

ANISHNAABEK COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES



SEMI-ANNUAL PRESENTATION

REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

PRESENTATION DATE: MAY 6, 2026

ACFS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

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ACFS Division Director

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Administrative Manager

ACFS DIVISION SUMMARY

ACFS FUNDING

- The ACFS Administrative Team manages over 40 grants with funding from the Sault Tribe, BIA, IHS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Justice, USDA, and the State of Michigan. The grants are utilized to provide the most efficient services within three primary components of ACFS. The ACFS 2025 budget was \$15,640,989.

ACFS TEAM MEMBERS

- ACFS has approximately 90 Team Members located in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Kincheloe, Manistique, and Munising.

ACFS SERVICE AREA

- ACFS Team Members provide office and home-based services in the Tribe's Seven County Service Area (USDA may provide services to 15 Counties). ICWA Monitoring services cover the entire United States.

ACFS DIVISION SERVICE COMPONENTS

DIRECT SERVICES

CHILD PLACEMENT

ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER

USDA

ACFS DIRECT SERVICES SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

Direct Assistance provides case management services to tribal households that will promote self-sufficiency and alleviate financial hardship.

- **Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program**
- **General Assistance**
- **Native Employment Works**
- **Emergency Assistance**
- **Child Care & Development Fund**
- **Employee Assistance**
- **Funeral Assistance**
- **USDA**
- **Emergency Housing Assistance**
- **Lodge of Hope - Transitional Shelter**

LODGE OF HOPE TRANSITIONAL SHELTER

- ▶ The Lodge of Hope is a 21-room facility for Sault Tribe citizens experiencing homelessness.
- ▶ 25 households encompassing 46 individuals accessed LOH services July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Number of Households	Total Household Members	Number of Children	Move Ins	Move Outs
25	46	21	13	13



Above: Lodge of Hope – addition of new playground.

Below: LOH floor replacement project.



DIRECT SERVICES SERVICE DATA JULY TO DECEMBER 2025

Program	Applicants	Household Members
Elder Heating	33	48
Emergency Assistance	21	55
Housing	104	224
KEAP	46	46
LIHEAP	661	1173
TEAP	22	54
Total	887	1600

These programs service Sault Tribe families within Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, and Schoolcraft Counties.

FUNERAL ASSISTANCE AND CCDF

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- The Funeral Assistance Program provides up to \$1000.00 to assist with funeral/burial expenses.
- From July to December 2025, 117 funeral assistance applications were processed.
- CCDF Subsidies from July to December 2025:

	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	# of Children	# of Families
Center	\$50,512	\$110,705	\$61,643	\$66,254	\$47,603	\$41,286	158	106
Family	\$12,703	\$12,958	\$17,750	\$13,276	\$9,548	\$15,760	17	25
Group	\$88,883	\$93,092	\$102,571	\$93,426	\$78,214	\$75,267	130	80
Relative	\$12,763	\$14,998	\$19,499	\$9,583	\$15,630	\$11,369	41	29
Total	\$164,861	\$231,754	\$201,464	\$182,540	\$150,997	\$143,674	346	240
GRAND TOTAL:								\$1,075,292

DIRECT SERVICES COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Above: RX Kids Event



Above: Kinross Health Fair
Below: Sault Health and Safety Fair



USDA FDPIR

SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

USDA provides tribal households with fresh, nutritious foods.

- Serving Alger, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Delta, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Schoolcraft, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelenau, and Manistee Counties
- Tailgate Sites include Manistique, Marquette, Newberry, Hessel, Escanaba, Munising, Cheboygan, and St. Ignace.
- Health and Nutrition Education

USDA FDPIR

2025	Families Approved		Families Participating	Families Members Served
JULY	434		404	653
AUGUST	437		404	645
SEPTEMBER	447		402	651
OCTOBER	460		425	697
DECEMBER	<u>481</u>		<u>444</u>	<u>743</u>
Totals:	<u>2731</u>		<u>2512</u>	<u>4127</u>
Average per month	<u>455</u>		<u>419</u>	<u>688</u>
Food From USDA				Families Approved
JULY	\$122,275.52		SAULT STE MARIE	234
AUGUST	\$113,621.76		ST.IGNACE	46
SEPTEMBER	\$ 83,208.79		HESEL	11
OCTOBER	\$ 96,693.96		MANISTIQUE	52
NOVEMBER	\$151,948.06		MARQUETTE	16
DECEMBER	<u>\$119,486.17</u>		NEWBERRY	16
Totals	<u>\$687,234.26</u>		ESCANABA	13
			CHEBOYGAN	15
			MUNISING	18

USDA STORE



USDA PROJECTS



CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

Binogii Placement Agency-holds a child placing agency license and private agency provider contract with the State of Michigan MDHHS to provide direct services to tribal children and families within the Tribe's 7 county service area.

Statistics 7/1/25 to 12/31/25

- Foster Care-63 children- 7 closed- 2 reunified, 1 closed to permanent guardianship, 4 closed to adoption by tribal families.
- Adoption-13 children serviced- 4 closed to adoption by tribal families.
- Foster Home Licensing-67 families serviced.

