



Walking in balance with all our relations: Leadership from and partnerships with Indigenous communities to end gender- based violence and restore wellbeing

**Thursday September 9, 2021
11 AM-12:30 PM PT/2-3:30 PM ET**

*In this web conference, we asked people to introduce themselves with a place they call home and an ancestor. To protect the privacy of our participants, any ancestors named with full names have been given initials.

TV: You can download the PowerPoint slides for this session here:
<http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Walking-in-balance-with-all-our-relations-September-2021-PreventConnect-slides-1.pdf>

TV: You can find your Indigenous lands here <https://native-land.ca/>

TV: Joy Harjo is a Native American musician, playwright, author, and United States Poet Laureate. This song is called Red Dreams from the album "Red Dreams, A Trail Beyond Tears".

TV: Sogorea Te' Land Trust: <https://sogoreate-landtrust.org/public-education>

TV: Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy, What Good is a Land Acknowledgement:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WgxfugOtAY>

DP: May we have a copy of the Intention from Lisa?

LF: Absolutely, Demetrius!

TV: As an introduction, please share your name, a place you consider home, and one ancestor.

OP-OO/ Igbo, Nigeria West Africa.

FB: Dominican Republic

FB: Grandmother

KG-Kiikaapoi lands: Chicago (Kiikapoi land), my grandma Ellie

KF-Cowlitz: *Confederated Tribes of Siletz "Indians" is their chosen name, not my personal word choice.

CW: Peru – Parents

VC: Maryland, El Salvador, Salome

KNM-Potawatomi: Grandmother. I'm at home with mi familia!

KL: New Albany, IN, Grandmother.

K: Massawomeck Territory (Winchester, VA), Grandparents.

AC-Tipecanoe Territory: West Lafayette, IN, Auntie

ET: Fresno/ Grandma-MGV <3

AC- Lənape Haki-nk territory: Delaware, my Grandmothers

SP: Decatur, IL joining with my grandma JS

J- Lenni Lenape Nanticoke: South Jersey, LW

GF- Coahuiltecan and Karankawa: Accra, Ghana West Africa and somewhere in Texas (paternal great grandfather was Native American)

NS: from Chicago (Kiikapoi), my mother

M - Nanticoke lands: currently living in Dover DE (Nanticoke lands), my ancestors are from the United Kingdom, family names are Button, O'Brien and MacLachlan clan.

BC-Tiwa Land: Tiwa Land/ Angel my younger brother

MH-Mvskoke: My entire family, Hungary, Europe.

TS: Wheatfields, Arizona, Grandfather (Chei).

KB-Susquehannock: Grandmother, IB - Wichita, Kansas.

RML: Oklahoma, My grandmother.

DT: Mone, Florence NJ and my grandmother Rosetta.

BMS: Columbus, Halferty, Lambs, Herricks, Malchus

ATG-Oceti Šakowin Land: Home is wherever my family is. An ancestor is my late Grandma Joan.

BAG: Fresno, Grandmother

KF-Cowlitz: Vancouver, WA on Cowlitz land, Great Aunt Gertrude

AK-Wôpanâak (Wampanoag) Territory, Day One: Good Afternoon, my name is AK home is Providence, RI (but I've been a nomad most of my life), and I'd like to honor my grandfather and fellow former social worker, who passed recently, PK

A: Plains Miwok land" my home is with my animals, and bringing my grandfather into this space who I just connected with this week through an article written about him. He's been gone for decades, but this was the closest I have ever felt!

ST: Iowa, my beautiful Mother

RC- Acjachemen, OC CaliforniaOrange, California, My Abuela Lupe

KC: ancestors include <https://pamunkey.org/>

AF- Anishinabewaki: Northern Wisconsin, my grandma

MBBL- Dakota land: I live on Oceti Sakowin Dakota land but my true home is on Ponca, Umonhon, & Yankton-stewarded land. I am bringing my ancestor, my great-great grandmother Barbora (Bettie) who lives through me every time I make kolache.

NV- Kiikaapoi: Kiikaapoi/ mother Judith/ mother to all.

