SAVE THE DATE: JULY 28 – 30, 2025
3rd ANNUAL LAC DU FLAMBEAU CULTURAL EVENT

Connecting Tribal Communities Harm Reduction Framework Overview

Harm reduction acknowledges the reality of drug use and prioritizes compassion and life preservation. It aims to reduce stigma, discrimination, and punitive responses, particularly for Native Americans, Indigenous, and People of Color. Partnering with harm reduction organizations fosters positive attitudes, reduces stigma, and enhances community well-being.

Centered Seven Generation Directions: Serves as a guiding Harm Reduction framework for Indigenous public health strategies, honoring the interconnectedness of life, family, and community. They include:

1. **Integration: Holistic Wellness -** Fostering connections to integrate public health and healthcare systems.

2. **Cultural & Identity -** Reclaiming, revitalizing, and reaffirming Native cultural heritage.

3. **Families & Communities -** Supporting family and community well-being by creating healthy environments.

4. **Respect for Sovereignty -** Advocating for policies that protect the health of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.

5. **Service -** Strengthening and expanding the public health workforce within Native communities.

6. **Indigenous Knowledge -** Using meaningful data and information to guide decision-making.

7. **Spiritual Connection -** Recognizing the importance of spirituality in health and well-being.

This framework is deeply rooted in Indigenous teachings, emphasizing cultural identity, holistic healing, and intergenerational knowledge. Programs like the **Lac du Flambeau Family Circles AODA Traditional Parenting Program** apply these principles in practice by integrating Ojibwe language, storytelling, and elder teachings to address substance abuse and strengthen families.

Approach - Incorporating cultural teachings into prevention and healing as a harm reduction indicator.

Agenda

Day 1 – Monday, July 28, 2025
Travel

Day 2 – Tuesday, July 29, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. See Agenda
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Indian Bowl

Day 3 – Wednesday, July 30, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – See agenda

**3rd ANNUAL MCW Style Tribal Symposium
"Connecting Tribal Communities Harm Reduction"**

Purpose for Overdose Prevention
Understanding Historical Trauma in Native American People and the Path to Healing

The Adapted Family Circles Program is part of a collaborative initiative between Wisconsin Tribes and Medical College Wisconsin to address the opioid crisis through culturally responsive prevention efforts. Recognizing a critical need for enhanced behavioral health workforce capacity, the project introduces an opportunity that focuses on implementing a comprehensive Train-the-Trainer (ToT) model.

The purpose of this ToT initiative is to build long-term capacity, expand workforce development, and promote sustainability in opioid overdose prevention efforts. By training local trainers and integrating lessons learned from existing Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose (PDO) prevention programs, the ToT model aims to increase tribal expertise, extend outreach in tribal communities, and embed durable training tribal frameworks into future prevention programming.

Objectives:
• Participants will gain knowledge about Circles as an evidence-based practice.
• Participants will learn about Tribes of Wisconsin and sovereignty, substance use and misuse prevention, harm reduction, and Naloxone administration and resources.
• Participants will gain skills facilitating Circles, using a Tribal worldview, related to substance use and misuse prevention, harm reduction, and Naloxone administration in Tribal communities.

Training Modules:
• Foundational Materials - Family & Talking Circles
• Module 1: Overview of Tribes of Wisconsin and Tribal Sovereignty
• Module 2: Equitable Leadership & Understanding of Worldview (ToT only)
• Module 3: Substance Use: Prevention 101
• Module 4: Substance Use: Harm Reduction 101
• Module 5: Naloxone Administration
• Module 6: Naloxone Saturation Planning (ToT only)
• Module 7: Innovative Practices: Family Circles Model

8:00am – 4:30pm
Lake of the Torches Casino Resort
510 Old Abe Rd., Lac Du Flambeau, WI 54538

Travel on Monday July 28

DAY 1: Tuesday, July 29, 2025
8:00-9:00 am: Breakfast (hosted by WIITL)
9:00-9:30 am: Opening Protocol Ceremony
9:30-10:15 am: Welcome, Introductions, Goals for Training Days, Pre-Survey, & Photo Release
10:15-10:30 am: Break (breakfast foods will still be available)
10:30-12:00 pm: Foundational Materials - Family & Talking Circles
        • Introduction to Circles
        • Way of Being and Living a Good Life - Minobimaadiziiwin
        • Core Elements of Circles
        • Facilitator Role
12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch (hosted by WIITL) & Break
1:00-2:30 pm: Trainer Modules (1 & 2), Facilitation Tips
        • Overview of Tribes of Wisconsin and Tribal Sovereignty
        • Equitable Leadership & Understanding of Worldview
        • Facilitation Tips in the Cultural context
2:30-2:45 pm: Break
2:45-4:00-Tour of Waaawaganing
4:20 -4:30 pm: Wrap up Day 1
5:00 pm: Indian Bowl (optional cultural activity - open to the public, first come, first seated)
        • Entrance Cost: $10 per adult, food for additional purchase
        • Indian Bowl Director: Dr. Brian Jackson / Emcee: Dr. Sonny Smart

DAY 2: Wednesday, July 30, 2025

8:00-9:00 am: Opening Protocols, Review of Day, & Breakfast (hosted by WIITL)
9:00-10:30 am: Training Module
Trainer Module
        • Innovative Practices: Family Circles Program
10:30-10:45 am: Break
10:45-12:00: *The Wisdom of Trauma Film Showing*
12:00- 12:30 Lunch
12:30-1:30 Closing Circle

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GATES OPEN - 5PM // PRESHOW - 6PM // POWWOW - 6:30PM

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JUNE 17 & 18

JULY 1, 4, 8, 15, 22 & 29

AUGUST 5 & 12

ADMISSION

YOUTH 6 & UNDER	$1
YOUTH 7 - 17	$5
ADULT 18 - 54	$10
SENIOR 55+	$5
LDF TRIBAL MEMBER	$3
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