

# Cultural Competency Workshop Series

# 2018

**JANUARY 19**      **The Melting Pot, Multicultural Stew, and the Lone Wolf**  
Everyone knows what culture is but do we really know how it works? This session will examine the social construct of race, culture, and color in order to understand the interplay of all of these in our world today. More importantly, the session will discuss ways to transcend these concepts to strengthen our communities and our shared humanity.

**FEBRUARY 9**      **Tipi Creeping or Stalking: Indian Love and Domestic Violence**  
This session will examine traditional gender roles and views of male-female relationships among Tribal nations. The session will also discuss the historical breakdowns that led to changes in these roles and views in order to help design positive interventions that work.

**MARCH 23**      **The Teachings of our Elders: Democracy and Civil Discourse**  
Tribal nations had strong traditions of diplomacy, civil discourse, persuasive speaking. These practices were noted by Benjamin Franklin and other leaders as they framed the Constitution. This session will examine some of these early practices and how we can use them in our contemporary world.

**APRIL 20**      **How Many Grandparents do you Have? Native Relationships**  
This session will examine traditional Native familial relationships and the various forces that contributed to the breakdown of family in Tribal communities. Understanding clan systems, matriarchal/patriarchal views, and relationship systems can help professionals in their efforts to help families and youth.

**MAY 18**      **In the Best Interest: Introduction to the Indian Child Welfare Act**  
In 1978, a contingent of elders from North Dakota lobbied for the passage of a unique Congressional Act to keep their grandchildren from being unnecessarily removed. This session will examine the roots and cultural worldviews of the Indian Child Welfare Act and cover the basic essentials of the Act.

**JUNE 22**      **Sobriety & Social Connection: Native Views of Addiction & Helping**  
This session will examine some of the past and current views of addiction and its impact in Native American communities. The session will examine some of the successes and failures of interventions and how understanding cultural worldviews helps build positive practice.

**JULY 20**      **The Government-to-Government Misnomer**  
This session will examine the recent development of Tribal governments and profile the current structures in most modern Tribal nations. This session will help participants understand the cultural dynamics that influence the success or failure of inter-governmental relationships.

**AUGUST 17**      **Native American Parenting**  
This session will examine traditional Native parenting practices and worldviews that influenced child-rearing. The session will discuss the cultural meanings that support practice, the historical breakdowns that occurred, and how to help parents reclaim good parenting skills.

**SEPTEMBER 14**      **The 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Youth Panel**  
This session will feature a panel of Native youth discussing their perspectives on contemporary society, their needs in a modern world, and how to be a positive support and helper for them.

**OCTOBER 19**      **MITT and Blood Quantum**  
What does it mean to be enrolled? Is it different than being registered? Why does someone want to be enrolled or registered? These questions and more will be discussed in this session focusing on in-groups, out-groups, historical conflicts, and how enrollment impacts Native people today.



All workshops will be held at  
SPRC Board Room  
400 W. Main  
Mandan, ND

Workshops are held from  
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The cost of each workshop is  
\$50/individual

Other things to know are

- Refreshments and a light lunch are provided
- Social Work CEUs provided

To register for a workshop  
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The presenter for each session is Cheryl Ann Kary (*Hunkuotawin*). She is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from the University of Mary, as well as Master's Degrees in Management and in Business Administration. She holds a Ph.D. in Communication & Public Discourse from the University of North Dakota. In 2013, Kary was awarded a Bush Foundation fellowship under which she developed and conducted a survey of off-reservation American Indians in the Bismarck-Mandan area. This work helped her establish the Sacred Pipe Resource Center (SPRC). Kary was a 2015 OTA Builder, a 2017 Leading Ladies honoree, and a 2017 recipient of the NDHRC Arc of Justice Award. While she is an introvert by nature, Kary enjoys peopling in moderation.