RC-Yuhaaviatam/Maarenga'yam (Serrano): home is being around family and loved ones, great grandmother

TP: Mdewakanton:Minnesota-Family/My Late Mother, Diane & Great GrandMother, Jesse

A: Amy, they/she prounouns, born and raised in Northern Michigan. I wish to bring in my many great grandmother, SK

Y- Lenape, Miami territory: Camaguey, Cuba and Louisville, KY is home currently in West Lafayette, Indiana. My late grandmother

LS: Hello! she/her living in Santa Fe NM on stolen land from Picuris Pueblo, I would like to call my Jewish grandmother, JK-

VG-Wahpekute and Očhéthi Šakówiŋ territory: I move a lot, so I'm most at home with myself and in the company of friends. Professor and Astronomer MM is one of my ancestors. She is the first known person in America to have discovered a comet

SNS- Nisenan Territory: California, MCS: great grandmother.

J - Chumash Territory: Hi everyone. Janae (she/they) currently living on Northern Chumash land on the Central California coast. Home for me is the Redwoods of Northern California. I would like to honor my grandmother, ES. The woman who raised me - strongest woman I know, took no sh*t and showed compassion to everyone around her.

MS - Washoe Territory: Nevada. I invite my Grandmothers in this space, they have shown me strength and held me when I didn't have any until I was strong enough to walk again.

CM-Wahkepupe Territory: home is Minneapolis (Dakota land), grandmother Marjorie who is in between worlds in her journey during this moment.

DH: Nuwubi (Southern Paiute): Gilroy, CA is considered home, where my grandmother, Adela influenced my life.

DC: onfederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, two ancestors include my mom and all indigenous with military service current and past

JF-Shakori & Lumbee Territory: Hello Everyone, my name is Jordan, the place I currently call home is Durham, NC, and an ancestor I bring into this space is my uncle Mike who passed from Aids and showed me what strength and resilience is

MPG- Pawtucket Territory: Molly, she/her, Pawtucket and Massa-adchu-es-et

land, home in Framingham, MA- when I am with my family, ancestor is my grandpa Marvin who helps me feel rooted to the earth

JC Embrae Southern Anishinaabe (Ojibwa: Northern WI and I'd like to welcome my dad :)

TV: Tori (she/her). Home for me is the West Coast, with my parents south of me in California and my sister north in Washington. I'm calling my late grandmothers, the matriarchs on both sides of my family and the generational blueprint of independent women.

CWE- eno/occoneechee: Durham North Carolina, I call on my great grandmother.

YN, Pokanoket, Nipmuc and Niantic: Hola! My grandmother who was the heart and soul of the family.

BUM- Huichen Ohlone Lands: living in Huichen areas in Ohlone Lands (aka Oakland, CA). An ancestor I bring here is Uta, my grandmother, my mother's mother who died when mom was just 13, just before Japanese American incarceration "camp". I was named for this grandma/ ancestor with gratitude across our generations... (intergenerational. Thank you Strong Oak! You ARE our intergenerational leader

A-Plains Miwok land: Lisa you sound a lot more clear right now!!

TP-Mdewakanton: I can hear

DM: Sounds better

TV: Share any questions or comments you have for Strong Oak at any time.

A-Plains Miwok land: Learn more about LEAP: <https://www.valor.us/leap/> Cohort 8 applications are open now.

OO/He/Igbo Nigeria: Home for me NGWA, my native indigenous land, that's

where I was brought up by my poor parents of blessed memory. My mother is my Pride. I'm also calling my grandfather and mother great matriarchs. Through them my mother and father taught me Igbo values, culture and life traditions. I believe in the nature and strength of the land(Ala) and sun, these are two pillars of our cultural value.

KC: born in the Andes region of Ecuador, mestizo-indigenous from the Kichwa community of Isinvili, Chimborazo, descendant of the Incas. Adopted by Kichwa of the Napo regions of the Amazon. Currently living in the land of the Ute, Arapaho and Cheyenne, Boulder, Colorado.

MBBL- Dakota land: Strong Oak, how do we get this message through to the greatest harm-doers in our time, when so often their ears are closed or they don't care about the harm they're doing? It feels like an impossible task to speak to people who are unwilling to listen.

KF-Cowlitz: Who can sign up to take this curriculum? I'm an advocate at YWCA, and I so want to learn more!

J - Chumash Territory: ^^ I second Kate's question! How can we go about bringing practices like this into our orgs and communities?

TV: Text Chat Question: What is resonating for you about what Strong Oak has shared about Visioning B.E.A.R.'s values and practices?

