

#PowerInPrevention
Ending Child Sexual Abuse Web Conference Series



**Bridging Knowledge in
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention:
Promising Practices in Indigenous Communities
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Text Chat

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Welcome everyone. Where are you joining us from. I am in Minneapolis, MN where it is 2 above 0:)

[I am in Sacramento where its cloudy and in the low 60s. We want rain, snow, any precipitation](#)

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. 50 degrees and sunny :)

[I'm from Hawaii where it's perfect :\)](#)

Good Morning from Chico California @ a balmy 50 ;0)

[Hello! Sunrise of Pasco in Dade City Florida! Sitting at a crisp 58 degrees :\)](#)

Hello everyone! I am joining from Morgantown, WV. It is currently 19 degrees and snowing!

[Chantal Seymour: Good Morning from Alberta, Canada](#)

Hi there

[Greenville, South Carolina, 39 and cloudy now but a low 10 degrees later on . nice to meet everyone!](#)

Southern California it is about 60 here, nice day out :)

Syracuse NY temperature is a balmy 27 degrees, we call it a heat wave.

Hello! I'm in Lumberton, North Carolina and it is a cool 28 degrees.

Craig, CO 35 degrees sunny and beautiful!

in St Augustine Fl.

seems like our beautiful country is freezing up a little everywhere

Alpena Michigan here. It is 6 degrees with a wind chill of -9

Amber Preston: I am green with envy towards all in nice weather with NO SNOW! We just had 3-5 inches in the SW PA/WV area where I'm from. It is also supposed to continue snowing through the night!

HI there. I'm joining from Tucson, AZ--where we expect to reach 80 degrees.

It's been too cold to snow here. lol

Very nice to meet everyone!

...Indianapolis, IN

nice AZ!!

It is a beautiful -10 degrees celsius here, (which is roughly 14 degrees Fahrenheit) which is a nice change from the -42 degrees celsius we had last week :)

from Madera California we are at 51 and warming up

Austin, TX 62 and sunny

I am listed incorrectly - Rock Springs, WY

Carol - WY about 29 here, no too bad

Portland, OR. 55 and cloudy. Perfect.

Fairmont WV-- 22' out and getting hit with more snow!!! :)

Oakland, CA sunny 58 =)

Miami, FL

Eureka, CA - Humboldt County Department of Public Health

We will start soon - share the name of your organization, city and state, and weather today

New Mexico 61 and sunny

[Ilene in Olympia, WA - 42 and cloudy :\)](#)

Hi Everyone

I work for Shelter Inc. in Alpena Mi.

[RAINN, Washington DC. Clear skies, and 34 degrees.](#)

SAC North Bay ON -32 and sunny

[Cloudy 52 in Humboldt County, CA](#)

AVCADD

[from RISE San Luis Obispo County. I'm in Paso Robles, California and it is 54 degrees.](#)

C.A.S.A., San Jacinto, CA 60 degrees and sunny.

Flagstaff, Arizona and a warm 56. Winter didn't hit us this year :(

[Weather not cold as for most; Rape Crisis Intervention & Prevention-Butte, Glenn & Tehama Counties in Northern California](#)

Adams County Prosecutors/ Ritzville/ WA/ 42

[Prince of Wales, AK - Cloudy and mid 40's - light breeze](#)

Albuquerque balmy 65 sunny!!

[Sojourner Family Peace Center. Milwaukee, WI. Very cold 6 degrees](#)

Hi I'm in Hudson NY at The REACH Center, a trauma and victim services organization, it is 25 with sun and blue skies, can't complain!

[educator at Vera House in Syracuse, NY](#)

WEAVE and MACA (March Against Child Abuse) Sacramento CA

[Fulton Mason Crisis Service, Canton IL -6 degrees here](#)

AVCADD Lancaster CA Sunny temp 65 hi today 75

[SAFFRON Centre here... Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada](#)

Hello, sexual assault advocate for centro la familia advocacy services, Fresno CA

[In my earlier hello, I did not mention this. I am in Tucson, AZ \(expecting 80 degrees\) . I am a PhD Candidate in the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Arizona.](#)

53 degrees in Sacramento, CA

Hello from Maine! It's cold, but at least it's not snowing.

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from Australia...5am and middle of summer

from Portland, OR.

no

No

from Eugene, OR

No, this is my first one, and am very interested in broadening my understanding.
yes

Denver Colorado, where it is sunny and bright.

No, I do not work specifically with indigenous populations.

latest best practices

What are you hoping to get out of this web conference?

knowledge and tools to use.

Knowledge

Deep understanding of the issue

as much information and understanding and tools to share

Tools

additional knowledge to improve my prosecuting abilities

New viewpoint/ideas to enhance our existing services.

tools for working with children who have experienced sex abuse.

