

From Policy to Practice

Noojimo'iwewin: The Violence Against Women Act and Indian Child Welfare Act Annual Training

Tribal Justice Support Division, Office of Justice Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs with Bay Mills Indian Community, Gnoozhekaaning

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Indian Community will host its annual [Noojimo'iwewin: The Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\) and Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Training](#) on Aug. 6-8. In its 7th year, Noojimo'iwewin will focus on: **From Policy to Practice**. [Registration](#) is open, and this training is free of charge.

Each year, Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) is committed to bringing top national experts and timely content to this training. One 2024 participant shared, “LOVED this amazing training. I’m hoping this will be an annual conference. Such important topics — people really don’t know their rights when it comes to child welfare.” Another attendee noted, “For a virtual conference, this was great. I appreciated the opportunity to actively engage throughout the training. Well done. Thank you!”

The 2025 Noojimo'iwewin will feature several hands-on training units tailored for attorneys, judges, court clerks, social workers, victim advocates, law enforcement, and all who work in areas involving violence against women. Attendees can look forward to joining fellow professionals and community members united by a shared commitment: From Policy to Practice.

Each unit is thoughtfully designed to help participants assess and strengthen effective service strategies that promote community safety. These engaging sessions will be led by expert faculty and panelists from Michigan and across the United States.

Tentative topics include:

- Cycles of Hope: Addressing Historical Trauma In Native Communities
- Extending VAWA Jurisdiction: Practical Steps for Tribal Implementation
- Equipping Officers: Law Enforcement’s Role in ICWA Cases
- Advocacy Spotlight: Brief Presentations from Resource Centers and Advocates
- Strengthening Tribal Justice: Real-World Tools for Practitioners and Tribal Courts
- Trauma-Informed Courts in Action: Bridging Policy and Practice
- ICWA in Court: Practical Considerations for Practitioners in Tribal and State Courts

BMIC, located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, is home to Bay Mills [Resort & Casino](#), the site of this training. While in the area, attendees can enjoy local activities such as the Farmer’s Market, Mission Hill Overlook, Whitefish Point Lighthouse, and the fresh waters of Lake Superior.

If you cannot attend the training in-person, Noojimo'iwewin continues to be available virtually.

Both in-person and online attendees will be asked to connect by using the interactive event platform, [Whova](#). Whova holds all training details. Attendees can [register](#) and [sign in](#) to see the agenda, speaker details, and presentation materials, plus get to know each other through Community discussion boards, group chats, and more. Be sure to [download](#) Whova to your mobile device to learn more.

This training is pending approval for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education and Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Units. Registration is free and still open. When registering, be sure to accurately note if you will attend in person or online. In-person attendees must [book their room](#) at the Bay Mills Resort & Casino by July 23rd -- mention the room block code when you call (888)422-9645: **BKG285**, to hold your spot. Contact trainings@whitenergrou.biz with questions.