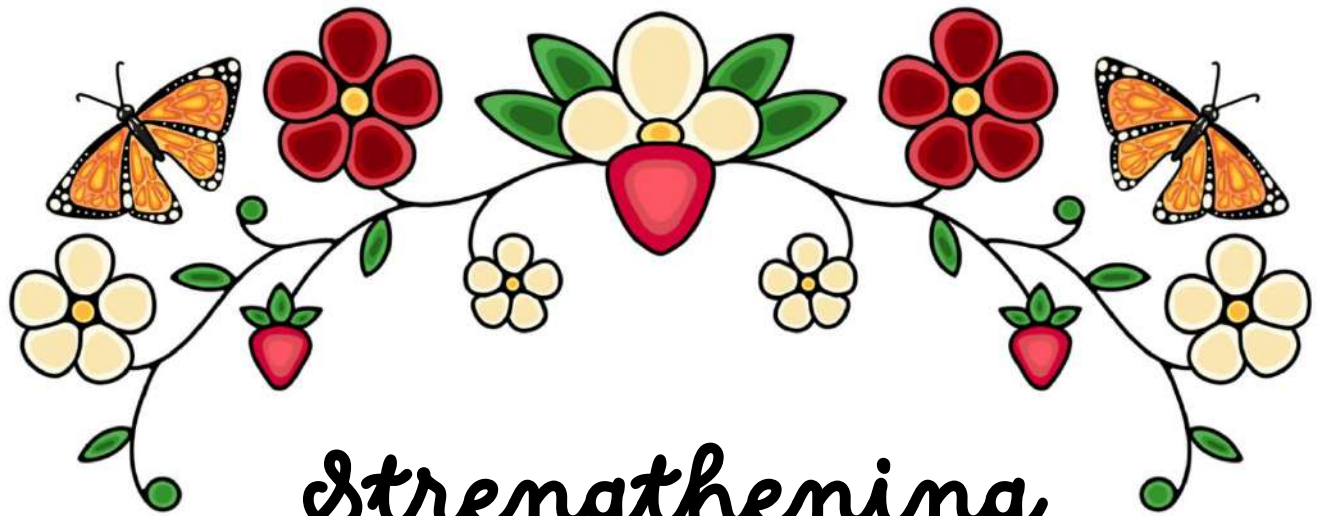


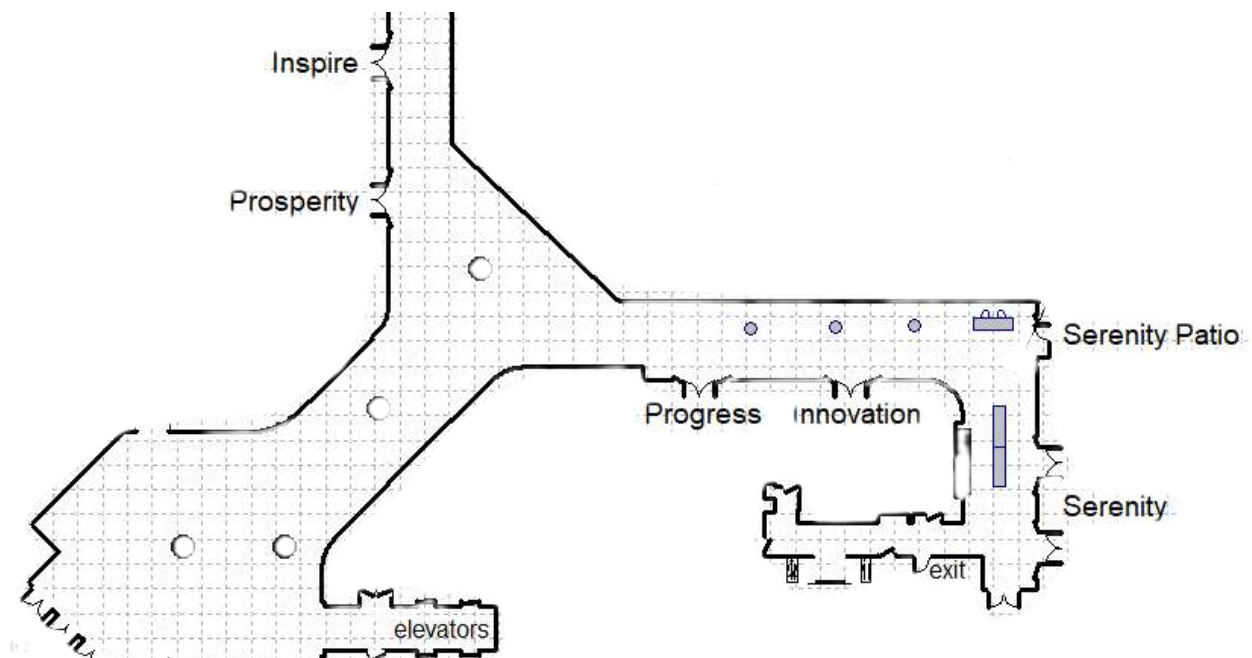


Strengthening the Circle of Care



A Great Lakes Tribal Maternal Wellness Gathering

September 2nd - 3rd, 2026 | Potawatomi Casino & Hotel | Milwaukee, WI



Event Map

We will be in the **Serenity Room** for the Strengthening the Circle of Care Gathering. Morning Ceremonies on both days will be on the **Serenity Room Patio**.