I am new into prevention education, and I want to learn more about working with specific populations!

Culturally specific resources

knowledge and tools to use

knowledge and how to apply it

A better understanding for the prevention of Child SA, in the hopes to incorporate those towards my future career.

skills! Knowledge that better prepares me for when I do service for such an important population

How to best help the community that I live and work in.

Information about what works and does not work.

more validation

tools and practices to use within these communities

Better tools to assist my parents

Info on interventions in other areas, specifically as it connects to trafficking. Tools, connections beyond my area.

new tools, skills in order to prevent SA

knowledge and tools to use, but also best practices

New ideas and Networking!!

tools to incorporate with the youth I work with

Best practices in a standardized fashion to address and prevent child sexual abuse

new tools

What NOT to do or say when serving these clients

Culturally specific resources

knowledge, better understanding on the topic

knowledge and tools

to learn how different tribes vary

awareness

where indigenous communities are using restorative justice practices with offenders and victims.

Information and perspectives gained from different contexts and experience

best practices

evidence based practices

knowledge and resources

culturally specific and culturally appropriate resources

importance of "talk now - talk often" in prevention

More knowledge and understanding.

indigenous interventions

What is helpful, and what has been tried in the area of prevention.

To be able to help those in need, as I am a survivor myself.

Being effective and non-judgmental.

How to address cultural trauma related specifically to sexual trauma experienced in these indigenous communities... how to circumvent these barriers to changing cultural norms

Obtaining more knowledge about the community and knowing the correct way on how to communicate more effectively

to gain more knowledge to better serve victims

Can you give us the name of the Sandi Pierce presentation so that we can seek out additional information?

0.

with the Refuge House. Sorry I'm late. I am in Sunny Perry Florida

when Cordelia is not speaking she can answer this

can't find the hand; but I do and I am

We are really in the early stages

to reach Dr. Sandi Pierce re presentation on history of media depictions of Native American Women, www.othayonihresearch.com;

thanks!

Howdy! Had some tech issues but have been on phone since beginning! Good to hear National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, www.ncdsv.org

cultural trauma

Welcome all

[Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota
www.prostitutionresearch.com/pdfs/Garden_of_Truth_Final_Project_WEB.pdf](http://www.prostitutionresearch.com/pdfs/Garden_of_Truth_Final_Project_WEB.pdf)

If you have questions for the presenters, just type them here and we will get to as many of them as possible during the Q&A.

I have a question about self-care in this field. I am a new professional just entering the field of sexual and domestic violence response and prevention. Child sexual abuse is a particularly difficult topic to deal with. How do the people who have been in this field for years deal with taking care of themselves with this type of difficult work?

How do we change those cultural structures? How can we address those cultural norms?

Pensacola, FL

Will implementing the blueprint for safety through praxis help create a protective barrier for the victims and allow the tribal community's time to heal?

great question - we can come back to that later in the discussion

Thanks!

Hi, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, US Army Corps of Engineers. San Francisco, CA.
Information and knowledge.

we are tracking the questions and hope to get to many of them

Thank you

Working in a system (the legal, policy system) that has systematically legislated racism (for Native and other peoples), what changes would you like allies to advocate for? As non-Native people interested in Native self determination, what changes might we engage which might best support your work as an advocate?

Thank you very much for sharing with us

AHO

Thank you for your courage in raising my awareness.

What is most important about this to consider related to prevention efforts?

Very good - thanks so much for the insight!

Community-specific prevention strategies

Accountability is such a big issue. So many community members have barriers to action (Green Dot) - Those who know are scared for their safety to say anything, and the family members don't want to "call out" perp's in their homes - how to overcome these fears? Where can these victims get the support to stop the madness - is there perpetrator education that can take place?

In my area more outreach to the Indian community needs to take place.

Trust and understanding when going into a community that is not your own

Ensuring that the strengths of that community & key community members are incorporated into the prevention messaging

Thank you, for sharing and your work. Some of the more important points about prevention efforts is to 1) recognize that there are no "throw-away" beings, 2) recognize that sometimes the onus is on the victim/survivor to describe what is going on when they may not even have the words and 3) this is a community violence, not just individual, and therefore community accountability (outward and inward) is imperative.

Proper education from a young age regarding these issues, in regards to consent and the harm of sexual abuse in an effort to prevent would-be perpetrators rather than simply teaching would-be victims to stay safe.

Collaborating w/the various tribal members in our area and asking permission for us to join in the their conversation of child sexual violence--so it's not perceived as an outsider pushing our ideas

Audre Lorde said, "Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare."

I love it!

YES

Thank You, great words!

