

WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2006-006
TRIBAL YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SECTION I. PURPOSE

The Tribal Youth are the Tribe's most vital and cherished future resource. To ensure that the Tribal Youth of the LTBB have the necessary opportunities to prepare them for their future, the Tribe will support the pursuit of cultural, social, educational, and leadership opportunities

This Statute is hereby enacted to establish a Tribal Youth Services Department that will provide services for the Tribal Youth of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. The Tribal Youth will be provided financial resources when available to allow their participation in events deemed beneficial. Opportunities available through coordination or collaboration with other departments or entities that service Tribal Youth will be a priority.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. The "Tribe" shall mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB).
- B. "Youth" A person who is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. "Tribal Youth" shall mean youths who are enrolled members of LTBB, from another recognized Tribe or youth who have community ties.
- D. "Volunteers" shall mean unpaid helper.

SECTION III. APPLICATION

- A. Provide funding and structure for Tribal Youth participation in activities that are cultural, social, and educational or leadership oriented.
- B. Tribal Departments shall coordinate and collaborate with the Tribal Youth Services Department to provide services for Tribal Youths.
- C. The program may begin within the current 2006 budget.
- D. This a stand alone department and shall not be under any other department or director.

SECTION IV. RESTRICTIONS

- A. All Managers, Coordinators and Directors shall be qualified LTBB Tribal Citizens.
- B. Personnel or volunteers who have been convicted of "Criminal Sexual Conduct" or "Violent Acts against youth" in any court of competent jurisdiction shall not be allowed unrestricted access to any youth within the jurisdiction of the Tribe unless pardoned by the Tribal Executive to work with Tribal Youths..

SECTION V. REGULATIONS REQUIRED

- A. Tribal Regulations shall be required.
- B. The Tribal Regulations shall require background investigations for all personnel who have unrestricted access to Tribal Youth.

SECTION VI. PROCEDURES REQUIRED

Developed by the Executive Branch

SECTION VII. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED

Current budget proposals have enough to start the program. For future budgets the Executive is hereby directed to include appropriations requests for this program.

SECTION VIII. EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

- A. The Tribal Executive is hereby mandated to implement this Statute and to enforce all approved Tribal Codes of Regulation and to implement all required Administrative Procedure's

SECTION IX. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever comes first.

Certification

As the Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Statute was duly enacted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on May 7, 2006 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Dexter McNamara	X			
Mary Roberts	X			
Rita Shananaquet		X		
Alice Yellowbank		X		
Shirley Oldman		X		
Melvin L. Kiogima		X		
Beatrice A. Law	X			

Date: _____
Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____
Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on _____ by _____

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: _____
Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson