



Life Long Learning (LLL)

The LLL program is to give an opportunity for members to pursue knowledge either for personal or professional reasons. The higher education, college, and adult vocational training program offers that opportunity for members. At this time:

- Scholarships awarded, based on a Number of Credit Hours, to GTB tribal members seeking post-secondary degrees who are attending a Michigan Public University or Community College
- Scholarships, based on a Number of Credit Hours, to GTB tribal members seeking post-secondary degrees
- Scholarships awarded, based on the Number of Clock Hours, to GTB tribal members seeking certification and/or licensing at an accredited Adult Vocational Training facility.
- The Higher Education scholarship program is funded through RAO and BIA funds.

For more information on scholarships and program guidelines, please contact Melissa Alberts at (231)534.7765, Melissa.Alberts@gtbindians.com or Dana McClellan at (231) 534.7356. Dana.McClellan@gtbindians.com.

In addition to LLL services are provided at the Heritage Library. To contact the librarian, Francis Carew, at (231)534.7752, Francis.Carew@gtbindians.com . Also, the teacher, Cindi McIlrath, also provides community classes and works with 477 program providing resume and interviewing training. Also, provides alternative education through the Kitchi Minogining Tribal School. The teacher can be reached at (231) 534.7759, Cindi.McIlrath@gtbindians.com.

Further, the Education department provide Title VII Benzie, Elk Rapids, Frankfort-Elberta & Kingsley. For more information, please contact Melissa Alberts.

Other contact information:

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Youth Intervention

As of November, the LLL sub department has combined two programs youth services and youth intervention staff as one program with the current staff as LLL Youth Intervention. Staff will continue to promote healthy and nutrition lifestyle, prevention against alcohol and drugs and build self-esteem with youth teaching and strengthening Anishinaabe culture to educate youth on the seven grandfather teaching. The Youth Intervention Specialist are at all sites. These services include, but are not limited to: tutoring, homework labs, career counseling, assisting with afterschool programs, summer programming, planning community educational events, and being a positive role model for all youth.

The goal is to have one program that service educational programming, youth program and family program form ages zero through seventeen. Community programs will continue.

What has changed? Reaching all tribal youth. Youth Intervention Specialists can meet services members zero through four years old now. Programming is focus on family community oriented activities. Such activities last year included canoeing, Halloween party and Christmas party.

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Benodjeh



The Benodjeh Center promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 years from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. In addition, providing childcare between the ages of 3-12 years old and infants and toddlers that are enrolled in the Early Head Start Center Base Program. Hours of child care is from Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The Benodjeh Center Head Start and Early Head Start serve GTB children, families and other eligible families on or near the reservation. The Benodjeh Center is also serving families with children 0-5 through the Family Spirit Program. Also in partnership with TBA/ISD with the Great Start Readiness program. This is specifically for 4 years old preparing them for kindergarten.

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Strong Heart



The Strong Heart Civic Center provides a community base for physical fitness with scheduled events and activities to encourage healthy living in the GTB community. Offered throughout the year are a mixture of programs such as Pilates, yoga, weight loss, or general fitness and conditioning. Open to GTB members and others. Hours vary during the seasons.

Now, there is a workout room at the Benzie satellite building has been open since July 2019.

Supervisor in the implementation phases of having workout room at the Charlevoix satellite building.

Please contact the Strong heart for hours, events and guidelines:

Strong heart (231)534.7457

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Elders



The Elder Program services elders in the six county service area for members 55 years of age or older. The services that are provided to the elder include:

- Elder services (formally aka, elder emergency) a RAO program to support elder needs.
- Congregated meals at three sites
- Site activities
- Care giver program for older adult and grand parents.
- Farm market program to income based
- Home visits and Telephone reassurance (i.e., daily socialization and well check calls to elder for vulnerable and high risk elders).
- Home Delivered Meals to vulnerable and high risk elders.
- Information and referral/assistance

Please contact the elder coordinator for more information on activities, events, and meal information.

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