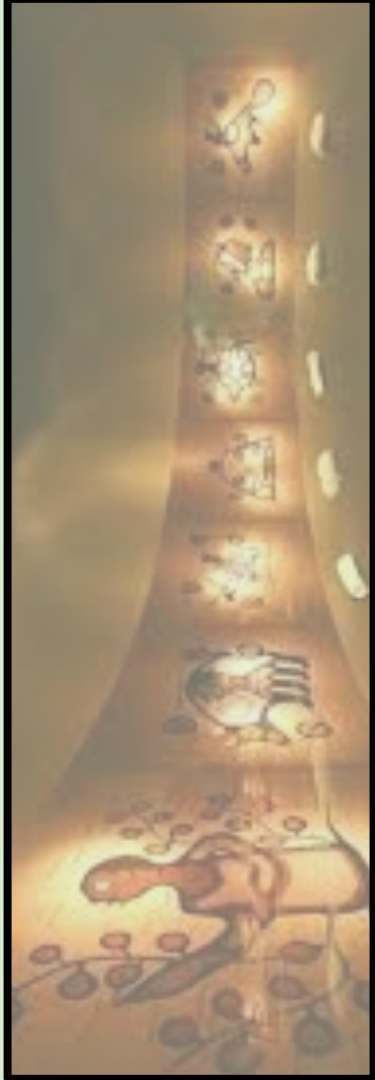


**2023 MI-AIRS (InformUSA)**

# **Training Conference and Annual Meeting**

**October 10th and 11th  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan**

**Connection, Compassion, Curiosity**



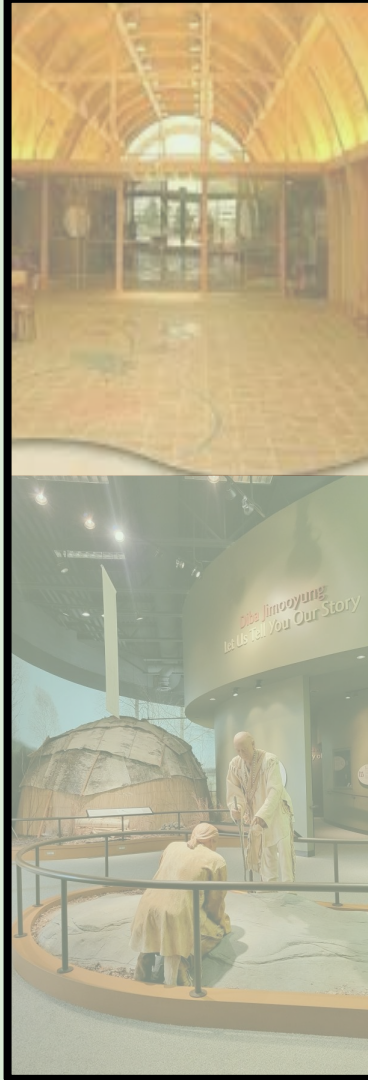
# You are invited!

Join I&R professionals around the state for networking and learning at this years Training Conference!

This year we are being hosted on the property of Saginaw Chippewa Tribe- The [Ziibiwiing Center.](#)

The center will be providing all of our food and some of our content.

**This is an experience not to be missed!**



# Agenda Day 1 (October 10th)

4:30 pm - Registration

5 - 7 pm - Networking and Cultural Experience

- We will be treated to a traditional feast at the Ziibiwing Center that includes the 4 sacred foods: Wild Game (buffalo gravy over mashed potatoes), Wild Rice, Corn and Strawberries (Strawberry shortcake). \*accomodations for dietary as needed
- Entertainment from local Anishinabe Dancers who will show us some of their transitional dances and explain some of their beliefs.



# Agenda Day 2 (October 11th)

8 am - Registration Open

- Pastries, donut holes, fruit, coffee, bottled water and apple juice

8:30 - 9:30 - Breakout sessions

- Communication Workshop (Becky Eizen)
- CIE 101 (Sarah Kile)

9:45 - 10:45 - Breakout Sessions 2

- Anishinabe Two Spirit (LGBTQ)
- Trauma Informed Care (Julia Cohen and Trisha Mindel)



# Agenda Day 2, cont...

11 am - 1 pm - Certification Testing

11 am - Rotation 1:

- Makwa (Bear) Group: Anishinabe Medicine Wheel Teaching and Crafts (Megis Shell and Dreamcatcher)
- Nigig (Otter) Group: Guided Museum Tour

12 am - 1 pm Rotation 2:

- Makwa Group: Anishinabe Medicine Wheel Teaching and Crafts (Megis Shell and Dreamcatcher)
- Nigig Group: Guided Museum Tour



# Agenda Day 2, cont...

1 pm - Luncheon

- Deli Sandwiches, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Potato Salad, Cookies

1:30 pm - MiAIRS Annual Meeting

2 pm - Plenary Speaker:

- Anishinabe Spirituality: You will learn about the Seven Grandfather teachings that guide us to live a balanced life, as well as other important Anishinabe beliefs, stories, and ideas that shape how we live as a people.

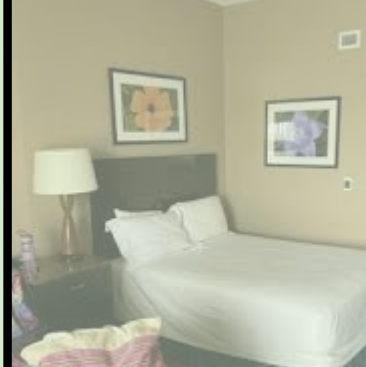
3 pm - Facilitated Conversation about Connection, Compassion and Curiosity are part of DEI efforts





# Accommodations:

- For those who would like to attend both events or are traveling from a distance, we have secured rooms at the [Soaring Eagle Water Park!](#)
- Each room costs \$179 (including taxes and fees) and includes access to the waterpark for the day you check in and the day you check out for everyone in your room (so you can bring friends if you want!).
- The waterpark is open until 9pm.
- You can also visit other Soaring Eagle attractions (like the casino) using their shuttle.
- 211 Northeast Michigan will make the reservation for you and pay the bill so no need to worry about anything more!



# Certification:

We will be offering proctored AIRS/InformUSA Certification testing onsite during the conference for those who would like to take the test.

- Please bring your own laptop (don't forget a charger!)
- You will need to apply and pay for your certification separately on the InformUSA website [HERE](#).
- Please also indicate on your registration form that you intend to take the test so we can make plans for the number of people we need to accommodate.
- If you are testing AND staying as part of the conference, you will need to register for both.

