Conference Purpose:
This 2-day national meeting will include American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal and urban Indian alcohol program staff; Indian Health Service (IHS) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) program personnel; and State alcohol and substance abuse block grant officials for the purpose of developing discussions, recommendations, and identifying opportunities for collaboration and coordination in the interest of alcohol and substance abuse treatment and prevention in Indian communities.

Conference Sponsors:
This is a collaborative effort among the IHS and SAMHSA’s CSAT and CSAP.

Conference Goals:
• To provide a forum for collaborating and networking among representatives of Tribal, State, and Federal governments; Tribal and urban Indian alcohol and substance abuse programs; IHS and SAMHSA (CSAT/CSAP) programs; and State alcohol and substance abuse block grant officials.
• To provide a forum for celebrating sobriety and wellness in our communities.
• To share “What Works” and to highlight evidence-based programs.
• To align the planning of this and previous collaborative meetings and Federal plans with the National Strategic Plan on AI/AN Alcohol and Substance Abuse developed through Tribal consultation in 2002.

Planned Conference Topics:
• Plenary Sessions focusing on:
  o IHS and SAMHSA Initiatives
  o Traditional Native Healing and Medicine
  o Exemplary Programs Working in Our Communities
  o Emerging Treatment Challenges of Methamphetamines, Oxycontin, and Other Substances
  o Communities in Recovery
• Workshops focusing on:
  o IHS and SAMHSA Priorities
  o Funding Opportunities
  o Data, Data Management, and Evaluation
  o Suicide in Relation to Substance Abuse
  o Licensure and Certification Updates in Treatment and Prevention
  o Prevention Strategies That Work in Tribal Communities
Planned Conference Events:
- Opening Ceremonies, Exhibitors, and Vendors
- Keynote Addresses From the IHS and SAMHSA Directors and Tribal Leaders
- Opportunities to Network
- Special Sessions To Develop Recommendations on National Alcohol and Substance Abuse Issues Affecting American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

Targeted Conference Participants:
- Tribal and Urban Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs
- Single State Agency Directors
- State Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Directors and Staff
- CSAT and CSAP Tribal and Indian Grantees

Limited Exhibit Opportunities:
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The hotel is located approximately 8 miles/15 minutes from the San Diego Airport. Transportation options from the San Diego Airport to the hotel include taxi and airport shuttle. A taxi will cost approximately $15 one way, and an airport shuttle will cost approximately $10 one way. The hotel recommends “Cloud 9” Shuttle (1-800-974-8885), which operates 24 hours a day. If driving, take Grand/ Garnet exit off I-5 and go west on Grand Ave., then south on Mission Blvd. If using city transit, take bus 34, 34A/B.
Conference Registration:
Kauffman and Associates, Inc., will be handling the logistics for the conference. All questions regarding the conference should be directed to Kauffman and Associates, Inc.

Please complete the IHS/SAMHSA Conference Registration Form below and mail, fax, or e-mail by Friday, June 6, 2003, to:

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