



**Gathering of Our Children and Returning Adoptees  
Pow Wow**

**November 7th, 2015**

**Greetings everyone!**

- **It's that time of year again when we call out for our relatives who are making their way back to the circle. We also encourage birth mothers/fathers and relatives to be part of this celebration of life and healing.**
- **Dancers! Please come dance and welcome our relatives back to our circle. Dance for those who can't.**
- **Adoptees/formerly fostered individuals, birth relatives, foster parents, foster youth, adoptive parents and your children - this pow wow is for you.....come and celebrate and let us celebrate with you!**

**Tentative Schedule:**

**MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER 1530 EAST FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

(<http://www.maicnet.org> for directions to pow wow)

**Emcee:** Jerry Dearly

**Arena Directors:** Windy Downwind and Kirk Crow Shoe

**Host Drum:** Oyate Teca

1:00 p.m. **Grand Entry**

5:30 p.m. **Feast**

7:00 p.m. **Grand Entry**

**Specials:**

**1) 11:00 am - 1:00 pm:**

Adoptees/formerly fostered individuals and birth relatives are invited to gather in the auditorium on the 2nd floor of the Indian Center for a meet and visit with other adoptees.

**2) 3:00 pm:**

Wablenica Ceremony. The Wablenica Song (Orphan Song) will be sung for those returning adoptees and fostered individuals and their families. A ceremony will be offered to heal the grief caused by separation from family and heritage.

**3) 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm:**

"Celebration of Life Dance" for our youth.

**4) 8:00 pm:**

Honor song for foster and adoptive parents.

**5) 9:00 pm:**

Honor song for our Young Relatives who turned 21 while in Foster Care.

**Vendors contact Tina Knafla: 612-348-9662**

Free and open to the public

This pow wow is a celebration our community's strengths. As we continue to gather and acknowledge the strengths of our families, we heal from the intergenerational trauma within our extended family systems. As our families and communities heal we are better able to adopt and foster our Native children.

*Sponsored by:*

**Hennepin County, First Nations Repatriation Institute, Indigenous Women's Life Net, Bois Forte Urban Office, Department of Human Services**

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