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Indian Health Service Conference Bulletin



“Expanding Partnerships to Meet Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Challenges in
American Indian and Alaska Native Communities”

And

The Indian Health Service National Behavioral Health Conference

June 8-10, 2004

San Diego, CA

Sponsored by the Indian Health Service,
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, the
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Center for Mental Health Services of the
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Conference Purpose:

This 3-day national meeting will include a wide array of behavioral health programs and activities for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal (AI/AN) and urban Indian behavioral health staff; Indian Health Service (IHS) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) 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 behavioral health treatment and prevention in Indian communities. This year there will also be attendance by and contributions from Canada, First Nations, and Inuit programs.

Conference Sponsors:

This is a collaborative effort among the IHS and SAMHSA’s CSAT, CSAP, and CMHS.

Conference Goals:

- To continue to provide a forum for collaborating and networking among representatives of Tribal, State, and Federal governments; Tribal and urban Indian alcohol, substance abuse, and behavioral health programs; IHS and SAMHSA (CSAT/CSAP/CMHS) programs; and State alcohol and substance abuse block grant officials.

- To provide a forum for celebrating wellness in our communities, and leadership in recovery.
- To share “What Works” and to highlight evidence-based programs.
- To demonstrate how we can positively influence our people and communities to live successful lives.
- To align the planning of this and previous collaborative meetings.
- To highlight border issues, share and exchange global concerns and innovative solutions to common behavioral health problems.

Planned Conference Topics:

- Plenary Sessions focusing on:
 - IHS and SAMHSA Initiatives
 - Traditional Native Healing and Medicine
 - Exemplary Programs Working In Our Communities
 - Emerging Treatment Challenges of Methamphetamines, Oxycontin, and Other Substances
 - Other Federal Agencies’ Collaborative Efforts Addressing Substance Abuse Issues
 - Health Canada, First Nations, and Inuit Programs and Approaches
- Workshops focusing on:
 - IHS and SAMHSA Priorities
 - Funding Opportunities
 - Data, Data Management, and Evaluation
 - Suicide
 - Behavioral Health Interventions
 - Substance Abuse Treatment Strategies
 - Prevention Strategies That Work in Tribal Communities
 - Understanding Tribal Governments, Urban Programs, and Indian Organizations
 - Research/Trends on American Indian and Alaska Native Substance Abuse
 - “Program Academy” for Developing Tribal Behavioral Health Programs

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
- Meeting space and time for specialty and professional groups/organizations

Targeted Conference Participants:

- Tribal and Urban Behavioral Health Programs
- Indian Health Service behavioral health personnel
- Single State Agency Directors
- State Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Directors and Staff
- CSAT, CSAP and CMHS Tribal and Indian Grantees
- AI/AN Youth and Consumers
- Other Federal Government Agencies

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:

www.kauffmaninc.com

Please register online at: If you are unable to access the online registration please call the Barbara Aragon at (509) 747-4994.

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