



NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI

A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Overview of Services: NHBP Health and Human Services Department

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What we will cover today:

- Who is NHBP and a little of Tribal history
- Health disparities
- Overview of the services NHBP HHSD offers
- Who is eligible for NHBP HHSD services
- SUD specific services



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NHBP HISTORY

The Potawatomi Nation historically encompassed lands along the Southeastern shoreline of Lake Michigan, from Detroit to Grand Rivers, and south into Northern Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. During a period of removal referred to as the Trail of Death, the Potawatomi were forced west of the Mississippi. A group of Tribal Members escaped and returned to their native lands in Michigan where the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribe resides currently, on the Pine Creek Indian Reservation in Fulton, Michigan.



Photo: Grandfather maple tree located just outside of the Health and Human Services Department



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Federal Recognition

NHBP began seeking federal recognition before 1935, but the Bureau of Indian Affairs decided not to further extend services in Michigan's Lower Peninsula in the 1940s. It wasn't until the United States government re-established a federal recognition process in the 1970s that NHBP could apply to be federally recognized. After years of research and documentation, NHBP was federally recognized on December 19, 1995. This emotional, yet necessary, process has given NHBP the ability to continue to better the lives of NHBP Tribal Members and Community members living in the areas around NHBP lands.



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Health Disparities: CDC Statistics

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American Indians born today have a life expectancy that is **5.5 years less** than the general all races population.

2

Average Adverse Childhood Experience scores among Native populations was 2.32, **notably higher** than those as identifying as White (1.53), Black (1.66) and Hispanic (1.63).

3

Native/Indigenous people in America report experiencing serious psychological distress **2.5 times more** than the general population.

4

American Indian and Alaska Native women experience **higher levels of violence** than other U.S. women. Nearly 84 percent experience violence in their lifetimes.

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American Indian and Alaska Natives also experience PTSD **more than twice as often** as the general population.



NHBP HHSD Services

Three clinic locations: Pine Creek, Grand Rapids and Firekeepers (Firekeepers serves mainly FKCH employees and is limited to Medical)

- Medical
- Dental
- Community Health
 - Community Health representatives
 - Health Educators
 - Maternal child health home visitors
- Behavioral Health
 - Outpatient
 - BH Consultants
 - SUD Case Management
 - Peer Support
 - Traditional healing



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Eligibility

- NHBP Tribal Members and descendants
 - Spouses and family members may be subject to out of pocket costs
- Members or decedents of any Federally Recognized Tribe
- Expecting mothers of unborn Tribal members
- Area residents of Athens and Fulton (medical and dental only)
- NHBP Government employees



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SUD Specific Programs

Outpatient services:

- 5 LMSW/LPC/LLP Licensed Clinicians provide outpatient counseling services for MH/SUD needs of all ages.
- 3 EMDR certified clinicians.
- 4 CAADC certified clinicians: license reinstatement and other SUD assessments required by the State of Michigan.

SUD Case Management:

- 36 people referred for inpatient SUD programming of 30-90 day in 2023.
- 10 people so far for 2024.
- Works closely with supportive services throughout the community.
- Partners with Calhoun County Health Department's Harm Reduction program to provide harm reduction services.
- Manages the Narcan training and distribution program in the Pine Creek clinic.

Peer Support:

- Real-life experience navigating the system and working towards recovery.
- Certified in and facilitates weekly Wellbriety group meetings – Native American 12 step.
- Office, community or home visits to assist those on their unique recovery journey.
- Manages the Narcan training and distribution program in the Grand Rapids clinic.

MAT/MOUD Services:

- BH partners with the medical team to provide for medication assisted treatment





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