Parent Aide staff conducted 400 supervised parenting times and 418 client transports totaling 22,753 miles travelled.

Binogii staff responded to 3,356 placement requests.

Child Placement staff took part in 26 various community events reaching 2,966 participants.

November was Adoption Month and the agency placed awareness boards at the Sault Tribe and Manistique Health Centers

The agency placed a recruitment billboard on M-129 by the Sault Tribe Health Center

CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

Family Support Programs works with families on specific and individual needs. Family support programs are in home and have monthly and weekly face to face contract requirements:

Statistics 7/1/25 to 12/31/25:

Prevention-38 families

Nurturing Parenting-40 families

Family Continuity-25 families

Adolescent In Home Assistance-22 families

CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

ACFS Child Placement Staff have primary protective services responsibility for all tribal children, elders, and vulnerable adults who live on Sault Tribe's 916 Trust land addresses. When there are confirmed safety and risk factors, families may be opened to In Home Care services to provide ongoing support and monitoring.

Statistics: 7/1/25 to 12/31/25

- **Children's Protective Services: 113 Families**
- **Adult Protective Services: 5 individuals**
- **In Home Care: 12 Families**

CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

ICWA Monitoring-Sault Tribe intervenes and monitors in cases involving tribal children locally, in Michigan, and across the United States.

Statistics 7/1/25 to 12/31/25

- ICWA Monitoring Cases-341 children/cases
- ICWA Staffed served as Expert Witnesses-63 times
- ICWA Inquiries and Notices processed: 656
- Legal filed 43 new interventions-35 in MI and 8 beyond
- Sault Tribe has cases in Michigan and 21 other states
- Agency staff processed 1,802 court orders

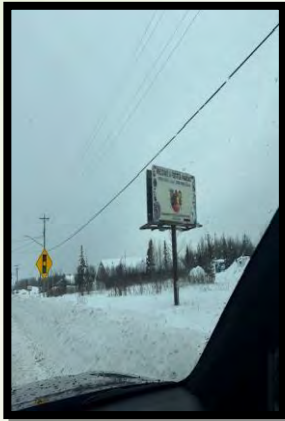
CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES DATA

Child Placement/Type of Service	07/01/25 to 12/31/25
Family Services	137
Licensing	67
Foster Care	63
ICWA	404
Legal	309
Adoption	13
Protective Services	118
ICWA Inquiries	656
Totals	1767

CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES DATA

Child Placement by County	07/01/25 to 12/31/25
Alger	23
Chippewa	392
Delta	78
Luce	38
Mackinac	65
Marquette	12
Schoolcraft	17
Out of Area	486
ICWA Inquiries	656
Totals	1267

CHILD PLACEMENT



COMMUNITY

September 17, 2009 • WINNEBAGO, MINNESOTA

Eastern UP foster families attend annual picnic

Frost ACFS
On Aug. 29, the EUP Adoptive Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention (AFRR) Coalition held its Annual Foster Parent Appreciation End of Summer Picnic at Sherman Park in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The event honored foster families and their contributions, offering a day filled with activities and community engagement. Partnering agencies included the Department of Health and Human Services, Great Lakes Recovery, Anishinabek Community and Family Services, and UP Kids.

A total of 31 foster families attended the picnic, enjoying a variety of activities such as rock painting, glitter tattoos, a bounce house obstacle course, swimming, and exploring the playgrounds. Children especially enjoyed interacting with local emergency first responders.

Representatives from the Sault City Police and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement showcased their vehicles, engaged with families, and provided giveaways for the foster children. Sault Fire and EMT services brought fire trucks and ambulances for families to explore, giving children a hands-on experience with local first responders.

Attendees enjoyed meals from the Blue Moon Fusion Taco Food Truck, followed by ice cream bars, juice boxes, and cotton candy for a sweet finale to the day.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated, especially the foster families whose dedication, love, and commitment continue to make a difference in the lives of children. We also extend our gratitude to the volunteers and partnering organizations whose support helped create a memorable and meaningful day for these incredible families.

Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education team members gather

Foster parents Cathy and Charles Campbell attended. Below: Police at bounce house with kids.



CHILD PLACEMENT



ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER

SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

The vision of the ARC is to empower survivors through the elimination of barriers to break the cycle of power and control for today and the next Seven Generations.