DM: I would also like to learn more. I am a domestic violence child welfare advocate, representing a Domestic Violence Shelter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

TP: Mdewakanton: MANY things that Strong Oak is sharing are resonating with me. Taking lots of notes. Thank you for sharing your Wisdom, Strong Oak :)

FB: please keep going!

AC- Lənape Haki-nk territory: How it takes a ceremony to address generational pain.

BUM- Huichen Ohlone Lands: Thank you so much Strong Oak for being, doing, Visioning BEAR and sharing through such wise, thoughtful, and true, deep talk story!

SP: Much gratitude to Strong Oak for he sharing her wisdom.

FB: Please share more of the Wiping of the Tears Ceremony

TP-Mdewakanton: Would like to hear more about the Wiping of tears ceremony

LF: My apologies for my sound challenges :)

RC-Yuhaaviatam/Maarenga'yam (Serrano): All the values are amazing. The ones that I am reflecting on the most is empathy, wisdom, and peace/justice. Also, the perspective of coming from a space of love and understanding intergenerational impacts. Thank you for sharing this information.

BMS: Thinking about evaluating outer level sem - community level These evaluation questions seem to touch on community connectiveness.

K: Yes, thank you Strong Oak!

KC: How do you navigate or work when offenders or people who hold colonial frameworks continue to say or behave violently during a TJ circle?

KNM-Potawatomi: Strong Oak is an amazing leader. Thank you Strong Oak for sharing your wisdom and insight with us.

TV: At any time feel free to send comments or questions to Hillarie in the chat.

TV: Safety Through Connection:

<https://www.preventioninstitute.org/projects/safety-through-connection-engaging-multisector-collaboratives-promote-safe-relationships>

VM Pawtucket/Massa-adchu-es-et land: I have to leave for another meeting, but have found this session inspiring. I hope we can share a recording of this session with colleagues, but understand if that is not possible. Thank you, Strong Oak and Hillary.

TV: The recording of this web conference will be available on our website, and all who are registered will receive an email when the recording is ready. Please do share the recording!

OO/He/Igbo Nigeria: Hillarie! great work you're doing.

SOL- Mahican territory: Thank you Hilary for this approach and information. Inspiring

SOL- Mahican territory: Hillarie, such important work.

DT: thank you Hilarie

DK: Thanks Hillarie and all! We are doing similar work in Alaska and its not easy

OO/He/Igbo Nigeria: I am wondering if your equity justice and community engagement also targets indigenous special needs communities. if yes, how did you engage them

SOL- Mahican territory: Love the collaborations that you have built on several levels.

GSG: Hillarie thanks a lot for sharing , not easy all what you do!!

SP: I am wondering how you have engaged people with disabilities in all of your work,

SOL- Mahican territory: Good question

DM: Thank you for all of your collaborative efforts to bring equality and justice to the forefront.

BUM- Huichen Ohlone Lands: Thank you Hillarie for sharing your story and journey to honor and (re)center original people and communities. Building trust and system change from historically marginalized to centering race + gender equity, in communities and honoring the lands. Thank you!

TV: Text Chat Question: Does your organization partner with Indigenous leaders or organizations or engage in other activities to work in solidarity with Indigenous communities?

GP- Seminole Land: I don't believe so, not sure.

RML: I'm not sure.

M- Nanticoke lands: Unfortunately no. I'm receiving a little push back regarding spending funds with the tribe. The perception is that they receive dedicated funding.

CR: Yes, we work with a robust community of stakeholders, where these relationships are paramount.

KG-Kiikaapoi lands: We don't, but I'm hoping to change that.

MM-Tocobaga and Seminole Territory: Not to my knowledge.

DK: Question: Yes for sure! we have many indigenous employees... However we are constantly rooting out colonized ways of thinking and working..."don't do anything for us without us".

J - Chumash Territory: Do you have suggestions for organizations trying to make that first step but having a hard time making connections? How can they put in that intentional work from a culturally competent way and build partnerships?

CM-Wahkepupe Territory: I work at a research public health non-profit. We contract with indigenous-led evaluation firms on research/evaluation projects.

A: Our org works very closely with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians helping with those dealing with IPV/DV and SA, both native and non-native

KF-Cowlitz: LOVE that quote Doug!

BMS: I don't believe so. 1) no federally recognized indigenous nations. 2) There has been infrequent outreach to the community centers.

MBBL- Dakota land: We don't- I'd like us to and I'm not sure how to start.

