

## Evers Announces Tribal Initiatives in State Budget

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***New \$8 million, 36-bed youth wellness center, higher education grants for tribal college students, and using tribal gaming revenue for family services and elderly transportation top list.***

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MADISON – Today, Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes met with Wisconsin tribal leaders at the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College in Hayward to share details of several tribal initiatives in advance of Governor Tony Evers' budget address this Thursday.

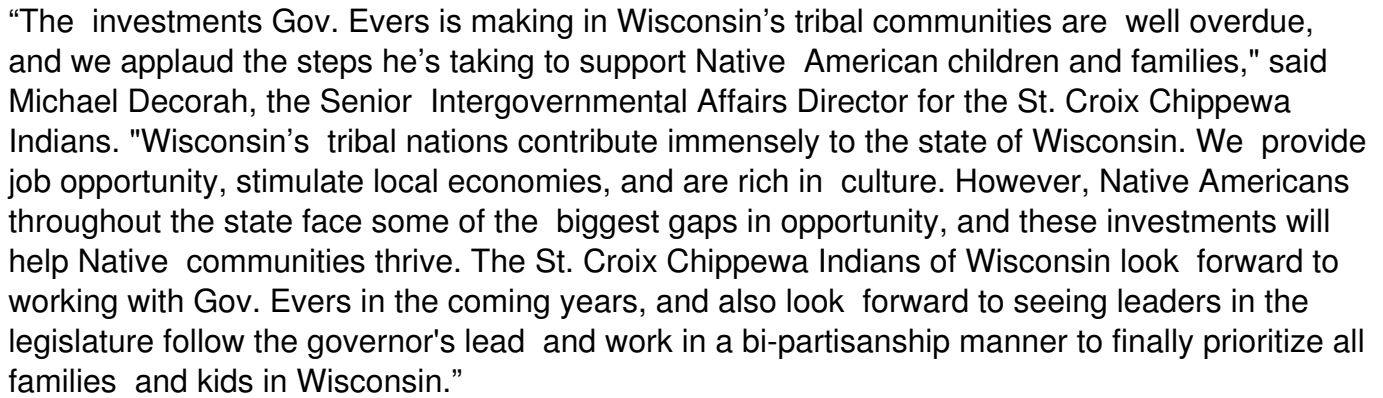


"For far too long, the needs of our Native American communities have been neglected," said Lt. Gov. Barnes. "But under the leadership of Gov. Evers, those days are over. We're committed to listening to, working with, and investing in Wisconsin's tribal communities."

Key highlights of the governor's budget proposal include:

- Funding the next phase of the creation of an \$8 million, 36-bed youth wellness center to treat opioid addiction for both tribal and non-tribal populations;
- Increasing funding in higher education grants for tribal college students, as well as for the language revitalization grants program which go to schools on or near tribal lands to teach tribal heritage languages;
- Using tribal gaming revenue to increase funding for tribal family service grants and tribal elderly transportation grants that assist in providing transportation services for elderly persons.

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