Progress Room is the wellness room. It has a private space for lactation and comfortable seating and medicines for those who need to step away to take a break and ground themselves.



Gathering Day 1: Belonging & Mastery

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026

7:30 am - 8 am

Morning Ceremony

Come and ground yourself before the day begins with a morning ceremony. *This is optional. Located in the Serenity Room Patio.*

8 am - 8:30 am

Breakfast & Registration

Stop by the registration table outside of the Serenity Room to check in and then grab breakfast at the buffet. *Vegan and GF options available upon request.*

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Opening Circle

We'll start the day off with a traditional opening with Doreen Day. Our facilitator, Lashawnda Maulson, will walk through the event overview and expectations.

9:30 am - 10:40 am:

Keynote Speech

Hear from Doreen Day on her experiences promoting Indigenous maternal health practices in the Great Lakes Area. The last 10 minutes will be dedicated time for Q&A and a self-reflection activity.

10:40 am - 10:50 am

Break

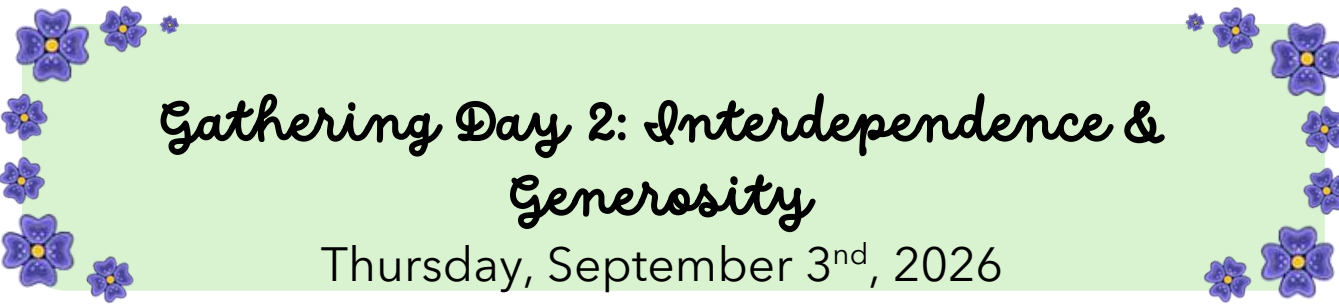
10:50 am - 12:00 pm

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Hear from the CDC on maternal mortality, data on pregnancy-related deaths among American Indian and Alaska Native women, and maternal mortality review committees. The last ten

minutes include small group discussion and reflection.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch	Grab lunch at the buffet. <i>Vegan and GF options available upon request.</i>
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Finding Our Circle	Join Lashawnda for some relationship building and networking! An opportunity to strengthen our circles and form connections across Nations.
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Community Voices	Hear about the good work that's already being done by community organizations and initiatives in our region.
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm: Creating Together	Time to create and connect with attendees. We'll be hosting a craft session. Bring your own craft or project. If you don't have one, we'll have one on hand for you! Snacks will be provided.
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm: Reflection Circle	An opportunity to process and connect to the stories, lessons, and takeaways from the day, in addition to a preview of Day 2. Facilitated by Lashawnda Maulson.



Gathering Day 2: Interdependence & Generosity

Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

7:30 am - 8 am

Morning Ceremony

Come and ground yourself before the day begins with a morning ceremony. *This is optional. Located in the Serenity Room Balcony.*

8 am - 8:30 am

Breakfast & Registration

Stop by the registration table outside of the Serenity Room to check in and then grab breakfast at the buffet. *Vegan and GF options available upon request.*

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Opening Circle

We'll start the day off with a traditional opening with Doreen Day and a welcome with Lashawnda Maulson.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cultural Safety Training

Join Erin Tenney and Doreen Day for a Cultural Safety Training.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch

Grab lunch at the buffet. *Vegan and GF options available upon request.*

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Community Talking Circle

Lashawnda Maulson and Mandy Christensen will facilitate a discussion on what healthy beginnings look like for Native families.

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm:

Creating Together

Time to create and connect with attendees. We'll be hosting a craft session. Bring your own craft or project. If you don't have one, we'll have one on hand for you! Snacks will be provided.

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm:

Moving Forward Together

A time to come together as one big group to discuss a shared vision of how we can move forward together: identifying strengths, areas to improve, resources, and opportunities for collaboration.

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm:

Closing Ceremony

Closing out the gathering in a good way. Safe travels home!