



CALL FOR PRESENTERS!

American Indian / Alaska Native Evaluation Summit

WHEN: August 24-26, 2009

WHERE: Flathead Indian Reservation
Kwa Taq Nuk Resort, Polson, MT



Presentation proposals are now being sought for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's (SAMHSA/CSAP) NACE American Indian and Alaska Native Evaluation Summit. We are currently seeking researchers and evaluators to present on the following topics:

- Recently published quantitative and/or qualitative evaluations of prevention programs in American Indian and/or Alaska Native communities;
- How to solicit and weave together people's stories as an evaluation methodology in American Indian and/or Alaska Native communities and programs;
- Lessons learned from previous evaluations of prevention programs in American Indian and/or Alaska Native communities and programs;
- What constitutes "best practices" in conducting evaluation programs targeting American Indian and/or Alaska Native populations;
- Effective models of evaluation for American Indian and/or Alaska Native prevention programs;
- Indigenous models of evidence-based prevention practices;
- Ethical codes for the conduct of research in American Indian and/or Alaska Native communities and programs;
- Models of participatory action research; and
- Developing a shared vision of evaluation in Indian Country.

Summit Objectives:

- To engage the American Indian and/or Alaska Native community in a meaningful interactive dialogue that provides a focus on recognizing, developing, enhancing, and integrating evaluation in their communities and prevention programs;
- To mobilize and empower evaluators and researchers to bring about positive change and a healthy understanding of the importance of culturally sensitive evaluation in American Indian and/or Alaska Native communities and prevention programs;
- To incorporate lessons learned in the area of evaluation in American Indian and/or Alaska Native communities and prevention programs;
- To recognize past and present accomplishments in evaluation in American Indian and Alaska Native communities and prevention programs; and
- To enhance and build knowledge and opportunities for researchers and evaluators in American Indian and/or Alaska Native communities and prevention programs.

"[SAMHSA's Native American Service to Science Academies] helped me to understand the challenges faced by NACE, the contracted evaluators, SAMHSA, and the programs providing services to Indian people... it is absolutely essential that we define a method to bring these entities together."

– Anna Whiting-Sorrell, NACE Expert Panel Member and Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services for the State of Montana

A consultant fee and approved expenses will be covered for those selected to participate.

Please send your one page presentation proposal and brief bio to aernst@kauffmaninc.com

Deadline for submission of presentation proposals is Friday – July 3, 2009

For additional information contact NACE – (301) 588-6800