- Core Advocacy
- Safety Planning
- Transportation
- Financial Assistance
- Emergency Legal Advocacy – PPO Assistance
- Criminal Justice Advocacy – Tribal, State, & Federal
- Crime Victim Compensation Assistance
- Sexual Violence Services (SVS)
- Emergency Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Shelter
- Outreach and Community Education
- MMIP Data Tracking and Referral Coordination

ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER SEMI-ANNUAL SERVICES

JULY TO DECEMBER 2025							
TYPE OF SERVICE	JULY 2025	AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	TOTAL
ADVOCACY CLIENTS SERVED	59	59	65	55	49	53	340
DV SHELTER NIGHTS	202	340	431	373	365	160	1,871
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$13,994.23	\$17,378.38	\$18,124.09	\$2,592.00	\$2,261.98	\$2,002.88	\$56,353.56
ARC WEBSITE REACH	3,367	6,100	2,334	2,521	3,195	3,149	20,666
ARC FACEBOOK REACH	84,631	82,700	145,300	130,129	89,494	109,000	641,254
ARC EVENTS REACH	2,706	10,440	1,913	2,003	914	1,087	19,063

ARC OUTREACH

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CULTURE IS THE KEY TO HEALING

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
THE SAULT STE MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER
SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES

RIBBON SKIRT WORKSHOP

THIS IN-PERSON WORKSHOP IS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST 20 REGISTRANTS. ALL SUPPLIES AND A SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 10AM-6PM
MANISTIQUE TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER
5698W US HIGHWAY 2
MANISTIQUE, MI 49854

JOIN US FOR A FUN, EDUCATIONAL AFTERNOON OF LEARNING AND HEALING! THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE FIRST 20 REGISTRANTS. ALL SUPPLIES AND SNACKS ARE INCLUDED. PLEASE REGISTER USING THE LINK IN THE DESCRIPTION.

(906)632-1808
WWW.ARC.SAULTSTEMARIE.COM



ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER'S

Book of the Week

August 4, 2025

Week 28
The Book of the Week Program.
This week's book is:
365 DAYS OF WALKING THE RED ROAD
By
TERRI JEAN
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFLGS93>

Complete the survey, and be sure to include your name and address. A book will be mailed directly to you. We appreciate your participation!

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ABOVE: ARC SVS Culture is the Key to Healing Ribbon Skirt Workshop Event in Manistique

ABOVE: ARC Facebook - Book of the Week

You're Invited

Please join the
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Language and Culture Department and
Advocacy Resource Center for a

Community Feast

SEPTEMBER 30, ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE SHIRT DAY, IS A DAY TO HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR BELOVED RELATIVES WHO ATTENDED NATIVE AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL BOARDING SCHOOLS. THE PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE THAT OUR RELATIVES ENDURED WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. FOR THOSE WHO RETURNED AND FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T, WE WISH TO HONOR THEM WITH A COMMUNITY FEAST.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 30, 2025
WHERE: Nigaganagishik Ceremonial Building
11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49785
TIME: 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 4:30)

Orange T-Shirts will be provided for those in attendance. Shirts will be provided at the event only.
Contact Community Educator Jess Bellotte, King for more information at 906-632-1808



ABOVE: Orange Shirt Day event in collaboration with the Sault Tribe Culture and Language Department

ACFS REGULATORY BODIES

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs**
- **Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families**
- **Indian Child Welfare Act**
- **Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act**
- **Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Code**
- **Child Welfare Committee (CWC)**
- **Department of Justice**
- **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations(USDA)**
- **State of Michigan**

ACFS CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Sault Tribe Tribal Justice System (TJS) Team
- Sault Tribe Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)
- Sault Tribe Child Protection Team (CPT)
- Sault Tribe DV Court Team
- Michigan Tribal/State Partnership
- Tribal Social Services Directors of Michigan
- Uniting Three Fires Against Violence (UTFAV)
- DHHS SCAN
- Chippewa County / Luce County DV Task Force
- Chippewa County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
- EUP FP Coalition
- EUP Continuum of Care (CoC) Local Planning Body (LPB)
- Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Michigan Attorney General MMIP Task Force
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Consultations
- Michigan Government-to-Government Consultations
- Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation
- DOJ Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Consultations
- USDA (US Department of Agriculture) /FNS (Food & Nutrition Service)

ACFS TRAINING AND TEAM BUILDING

- An ACFS All Staff Training/Team Building Day was held on 10/29/25.
- The Sault Tribe Training Department provided Diversity and Communicating Change sessions.
- Team members were recognized for their length of service with the ACFS department in 5-year increments.
- 5 years Cynthia Kerridge and Eric McDonald
- 10 years Alisa Calhoun and Jessica McKerchie
- 25 years Jami Moran, Megan Miller, and Kari O'Gorman

ACFS TEAM BUILDING



ACFS YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS



ACFS OFFICE LOCATIONS

ACFS Main Office

2218 Shunk Rd.,
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-5250, (800) 726-0093

USDA

3601 Mackinaw Trail
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-6076 or (888) 448-8732

Kincheloe Office

60 Kincheloe
Kincheloe, MI 49788
(906) 495-1232

Manistique Office

5698 W HWY US-2
Manistique, MI 49854
(906)341-6993 or (800) 347-7137

Advocacy Resource Center (ARC)

2769 Ashmun Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-1808 or (800) 726-0093

ARC Sexual Violence Services (SVS)

1860 E. 16th Avenue
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-1808 or (800) 726-0093

Lodge of Hope

3901 I-75 Business Spur
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

St. Ignace Office

1140 N State St.
St. Ignace, MI 49781
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Munising Office

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Munising, MI
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