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TRADITIONAL HEALER

JOE SYRETTE



Joe Syrette is Anishinaabe Ojibwe from Rankin Reserve Batchewana First Nation located in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario Canada. Joe has been practicing traditional healing work for the past 21 years and illustrates traditional values, morals and teachings by living a clean and healthy lifestyle with his wife and daughters. Joe currently works with the Behavioral Health Department at the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Medicine Lodge as one of the Traditional Healers.



Growing up as a traditional shkaabewis "helper" Joe has learned to balance his spiritual and personal life while continuing to always remain humble with the knowledge he carries. He has spent his young and adolescent years learning how to live in duality between the modern world and traditional Anishinaabe world through fasting and attending ceremonies. He currently helps communities and other traditional people and healers when needed allowing his knowledge and traditional teachings to grow.

Spending a life time of listening and learning about himself as an Anishinaabe person, this has allowed him to value and respect all physical and spiritual beings and their protocols. He has had the opportunity of working alongside many respectful elders, and healers to which he has been given teachings and rights to helping his Anishnaabeg relatives with spiritual healing.

Today, Joe has dedicated his time and knowledge to teach and share with others about his cultural experiences and how he has utilized his culture and language to heal himself within his own walk and journey through life. Joe acknowledges that lifelong learning is every day for him and that there is always something new to learn. He promotes cultural sharing and healing to community members so we can all learn to build encouragement on our cultural knowledge and sacred walk through life.

"We are all spirits living a human life. When we take the time to heal and acknowledge our spirit, then and only then will we know and understand our path and journey through life"
-Syrette

