

Mending the Circle: Healing the Whole Community

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

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BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Indian Community will host its annual [Noojimo'iwewin: The Violence Against Women Act and Indian Child Welfare Act Training](#) on Aug. 3-5. In its fourth year, Noojimo'iwewin will focus on Mending the Circle: Healing the Whole Community. [Registration](#) is open and this training is free of charge.

The 2022 Noojimo'iwewin features a series of hands-on training units for attorneys, judges, court clerk personnel, social workers, victim advocates, and anyone who works in areas involving violence against women. Attendees can expect to put practical experience and decision making into motion as they surround themselves with tribal court personnel, social service providers, and community members whose goals often come from the same root: healing the whole community.

Each unit focuses on a topic related to violence against the most vulnerable populations in tribal communities: women, children, and elders. Each unit is designed to assess and refine attendees' effective service strategies for community safety. The training units are facilitated by engaging, expert faculty from around the nation.

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 Point Lookout, Whitefish Point Lighthouse, and fresh waters of Lake Superior.

"We are excited to host this training once again in our community," said BMIC President Whitney Gravelle. "This weekend will provide attendees with additional tools and knowledge to keep their communities safe. Significant improvements to protect indigenous people have been made, first with the passage of the Not Invisible Act, then again with Savanna's Act, and finally with the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. However, it is important that we do not stop here to address this crisis as the complex jurisdictional frameworks that prevent Tribal Nations from prosecuting non-natives when committing acts of violence against our people still need additional work.

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

Whether in-person or online, elevate your connectivity 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 in-person and virtual attendees through Community Discussion Boards, group chats, and more. If you do not already have the Whova application from last year's training, be sure to download it to your mobile device.

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](#) by July 15 and mention the VAWA ICWA Training. If you have any questions, please contact trainings@whitnergroupp.biz. This training is made possible by Tribal Justice Support Division, Office of Justice Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs with Bay Mills Indian Community and organized by [The Whitener Group](#).

