Conference Purpose:
This 3-day national conference 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) program personnel; and State alcohol and substance abuse block grant officials, tribal leaders and traditional healers 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. This conference will also be held in conjunction with the annual IHS Behavioral Health conference. In addition, special interest meetings will be held on Monday, June 27, 2005 and Friday, July 1, 2005.

Planned Conference Activities:
§ Opening Ceremonies, Exhibitors, and Vendors;
§ Keynote Addresses From the IHS, SAMHSA Directors, State and Tribal Leaders;
§ Networking meetings and opportunities;
§ Presentations on Integrating culture into treatment and prevention; and
§ Special Sessions To Develop Recommendations on National and State Alcohol and Substance Abuse Issues affecting American Indian and Alaska Native Communities.

Targeted Conference Participants:
§ Tribal and Urban Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs;
§ Tribal leaders;
§ Medical Providers;
§ Traditional Healers;
§ 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; and
§ Other Federal Government Agencies.
Planned Conference Topics:

- **Plenary Sessions focusing on:**
  - IHS and SAMHSA Initiatives;
  - Traditional Native Healing and Medicine;
  - Exemplary Programs Working In Our Communities;
  - Emerging Treatment Issues and Challenges; and
  - Federal/state and tribal Collaborative Efforts Addressing Substance Abuse Issues.

- **Workshops focusing on:**
  - IHS and SAMHSA Priorities;
  - Funding Opportunities;
  - Data, Data Management, and Evaluation;
  - Suicide in Relation to Substance Abuse;
  - 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;
  - Public Safety; and
  - Primary Care.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs):

The following disciplines will have CEUs available at this conference:

- MDs and RNs;
- Social Workers;
- Substance Abuse Counselors;
- Psychologists; and
- Family Therapists.

This is a collaborative effort between the Indian Health Service and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The IHS Clinical Support Center is an accredited Sponsor.
HOTEL INFORMATION:

The conference site is the Hyatt Regency Islandia Hotel and Marina. For your convenience, we recommend all participants stay at this hotel. Click on the button below to reserve your room at the host hotel. You can also call the hotel directly at 1-888-421-1442.

Overflow hotel:

If the room block at the host hotel is full, you can stay at our designated overflow hotel, The Dana on Mission Bay. The room rate for The Dana is $129 for single or double rooms. Contact the hotel directly to make your room reservation.

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