

CALL FOR
PRESENTATIONS



Healing Our Spirit Worldwide

*A World Indigenous Conference
Promoting Addiction Free Lifestyles*

July 7-11, 1992
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

INTRODUCTION

No history of the world's Indigenous Peoples is complete without including the struggle against alcohol and drug abuse, other addictions and related issues. More important is the healing movement Indigenous Peoples have created to rebuild ourselves, our families, our communities and our nations from the tragic effects of alcohol and drug abuse. "Healing Our Spirit Worldwide" will be the story of this growing momentum around the world. This first ever event will provide the forum for Indigenous Peoples to share the stories and programs of healing that continue to strengthen the foundation of our cultures. "Healing Our Spirit Worldwide" is a celebration of our cultures, the tenacity of our peoples and the revival of community spirit and action. It is the testimony to the world that Indigenous Peoples, through the strength of our cultures, are beginning to provide the leadership, creativity and spiritual guidance to the addictions field.

Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples around the world are invited to participate in the sharing of this story in the effort to provide knowledge, ideas, support, momentum and networking to all communities of Indigenous Peoples.

Many exciting features are planned for "Healing Our Spirit Worldwide" including cultural activities aimed at all ages making it a family celebration of sobriety and wellness. The conference addresses community based responsibility, action and empowerment in seeking solutions to addictions. As with any population the spirit of the individual, family, community and nation grows and strengthens from within reaching out to assist others. This is "Healing Our Spirit Worldwide". We invite you to plan to attend this celebration of healing within the global village of Indigenous Peoples.

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The major goal of "Healing Our Spirit Worldwide" is to share the work of Indigenous Peoples in the field of alcohol and drug abuse and related issues. The focus then becomes the programs of healing, from research to development to implementation, that continue to strengthen our cultures. Twenty-two sections will be held at the conference. We invite you to submit the attached application for presentation at this first ever World Indigenous Conference on Addictions. Each presentation should be 45 minutes long with an additional 10 minutes for questions. Each section will have 8 to 10 presentations.

The following are the section areas where abstracts are requested:

Alcohol and Drug Treatment (In and Out-Patient)	Community Based Recovery Programs (Employee Assistance Program's, Aftercare)
Primary Prevention & Community Development	Health Promotions for Indigenous Populations
Family Violence and Addictions	The Healing of Families
Children of Alcoholics and Co-dependency	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Addictions
Wellness Programs for Indigenous Offenders	Issues Relating to Sexuality and Sexual Abuse
Innovations in Addictions Training	Adolescent Treatment and Aftercare
Research and Development in the Indigenous Addictions Field	Solvent/Inhalant Abuse Programs
Suicide Prevention	Urban Wellness Programs for Indigenous Peoples
Government Initiatives in Addictions Programs for Indigenous Peoples	Special Target Groups (handicapped, gay, lesbian, etc.)
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects	Effects of Cultural Genocide (residential school, church, education, etc.)
Poster session on Programs for Youth	

A special section on Culture and Traditions will also be held. No abstracts are required.