

## Who We Are

We aim to empower future generations. We offer a variety of educational and employment opportunities to support Indigenous youth and young adults ages 14-24.

## Vision Statement

Advancing the academic, career, culture, and leadership enrichment of indigenous youth throughout Southeast Michigan.

## Mission Statement

Promote indigenous youth leadership through cultural and educational workshops.



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# I-LEAD Program

Initiative for Leadership,  
Empowerment and Development



Building A Sense of Belonging

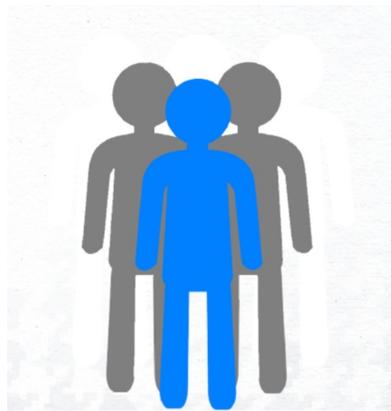
## Why We Serve

In 2016, only 75% of Native Americans aged between 18-24 achieved a high school diploma or GED. The national average is 93%

College participation rates for Native Americans aged between 18-24 was only 19%. The national average was 41%.

Only 15% of Native Americans 25 or older have a bachelors degree or higher. The national average is 31%.

Ilead hopes to create the future leaders of our community.



**Niigaanii**

“S/he leads, goes ahead to the future”

## Opportunities

### **Summer Apprenticeship Program:**

Our program is designed to help youth gain entry-level experience along with work-based training by providing apprenticeship opportunities.

**Employment & Education:** Many youth don't know where to begin when they're applying for jobs or submitting an application for college.

We can offer support with our knowledgeable staff!

**Workshops:** Our developmental workshops are designed to teach youth basic professional skills necessary for a variety of fields. Cultural workshops promote camaraderie, self-awareness, and cultural education.

**Peer Support:** Our Peer Mentor is here to support youth and all their future endeavors! Whether its education, internships, apprenticeships, volunteering, employment, leadership, skills improvement and all other areas of development, we are here to support their success!

## Cultural Connection

Culture provides a sense of unity and belonging that allows us to better understand where we come from, where we are and where we are going.

Culture is core to the work we do together. Whether its supporting career goals or connecting with your community, we are here to learn, explore and share Indigenous knowledge and practices, new and old, with each other.

Create, connect, share and grow with us!

