

The Native Film series is centered around the OJJDP Tribal Youth Conference themes of Justice, Equity, Healing, and Empowerment for Native Youth. Imagining a New Future Community Film Screening features films selected by Northern Arapaho and Kickapoo filmmaker and host Missy Whiteman. Join us for this special evening screening of Native youth-produced videos and two feature documentary films.

Our Ancestors Are Watching

Sacred Sunset Productions and White Buffalo Recovery on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, present the message about their ancestors and how they continue to be there for the people today.

I Come From

I come from is based on the power of the statement "I AM" through the hearts and minds of Indigenous youth from Alaska.

Alaska youth media project in partnership with National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

Pejuta Wakan: Sacred Medicine

The purpose of this music video production was to creatively engage youth in music and video production to create a video about traditional tobacco and medicines and the impact they have on their lives. This project was produced in partnership with Indigenous Roots, Indigenous People's Task Force: Ikitowin Youth Ensemble.

Out of State Ciara Lacey, Native Hawaiian

Shipped thousands of miles away from the tropical islands of Hawaii to a private prison in the Arizona desert, two native Hawaiians discover their indigenous traditions from a fellow inmate serving a life sentence. It's from this unlikely setting that David and Hale finish their terms and return to Hawaii, hoping for a fresh start. Eager to prove to themselves and to their families that this experience has changed them forever, David and Hale struggle with the hurdles of life as formerly incarcerated men, asking the question: can you really go home again?

Our People Will Be Healed Alanis Obomsawin, Abenaki

Education is key to the future of any nation. Distinguished director Alanis Obomsawin visits a Cree community in Manitoba that's putting this principle into practice in OUR PEOPLE WILL BE HEALED, her 50th film. The community of Norway House lies 800 kilometers north of Winnipeg, on the shores of Playgreen Lake. The Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Centre in Norway House has some 1,300 students, from nursery through to Grade 12. Modern and well-equipped, it receives a level of funding few other Indigenous schools enjoy. In this school, where half of the teachers are Indigenous and many are local, the driving force is a commitment to various strategies that will help students develop their abilities and a sense of pride in themselves.