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AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE YOUTH
AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

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2021 OJJDP Tribal Youth National Conference

**Building the Capacity of Tribal Youth Programs and
Communities to Prevent and Reduce Juvenile Delinquency with
Two Spirit and LGBTQ Youth**

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

10:15am AKT/ 11:15am PT/ 12:15pm MT/ 1:15pm CT/ 2:15pm ET

Session Facilitators:

Lenny Hayes, Tate Topa Consulting

Daryle Conquering Bear Crow, Native American Youth and Family Center

Elicia Goodsoldier, Tribal Youth Resource Center,

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Opening in a Good Way



Setting the Tone and Reinforcing a Safe Space

Name

Native Nation(s)

Pronouns

Tell us a little about yourself

Community guidelines



Today's Facilitators

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Discussion

- Do you know the word in your language to describe someone like me?

Tribe	Term	Gender
Crow	Bote'	Male
Navajo	Nádleehí	Male & Female
Lakota	Winkte	Male
Zuni	lhamana	Male

Overrepresentation in the Justice System

- Youth of Color incarceration is double that of the general LGBTQ youth population
- Youth homelessness is a pipeline to incarceration, and vice versa
- Discrimination and stigma leads to criminalization and increased interactions with law enforcement and the juvenile justice system



Reality of Violence in the Community

- 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey
- The Status of Navajo Women and Gender Violence Report
- Erasure and Resiliency
- Indigenizing Love Toolkit
- UAKN Coming Out Stories: Two Spirit Narratives in Atlantic Canada
- Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Class 5 Recommendations Report

Resiliency

LGBTQ and Two Spirit youth demonstrate remarkable resiliency:

- **Ability to create families of choice**
- **Networks for support**
- **Often not only surviving but thriving**



How Do We help Native LGBTQ and Two Spirit Youth?

- Reality of experiencing violence - not reaching Tribal/rural communities
- Listen to young people - trust in youth resiliency, empowerment and leadership
- Acknowledge experiences and uplift voices of LGBTQ youth in foster care, (formerly) incarcerated, addiction experiences
- Create community-based alternatives to youth incarceration

How Do We Help Native LGBTQ and Two Spirit Youth?

- Youth empowerment - Create opportunities where they can share their knowledge
- Creating mentorship programs (Two Spirit Elder/Youth)
- Highlight Elders who support the Native LGBTQ community
- Role of Adults/Elders
- Responsible for teaching the language that is specific to land and cultural/spiritual aspect of identifying (roles and responsibilities) & reclaiming Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQ Youth



Addressing Biases and Assumptions

- To reduce discrimination, understand gender roles and Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQ history
- Provide accessibility for opportunities to support youth-led collective movements for social change
- Normalize discussions about consent in all aspects of our life
- Allow young people to make decisions that impact their livelihood and land
- Bring opportunities to young people to strengthen their connection to land and language through workshops and encouragement



Belonging in Community

- Belonging to the community keeps our young people grounded
- The land is at the center
- To be accepted for who we are and accepted as our full selves
- Provide the needed support when young people are seen and validated for who they are
- Improve safety of and resources available to Native LGBTQ and Two Spirit youth



Debrief and Closing

**What is one thing you are going to
take with you back to the community?**



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where Indigenous youth
thrive through traditional
lifeways.



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Closing in a Good Way





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