



Bay Mills Indian Community

2017 Community Food Resource Assessment

Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative

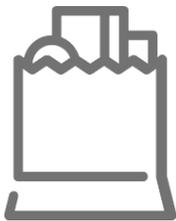
Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) is a federally recognized Ojibwe Indian Tribe. Bay Mills Twp extends about 24 miles along the Lake Superior shoreline in Chippewa County, and is home to 2,161 individuals including 250 children.

BMIC is a member of the Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative (MTAC), and recently completed an assessment to learn more about how their community members buy, access, cook, sell, and eat food. This report is meant to be a snapshot of this food system, and used as a food access resource for community members, local healthcare providers, and business and organization leaders looking for opportunities to collaborate in food access solutions.



Community-Based Food Resources and Services

Bay Mills Food Bank



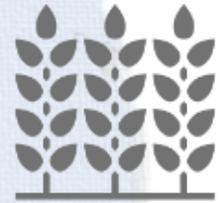
Anyone can use this service regardless of income or race

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Anyone that resides within the tribal reservation both non-tribal and tribal and is eligible

Waiskey Bay Farm



This is a 40 acre farm owned by Bay Mills Community College that offers a food share program.

Senior Meals



This meal service offers meal delivery and sit in dining for elders 55 years and older.

Bay Mills/Brimley Farmer's Market



This is a local farmer's market that provides locally grown food.

Atmosphere and Availability

To take a more in depth look at BMIC’s community food resources and services, BMIC collaborative members completed profiles of popular venues where community members access food. As part of these profiles, collaborative members completed an inventory of healthy foods, presence of healthy eating or other health promotions, and acceptance of EBT benefits as payment at these locations. Following this inventory, collaborative members interviewed management at the venues.

	Healthy Habit Promo	Accepts EBT	Fresh Veggies	Fresh Fruit	Canned or frozen produce	Whole Grains	Eggs	Meat	Fish	Local Foods
<i>Bay Mart convenience store/ gas station</i>										
<i>Four Seasons Grocery</i>										

Selling Healthy, Local Foods In the BMIC Community

Managers at these locations described challenges selling healthy foods due to the space they require to store and display, and the cost of stocking healthy foods. Four seasons grocery sells local produce.

What's Next?

As the collaborative continues to work towards greater access to healthy and local foods in the community, there may be opportunities for collaboration with these access points in the future.

About the Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative (MTFAC)

In April 2017, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan brought together six tribes with funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to address nutrition related health disparities in tribal communities throughout the state. Collaborative Goals:

1. Create a statewide Tribal Food Access Community of Learning
2. Increase children screened for BMI
3. Learn more about community food systems
4. Increase food resources for community members
5. Increase resources about child nutrition that include Native American Culture and Traditional Foods

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