

2021 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Virtual Conference

Event Schedule

Mon, Aug 23, 2021

1:00pm

Safe Zone Training

🕒 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Aug 23

SAFE ZONE training is an opportunity to learn about 2SLGBTQ identities, gender, and sexuality, and examine prejudice, assumptions, and privilege.

People who attend Safe Zone training attend for many reasons. One common reason is that most 2SLGBTQ question whether they will feel safe, welcomed, or supported in a new environment. People also attend to explore, for themselves, the concepts of sexuality and gender, because there are not many spaces in society to talk about these things. Safe Zone training provides a space for people to learn and to ask questions.

Attending a Safe Zone Training will give you a deeper understanding and comfort with vocabulary, inclusive practices, and privilege that can help you identify ways that your organization can continue to be a safe and inclusive space for your 2SLGBTQ clients, coworkers, family. Etc.

Moderated by Ayn Whyte.

🗣️ Speaker



Renae Gray Benefit Payment Control Investigator, New Mexico Dept. of Workforce Solutions

4:30pm

Talking Circle

🕒 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Aug 23

The Talking Circle is a cultural practice of bringing together multiple generations and people of different backgrounds for a facilitated discussion. During the talking circle, a talking item is passed around the circle. When the talking item comes to each individual, they are given time to share their feelings and thoughts, without interruption. This year's talking circle will focus on reflecting on the last year and moving forward.

Tue, Aug 24, 2021

12:00pm

Opening Session

🕒 12:00pm - 1:30pm, Aug 24

The conference's opening session will include an opening blessing provided by a Mattee Jim, a welcome address from the AAHIB Board of Directors Chairperson and Executive Director, an update from NM Department of Health, and an opening keynote by Dr. Andrew Jolivet titled "We Are the Medicine: HIV/AIDS, Radical Love, and Thrivance through Kinship".

Moderated by Elton Naswood.

🗣️ Speakers



Mattee Jim Supervisor HIV Prevention Programs, First Nations Community Healthsource



Donnie Garcia Board of Directors Chairman, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board



Ayn Whyte Executive Director, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board



Andrew Gans HIV, STD and Hepatitis Section Manager, New Mexico Department of Health



Andrew Jolivette Ishak Nation

2:00pm

Preventing HIV by offering PrEP clinic to community members of the Navajo Nation

🕒 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Aug 24

Moderated by Kurt Begaye.

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Naomi Jean Young M.D., Family Medicine Physician, Tsehootsooi Medical Center

3:30pm

Indigenous Trauma Care: Decolonizing Mental Health

🕒 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Aug 24

In this time where our personal health and well-being and that of our communities is being challenged, Tribal communities are looking to Traditional Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Trauma Care as an opportunity to achieve a connection to the intrinsically wellness-based elements of our cultures.

In this session we address the impact of the legacy of colonization on Tribal communities and its impact on health outcomes and addressing how culture acts as a mitigating factor in Tribal health. We will redefine what trauma is, by reframing it from a Traditional Indigenous perspective. Two projects will be outlined, the Yappalli Project and 49 Days of Ceremony, to highlight the ways these concepts can be implemented into practice and research.

Moderated by Elton Naswood.

- Participants will learn the connection between trauma and health outcomes
- Participants will be able to define Indigenous Trauma Care
- Participants will be able to define Traditional Indigenous Knowledge
- Participants will learn skills to intervene in trauma responses
- Participants will gain knowledge of how to incorporate Indigenous Trauma Care and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge into practice

 **Speaker**



Danica Brown Behavioral Health Programs Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

Wed, Aug 25, 2021

11:30am

Opening Blessing

🕒 11:30am - 11:45am, Aug 25

12:00pm


Ending the HIV Epidemic in Tribal Communities: A Clinician's Panel

🕒 12:00pm - 1:30pm, Aug 25

During this session, each clinician will provide an overview of the services provided at their respective sites to end the HIV epidemic. The objectives of the clinician's panel are:

- To understand how each clinic site has worked to implement the four primary strategies of the Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan to 1) Diagnose, 2) Treat, 3) Prevent, and 4) Respond.
- To understand the challenges of implementing the strategies of the EHE Plan in tribal communities.
- To increase awareness of the best practices for diagnosing, treating, preventing, and responding.

Moderated by Ayn Whyte.

 **Speakers**



Jonathan Iralu Indian Health Service Chief Clinical Consultant for Infectious Diseases, Gallup Indian Medical Center



Jorge Mera Director of Infectious Diseases, Cherokee Nation Health Services



Sophina M. Calderon Physician, Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation

2:00pm

Update on HIV among American Indian and Alaska Native Populations in the U.S.

🕒 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Aug 25

Participants will hear the latest HIV-related statistics for HIV among American Indian and Alaska

Native Populations in the U.S. and recent programming addressing HIV diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and response in Native communities served by IHS and supported through the Minority HIV/AIDS Fund.

Moderated by Javier Rios.

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Rick Haverkate IHS



Brigg Reilley HIV/HCV Program Epidemiologist, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board



Jessica Leston Clinical Programs Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

4:00pm

Native Harmony: A Circle of Celebration

🕒 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Aug 25

During this after hours social, we will have time to share about our cultures, have fun, and present the 2021 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference Honoring the Red Ribbon Award.

Thu, Aug 26, 2021

12:00pm

Capacity Building and Training Resources during COVID 19

🕒 12:00pm - 1:30pm, Aug 26

CAI will introduce the new portfolio of HIV Prevention Trainings available as Synchronous Instructor-led Virtual Trainings. This new platform and selection of trainings present opportunities to expand access to other communities and providers. Though it is new technology dependent, CAI designed and developed these trainings in a way that has successfully reached many different regions of US and its territories. Additionally, CAI will share its plans to continue building stronger partnerships with the National Native HIV Network and IHS. This will also be a great opportunity to hear from the audience the needs and wants of the American Indians / Native Alaskan HIV prevention communities.

Moderated by Lee Torres.

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Erika Alfaro Trainer, National HIV Classroom Learning Center, CAI



1:30pm

Closing Plenary

🕒 1:30pm - 3:30pm, Aug 26

During this closing plenary, Keiva Lei Cadena will explore our history as Indigenous people, particularly the strengths and insights we can gain as we move forward to tackle the HIV epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic. Keiva will highlight the cultural tools available to contribute to western best practices to end the HIV epidemic. In addition, Savannah Gene, COH Conference Coordinator will provide some closing remarks.

Moderated by Kunane Dreier.

🗣️ Speakers



Keiva Lei Cadena Harm Reduction Services & Community Engagement Manager, Kumukahi Health & Wellness - Hawaii Island, Hawaii



Savannah Gene Program Director, Community Health Education and Resiliency Program, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board