

STATE-TRIBAL OPIOID AND METHAMPHETAMINE PREVENTION SUMMIT

Keeping Communities Safe & Healthy

October 21 & 22 2024

Law Enforcement Training Center
1303 E. Highway 14, Pierre, SD

AGENDA

DAY 1

12:30 PM WELCOME & PRAYER

12:45 PM LET TOUR

1:45 PM LAW ENFORCEMENT PANEL

3:15 PM BREAK & NETWORKING (REFRESHMENTS SERVED)

3:35 PM SOUTH DAKOTA FUSION CENTER

SPEAKER: PAUL NEIDRINGHAUS

Paul Niedringhaus joined the South Dakota Department of Public Safety in January of 2019 when he was hired as the Director of the Fusion Center. Prior to this he spent 26 years with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office in Sioux Falls where he spent his 18 years as the Commander of the Investigation Division and SWAT team. After his retirement from the Sheriff's Office, he was the Director of Metro Communication's for two years leading the largest 911 center in the State. Paul is a lifelong South Dakota native and is a graduate of Augustana University with a BA in Criminal Justice.

4:10 PM MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS COORDINATOR

SPEAKER: ALLISON MORRISETTE

4:50 PM DAY ONE CLOSING REMARKS



AGENDA

DAY 2

8:30 AM WELCOME BACK: INTRO TO DAY 2 (COFFEE & ROLLS SERVED)

8:50 AM INDIGENOUS IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT

SPEAKER: GENE TYON

Gene is the Executive Director of Oaye Luta Okolakiciye (Moving Forward in a Sacred Way). He is a father, uncle, and grandfather from Oglala, SD, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Gene currently lives in Rapid City, SD, in the spiritual homeland of the Black Hills. He believes in assisting those struggling with addiction to recognize the historical and intergenerational trauma intensifying their current traumatic issues affecting their decision-making. The Oaye Luta Okolakiciye program demonstrates an Indigenous approach to substance abuse addiction and mental health management. The program is effective with a 12-week program including 6-Lakota protocol ceremonies reconnecting traditional values and enhancing identity development. For more information, please visit oayeluta.org.

9:30 AM FAMILIES FACING ADDICTION/SUPPORT GROUP PANEL

SPEAKER: MEGAN COLWELL

Megan Colwell is Face It TOGETHER's Director of Community Engagement. She's responsible for engaging new partners and referral programs in a range of communities and sectors. She also helps raise awareness of Face It TOGETHER's services, including free coaching that has been made available through various grants. Additionally, Megan manages the onboarding process for all new coaching members, educating them on the process and matching them with the best-fitting coach. Megan has spent nearly 10 years in the nonprofit industry. During her time as Executive Director of the March of Dimes, she oversaw fundraising, relationship management and overall operations throughout North Dakota and South Dakota. She has a bachelor's degree in mass communications from the University of South Dakota and extensive experience traveling throughout the Midwest to create meaningful partnerships. A resident of Brandon, SD, Megan loves spending time with her family. More often than not, you can find them all at a baseball game.

SPEAKER: RANDI SCHNEIDER

Randi Schneider is a dedicated and compassionate social worker with a commitment to fostering positive change in individuals and communities. With a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, a master's degree in social work from the University of South Dakota and over two decades of hands-on experience, Randi has honed her skills in addressing complex social issues and providing comprehensive support to individuals, families, and couples. Randi has previously worked in advocacy, grant management, long-term care, and most recently in a community mental health center. She has led the Behavioral Health team at Project Recovery since 2023 and also teaches a graduate course in social work at USD. When she's not working Randi can be found with her husband, six children, and breaking hearts on the pickleball court.



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DAY 2 CONTINUED

10:30 AM BREAK & NETWORKING

10:50 AM PROMOTING SYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE USING THE SAMHSA TOR FUNDING MECHANISM

SPEAKER: FAVIAN KENNEDY

For the past 20 years, Favian Kennedy has worked alongside a cadre of other public health professionals to develop research capacity and increase public health and behavioral health infrastructure within tribal communities in the Northern Plains. Mr. Kennedy has led projects that aimed to: 1. Monitor key health indicators through health surveillance and secondary analysis of population-based data; 2. Improve the reliability and efficacy of public health and behavioral health interventions through the promotion of evidence-based practices; 3. Use evaluation data to inform continuous quality improvement; and 4. Promote the implementation of public health policies demonstrated to increase health status. Mr. Kennedy's primary research interests include sociocultural dimensions of health; elucidating population health and risk factors; consequences of social stratification, and population-based health surveillance. Mr. Kennedy has served as the principal investigator and provided technical support for a number of surveillance studies including the American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey (AI-ATS), Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), and Community Health and Wellbeing Survey (CHWS).

11:30 AM DAKOTA TEACHINGS SUPPORT WELLNESS & RECOVERY FROM OPIOID USE DISORDERS

SPEAKER: JEAN NAHOMNI MANI

Jean M. Nahomni Mani is Dakota from Hunkpati Oyate located on the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Working for Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board, Jean coordinates the RCORP grant on Opioid Use Disorder and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. Jean coordinates monthly support groups, and presentations on awareness of opioid addiction, treatment for individuals and support for the recovery process for families, and communities. She provides monthly support groups for Dakhóta Woyawapi Omníčiye (book club), weekly Dakota Iapi (language) support group, and sewing classes for ribbon skirts. Jean also works with young women for the Išnáthi Wóečhuŋ (Coming of Age ceremony) and Dakota naming ceremonies. Jean has her Associate of Arts in Creative Writing from Mesa Community College and Bachelor of Arts from Arizona State University in English. Jean's interests include writing Dakota children story books and mystery novels with Native American characters. Jean is a Northern Plains traditional dancer.

12:10 PM CLOSING REMARKS

