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**Hannahville Indian Community**  
Wilson, Michigan 49896

**Saginaw Chippewa  
Indian Tribe**  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

**Little Traverse Bay  
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Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740

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Tribe of Chippewa Indians**  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**  
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**Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish  
(Gun Lake Tribe)**  
Dorr, Michigan 49323

**Little River Band  
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## Improving Life for Anishinaabe Cancer Survivors

*To Address Native American Cancer Survivors Needs*

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan via a grant from the Michigan Cancer Consortium partnered with the George Washington Cancer Institute to adapt Cancer Survivorship Training materials to Anishinaabe culture and the Indian Health Service Tribal Health System.

The focus of this training is to improve the quality of life of Native American cancer survivors and caregivers and reduce death and disability due to cancer by focusing on the importance of helping survivors achieve optimal health and well-being. Physicians, nurses, and public health professionals who complete this training provided professional continuing education credits from George Washington University and the Indian Health Service.

“The purpose of this collaboration is to improve Anishinaabe cancer survival rates across the state of Michigan. The Cancer Survivorship Care Training addresses the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of patients both during and after cancer treatment,” said Beth Sieloff, Program Manager with Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

Participating partners include Amanda Leonard, Raeanne Madison, Beth Sieloff, Program Managers at Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan; McKenna Roberts, Intern at Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan from Harvard University; and Mandi Chapman, Associate Center Director of George Washington University Cancer Center.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan is currently scheduled to visit five tribal health centers through the summer of 2018. Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan is available to bring this training to any tribal health center in Michigan upon request.

For more information or to coordinate a training, please contact Beth Seiloff at 906-632-6896 or email [bsieloff@itcmi.org](mailto:bsieloff@itcmi.org). Visit <http://www.itcmi.org/> to learn more.

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*Photo Caption: Left to right: McKenna Roberts, Intern at Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan from Harvard University; Mandi Chapman, Associate Center Director of George Washington University Cancer Center; Beth Sieloff, Raeanne Madison, and Amanda Leonard, program managers at Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan met in late June to collaborate on Native American cancer survivorship. Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will be offering Native American survivorship trainings through 2018.*

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation duly organized under a state charter filed April 16, 1968. The agency represents all twelve federally recognized tribes in Michigan. The agency is divided into several different divisions, including: headstart; early headstart; health services; behavioral health; environmental services; child, family, and education services; and administration. The agency employs approximately 160 employees. 35 of these employees are based in the agency's central office in Sault Ste. Marie, while member tribes have offices and staff on site. Visit <http://www.itcmi.org/> to learn more about the agency.

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