BUM- Huichen Ohlone Lands: Gathering Strength Collective works closely and deeply with Tewa Women United, in Tewa lands (New Mexico). Part of a support team in Tewa, creating and growing tribal, local, state, and national circle fox and orgs.

RML: Thank you so much for sharing this space with us. Unfortunately, I have to sign off...thanks again.

DP: Thank you for your courage, Hillary.

DK: Land acknowledgements are very important:)

TV: Congrats on completing your MPH, Zack!

DK: Wonderful Zack...Appreciate you and your words.

MBBL- Dakota land: Zack, we are seeing the intersection of violence against land & violence against women here in MN, too, with Line 3. Pipeline construction and oil extraction brings with it higher rates of sexual assault and human trafficking.

A: We are seeing the same thing with Line 5 in MI

LF: Thanks for making that connection, Mary Beth! I've been following and supporting the Stop Line 3 campaign and visited the Welcome Water Protector Center.

TP: Mdewakanton:Mary Beth Baker...thank you for sharing that. So much truth in it!!!

MBBL- Dakota land: Yes, Lisa! Winona and Honor the Earth have been doing incredible work up there. And so many protectors on the front lines are women...the connection makes itself!

DP: Each year, the National Urban League publishes a socio-economic status report called, State of Black America. Is there a similar report for AI/AN/NH Peoples?

TV: As we wrap up our conversation, what are you compelled to do as a result of what you have learned today?

LF: I will continue to learn about and show up to work on intersectional struggles here in Oakland/Ohlone lands.

DP: Be more aware of challenging myself in those afraid or nervous moments by realizing I'm in the right place.

DM: Will you be able to provide a certificate for our Webinar today?

AK- Wôpanâak (Wampanoag) Territory, Day One: I'm compelled to learn more about the priorities of indigenous communities in my area, and to reflect more about "ownership" especially ownership of other's time as a member of middle management.

TV: @Diane, yes. A certificate is available at the end of the survey. You'll receive an email to the survey shortly after the web conference ends.

DK: I will carry these people and their strength in my heart and us them to carry our work on decolonization forward.

TV: "We really need to be in equity with each other." Thank you, Strong Oak!

MS: Thank you so very much for this conference!

DM: I acknowledge and honor your work in this time and space.

K: Just really carrying forward the connection and root of violence being in money, capitalism, and the notion of ownership to consent....

AK-Wôpanâak (Wampanoag) Territory, Day One: Hillarie's comment about expecting people to workers to treat the people they are serving as "humans" when their own human dignity is not recognized in their own role is really sitting with me too.

CM-Wahkepute Territory: So grateful for this webinar. Thank you all for these lessons.

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TV: You can find your Indigenous lands here <https://native-land.ca/>

TV: 2018 Humboldt County Community Health Assessment:
<https://humboldtgov.org/DocumentCenter/View/71701/2018-Community-Health-Assessment-PDF>

TV: McKinleyville Family Resource Center community collaborative baseline report
<http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FINAL-MARE-Baseline-Report.pdf>

TV: Using an Indigenous Circle Process for Evaluation (Podcast)- Visioning B.E.A.R. and NSVRC: <https://visioningbear.org/2021/06/15/using-an-indigenous-circle-process-for-evaluation-national-sexual-violence-resource-center-podcast/>

LF: Thank you so much to Wil for covering for me as I experienced sound challenges :)

K: Many thanks to all those involved in bringing this conference to us today.

GP- Seminole Land: Thank you!

SP: Really appreciate the insights and wisdom shared today.

TP: Mdewakanton:Thank you, Everyone!!!

AK-Wôpanâak (Wampanoag) Territory, Day One: Thank you for all your thoughtful comments and wisdom!

LS: thanks to everyone for this wonderful shared space

CW: Thank you very much! Very inspiring !

Obi Onyeigwe/He/Igbo Nigeria: thanks All

JF-Shakori & Lumbee Territory:thank you all so much

BUM- Huichen Ohlone Lands: Thank you so much! Great gratitude to Lisa, Strong Oak, Will, Ashleigh, Tory and all!

DM: Thanks to everyone for your hard work and dedication!

LF: Thank you everyone! take good care!

SB: Thank you very much!

DT: THANK YOU ALL

GF: Thank you!

TP-Mdewakanton: Thank you everyone. TTake care!

LF: Thank you Beckie!

SNS- Nisenan Territory: Thank you, everyone!