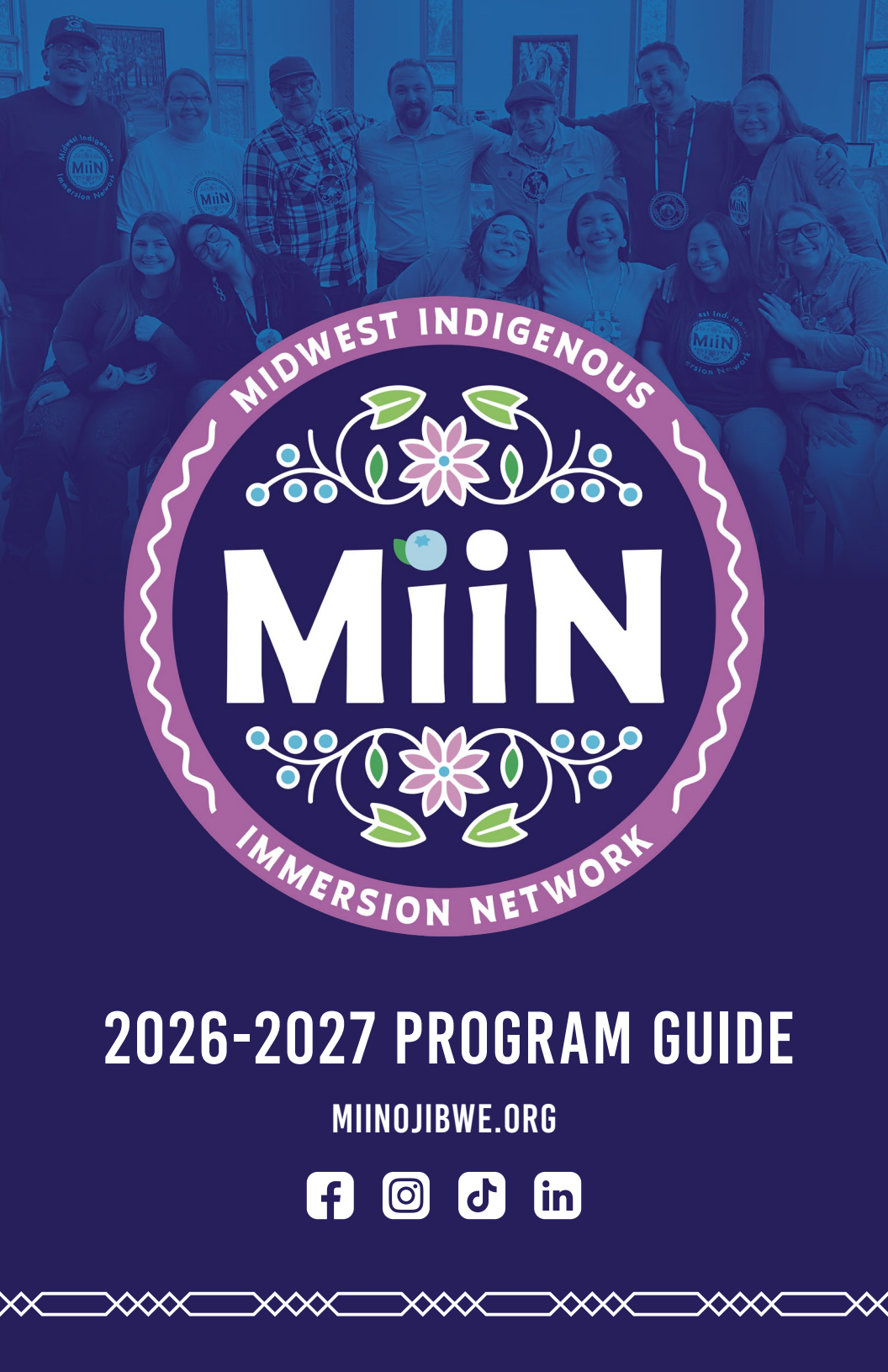




2026-2027 PROGRAM GUIDE

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OJIBWE IMMERSION EDUCATOR SERVICES

FIRST LANGUAGE SPEAKER ACCESS

MIIN hosts weekly two-hour learning sessions with first-language speakers of Ojibwemowin during the school year. These virtual meetings are open to all Ojibwe immersion classroom staff to elicit and learn new language and speaking strategies from first-language speakers.

