



Youth Suicide Prevention: Putting our Minds Together
A Think Tank Discussion on Research and Practice Implications for
Native Youth Suicide Prevention

Sponsored by National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center, National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), and Georgetown University National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health

NCAI Mid-Year Session: Kewadin Convention Center, Spruce Room
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
Sunday, June 18, 2006

Proposed Meeting Goals:

- Convene experts and contribute to an analysis of the landscape of Native youth suicide prevention knowledge, research, and policy issues and gaps.
- Identify opportunities to support the existing work and for coordination and collaboration of scholars and practitioners.
- Identify barriers in moving existing work forward and strategies to address them.
- Inform the agenda of and identify resources (i.e. faculty, knowledge/data, appropriate pre-work) for the *2007 American Indian and Alaska Native Policy Summit on Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Healing*.

9:00 am Invocation

Welcome

President Joe Garcia, National Congress of American Indians

Jackie Johnson, Executive Director, NCAI and Co-Chair, NCAI Policy

Research Center Advisory Council

Don Milligan, Executive Board Member, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Facilitators: Terry Cross, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association and Member, NCAI Policy Research Center Advisory Council and Sarah Hicks, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

9:30 am Participant Introductions

10:00 am Research and Practitioner Presentations: What We Know

- What youth suicide prevention work are you/your organization engaged in?
- What practice or research findings can you share about youth suicide prevention?
- How does your youth suicide prevention work relate to the other core work in which you/your organization engaged?
- How is your youth suicide prevention work funded?
- What gaps in youth suicide prevention knowledge can you identify? What future work is necessary?

• *Jacqueline Mercier, Executive Director, Native American Rehabilitation Association*

• *Dale Walker, Director, One Sky Center, Oregon Health & Science University*

• *Dr. Paulette Running Wolf, Project Manager, Kauffman Associates*

• *Clayton Small, Trainer/Facilitator, Accessing Native American Training*

• *Dr. Theresa Laframboise, Associate Professor of Education, Stanford University*

12:00 pm Lunch (on your own)

- 1:30 pm Research and Practitioner Presentations: What We Know
- *Dolores Subia Bigfoot, Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center*
 - *Dr. Candace Fleming, Director, Circles of Care Evaluation Technical Assistance Center*
 - *Holly Echo-Hawk, Senior Mental Health Consultant, National Indian Child Welfare Association*
- 2:30 pm Participant Discussion and Implications for 2007 Policy Summit
- What key topics must be addressed during the Summit?
 - What data is available?
 - Who do you think would be premier tribal faculty on the topics of youth suicide prevention or intervention?
 - Are there “must-read” articles about suicide prevention or intervention we need to include? What curriculum resources can be shared?
 - What pre-work might be appropriate for the participating tribal delegations?
 - How can we best address any trauma anxiety that emerges during the Summit proceedings?
 - How do you think we could best share the results of the Summit with broader Indian Country after the event is over?
- 3:30 pm Adjourn