.m. Friday, July 26 – 1-4 p.m.</p> <p><small>* Limited sessions available; additional sessions by appointment.</small></p> <p>Additional Community Events Powwow Grand Entries Friday, July 26 – 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26 – 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Remembranc e Walk Friday, July 26 – 9 a.m.</p> <p>kbic-nsn.gov/event/46th-annual-maawanjiiding-july-26-28</p>	<p>Community Engagement Talking Circles Thursday, August 1 10-11 a.m. & 2-3 p.m.² Pokagon Potawatomi Reservation 58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, MI</p> <p>Individual Survivor Truth Sharing* Friday, August 2 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Zagbegon Early Ed Development Academy 58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, MI</p> <p><small>* Limited sessions available; additional sessions by appointment.</small></p> <p><small>1. Potawatomi Gatherings are an annual meeting of the Potawatomi People. As is their custom, this is through invite only event. Please see QR code above for more detail.</small></p> <p><small>2. Our Talking Circles will follow a one hour speakers session held from 9-10 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m. hosted by the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.</small></p> <p>potawatomigathering24.com</p>	<p>Community Engagement Talking Circles Thursday, August 8 – 2-4 p.m. Tribal Administration Building 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI</p> <p>Individual Survivor Truth Sharing* LTBB Reservation Thursday, August 8 – 1-6 p.m. Friday, August 9 – 1-4 p.m.</p> <p><small>* Limited sessions available; additional sessions by appointment.</small></p> <p>Additional Community Events Powwow Grand Entries Saturday, August 10 – 1-7 p.m. Sunday, August 11 – 10-11 a.m.</p> <p>ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/odawa-homecoming-pow-wow-2024</p>