Contact niigaanigwaneb@miinojibwe.org to sign-up!

MEETING DATES: September - May

- Rose Tuesday - Makoonsiyobiik
Alternating Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm starting September 23, 2026
- Bob Smith - Minisinweyebenaise
Alternating Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30pm starting September 29, 2026

Contact niigaanigwaneb@miinojibwe.org to sign-up

NEW EDUCATOR MENTORING & COACHING

Services for new Ojibwe immersion educators follow the guidelines of the Nakia Academy and are designed for novice educators to offer support, guide new teachers, set career goals, and grow as professionals.

2026-2027 SY services include direct support for teacher retention, facilitating safe, authentic spaces where educators can collaborate, building equitable classroom environments, advocacy for community engagement, and advancing career goals.

Contact ogimaabinesikwe@miinojibwe.org to get involved!

OJIBWE IMMERSION EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MIIN provides in-person* professional development to empower Ojibwe immersion educators. These opportunities focus on Ojibwe language revitalization and pedagogical frameworks.

Previous opportunities have included topics such as Ojibwe language elicitation techniques, scaffolding curriculum, language assessments, immersion pedagogy, games & songs and more! Join us for two new opportunities this year!

WHERE: Anishinaabewigamig, 1713 Animikii Rd, Bapashkominitigong (Cloquet, MN)

WHEN: October 15, 2026 & April 16, 2027, 8:30am-3:30pm

**Travel support is provided on an as-needed basis, contact nicole@miinojibwe.org*



OJIBWE LANGUAGE EDUCATOR SERVICES (NON-IMMERSION)

OJIBWE LANGUAGE EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MIIN offers seasonal in-person* professional development opportunities to Ojibwe language educators in Minnesota Public Schools. We host these events in multiple communities throughout the state including St. Paul, Bemidji and Virginia.

These events focus on Ojibwe language education and are open to all public school Ojibwe language classroom staff, and American Indian Education Coordinators.

WHERE: Minnesota Humanities Center: 987 Ivy Ave. E.,
Ashkibagi-ziibiing (St. Paul, MN)

WHEN: October 1, 2026 & April 1, 2027, 8:30am-3:30pm

WHERE: NWICDC, 1819 Bemidji Ave. N., Bemijigamaag (Bemidji, MN)

WHEN: October 2, 2026 & April 2nd, 2027, 8:30am-3:30pm

WHERE: Iron Trail Motors Event Center: 919 6th St. S.,
Biiwaabikokaaning (Virginia, MN)

WHEN: October 8, 2026 & April 8, 2027, 8:30am-3:30pm

**Travel support is provided on an as-needed basis, contact nicole@miinojibwe.org*



OJIBWE LANGUAGE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATORS

MIIN's Community Outreach Officer, Niigaanigwaneb is a great student of our language, and a daily language user. Ojibwe language educators can meet with Niigaanigwaneb to get 1-on-1 assistance with their own language goals. Whether you need help with pronunciation, individual words, or grammar, Niigaanigwaneb is excited to help!

Virtual Meeting Opportunities: Mondays and Wednesdays.

Contact niigaanigwaneb@miinojibwe.org to schedule your time!

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLCs)

MIIN's PLC meetings for Ojibwe language educators are a virtual space to meet, exchange ideas and materials, talk through challenges, and develop your peer group of language learners and educators. Join us every week for as long as your schedule permits, and help us grow our Network of Ojibwe language education!

Virtual Meetings: Every Thursday from 3:15-5:15pm.

Contact zhaawanoobinesikwe@miinojibwe.org to sign up!