Great quote on Audre Lorde's birthday

Thank you for including in this conversation two-spirit people. Oftentimes that adds another risk-factor for abuse as well.

I usually write in these chat boxes when I am not presenting

So now I have done it

I am working a lot with historical archives now.

We hold our Take Our Lives rally at Peskeompskut Park, the site of a major massacre in our area

what was the massacre you mentioned wherein 600+ were killed and only 60 or so were not women or children?

yes, racism crushes the soul (recent experience with my 5 year old son) - we have to fight it in order for people to thrive

Sand Creek

Can you suggest meditation as a way to self care? or yoga or walking. Connecting with one self, can be very healing...over time.

Thank you

Thank you, for also connecting the history of colonization, so directly, as a foundation to build new approaches for prevention. I am curious about the lack of focus on the abuse of boys and men in prostitution in prevention work. Outside of Native community, the rumor is that Native communities would not feel comfortable addressing the issue. What is your opinion?

Talk now-Talk Often begins at a very young age - It emphasizes the relationship between parents and children educating both simultaneously on what is normal and what is not normal intimate behavior... empowering parents to BELIEVE their children who disclose the abuse, and educating the kids that it is essential for them to disclose the abuse that takes place. Protection then becomes the issue for both the victim and the non-abusive parent. Historical Trauma prolongs the fear. It is important to know that there are non-natives who are intensely opposed to all of the horrific abuse that occurred to all natives, and there is support available, and heart felt concern that indigenous people are supported and believe they are supported.

I think colonization impacts everyone regardless of race. We have all been impacted by this

To clarify an earlier question--the question is about boys and men as victims and/or survivors....

How to you create gender inclusive safe spaces without reinforcing the forms of oppression we are trying to overcome? (ie. males and/or cisgender people taking space during dialogue)

...also, around non-ally advocacy--not about racism. As non-Native people interested in Native self determination, what changes might we engage which might best support your work as an advocate?

it is hard to hear at times, as it sounds like someone is breathing into their mic

there is some wind or heavy breathing happening

opps. not "non-ally" advocacy. Ally advocacy.

[As someone who struggles with sometimes (often?) takes up a lot of space, I can attest to the power of circles to remind us to listen 90% of the time!

been very lucky to witness a few of the Visioning Bear sessions

AHO!

Is the Walking in Balance with All Our Relations indigenous program available for other tribal programs to use?

thank you, both!

It will be very soon.

What is ONE action you plan to take?

Be culturally competent and colored blind.

We are planning a "soft" copyright

community involvement..

Please don't be color blind... That's like saying people of color don't exist.

I like color aware :)

Support culturally

Appropriate and community based practices, don't come in and play the expert, let the people teach you from the expertise of their experience and life

Reach out to the Indian community and "ask" then just listen.

Reciprocity in research and work (already a process), and remain cognizant of my role as an ally.

Advocating to all that will listen!

Respect the collective wisdom of each community and be willing to learn from those who are different from you.

Incorporating the history of colonization into CSA prevention with aboriginal communities (Australia)

Setting aside our own personal issues, stereotypes, and beliefs to open ourselves to truly listen to the survivors we work with.

Storytelling to bring awareness to the forefront of discussions within the culture and communities

This was validating of what I'm currently doing, thanks very much. I'd like to stay connected to the curriculum in discussing right now

Thank you!

Creating a greater focus on educating the community as to how to accept and respond positively and supportively to those who come forward with abuse they have experienced AND educating community as to how to send messages that perpetration will not be accepted or tolerated

I know we have a small tribe in our community, but a VERY small tribe, no reservation or anything that I am aware of. I plan on checking into this tribe to see if I can offer some educational information specific to their community.

Yes... Questions and listening!!! Very powerful!!!!

and yes, I agree about the power of story... more story sharing here would be inspiring and powerful

What is your takeaway from today's web conference?

The Power of Patience and; Listening! Thank You ;0)

Great Idea!

Don't horde knowledge! Share it.

The strength of these great women leaders who have survived the colonial oppression and are thriving and leading

Can you put contact info in text box?

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Thank YOU!

Thank you so much for all of this information!

where's the fb link again

Thank you all very much!!

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Like Visioning BEAR Circle Intertribal Coalition on Facebook

Thank you!

Thank you. This was very interesting.

Thank you :)

Thank you!

Thank you for the information and education.

Thank you all!

Thanks so much for the information!

Thank you!

thank you~

thank you

Thank you for sharing the information!

YOU are amazing!

Excellent information thank you.

Thank you

Is there an option to get a contact list?

thank you

Thank you!!!!

I am sorry we do not send contact lists for these sessions

OK...thanks for letting me know...

Will you post the chat log?

Yes - I will

please and Thank you :)

Thank you for the information. It was very informative!