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

WESHKI-GANAWENJIGAAZJIG FELLOWSHIP

Weshki-ganawenjigaaazjig is a yearlong fellowship for emerging Ojibwe language professionals or pre-professionals, ages 18-29, in the US and Canada. Highlighted in the fellowship is an unrestricted funding award of \$10,000 per fellow. Awardees must demonstrate daily use of only Ojibwemowin for extended periods of time across various settings, such as their personal, professional, social and ceremonial life. MIIN encourages this daily language use and supports all levels and stages of language development. Applicants must also demonstrate that they are fostering the development, and collaboration between Ojibwe language revitalization efforts across the region. For more information see the FAQ on our website.

3RD COHORT APPLICATIONS OPEN: July 1, 2027

WIIDANOKIINDING GRANT

Each year, MIIN offers three \$25,000 general operating grants to our current immersion network partners. To qualify, organizations must be a tribal entity, LLC, corporation or a nonprofit in the US or Canada. Qualifying organizations must also have attended more than 1 MIIN event in the previous calendar year, and offer 15 or more hours of Ojibwe immersion instruction (no English) each week. Recipients are randomly selected from the pool of qualified organizations.

APPLICATIONS WINDOW: September 1-30, 2026





OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW LEARNERS & FUTURE EDUCATORS

INTERESTED IN OJIBWE LANGUAGE? THINKING ABOUT TEACHING?

We want to get students excited about their futures! MIIN will visit high school students across the region during the 2026-2027 school year. We will share incredible opportunities for Ojibwe language-specific teacher preparation programs and we have funds available to support students interested in these programs. Reach out to MIIN about our partnerships with post-secondary options in Minnesota at Bemidji State University (BSU), and in Wisconsin at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University (LCOOU).

Would you like us to come talk to your students?

Contact niigaanigwaneb@miinojibwe.org

WHEN: Fall 2026 and Spring 2027



BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY (BSU):

Bemidji State University's Ojibwe Education B.S. is an innovative degree with multiple pathways designed to prepare the next generation of Ojibwe language educators while addressing the critical need for qualified teachers throughout Minnesota's Ojibwe communities and schools. There are additional teaching options which pair with the Ojibwe Education B.S.

Bemidji State takes rolling applications. Please see bemidjistate.edu for the most up to date information.

Scholarships available for those seeking Ojibwe language teacher education.

Contact zhaangweshi@miinojibwe.org with any questions.



LAC COURTE OREILLES OJIBWE UNIVERSITY (LCOOU):

The Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University Ozhitamaadizoyang, Making it for Ourselves, Education Department is the first of its kind in the continental US to offer university level courses through the medium of an indigenous language, Ojibwemowin. Program participants have the option to receive 50% or more of their education courses in the Ojibwe language.

The Ozhitamaadizoyang program prepares culturally responsive educators through programs in Early Childhood and Elementary/Middle School Education. Rooted in Ojibwe language, culture, and values, the curriculum emphasizes Indigenous knowledge systems, inclusive teaching, and holistic child development.

Graduates are prepared for roles including licensed teachers, daycare administrators, preschool educators, and/or Ojibwe immersion teachers.

Scholarships available for those seeking Ojibwe immersion teacher education. Visit lco.edu for application information.

Contact zhaangweshi@miinojibwe.org with any questions.

ADMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR SPRING 2027: December 30, 2026

ADMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR SUMMER 2027: May 1, 2027

ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS DEADLINE FOR FALL 2027: July 26, 2027

MIIN MEDIA

HOW TO BE A MIIN OJIBWE

MIIN is excited to announce our upcoming podcast, How To Be a MIIN Ojibwe. Guests will include regional language experts, ceremonial leaders and educators. Topics will include all things Ojibwe from manoomin to fasting, learning language and more!

We're aiming to release monthly episodes starting in 2027. Watch our social media and newsletter for more information.

MIIN OJIBWE APP

Download the MIIN Ojibwe App to receive a push notification 'Word of the Day' every day at 8:00am. All words are synced with the Ojibwe People's Dictionary, have first language speaker recorded examples, and are stored and searchable in the app.



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MIIN OJIBWE NEWSLETTER

The MIIN Newsletter is a monthly publication dedicated to highlighting regional events and providing updates on Ojibwe Language revitalization efforts. You can find shared, curated curriculum, the MIIN bookshelf, songs, and other resources. Stay updated and subscribe.

