



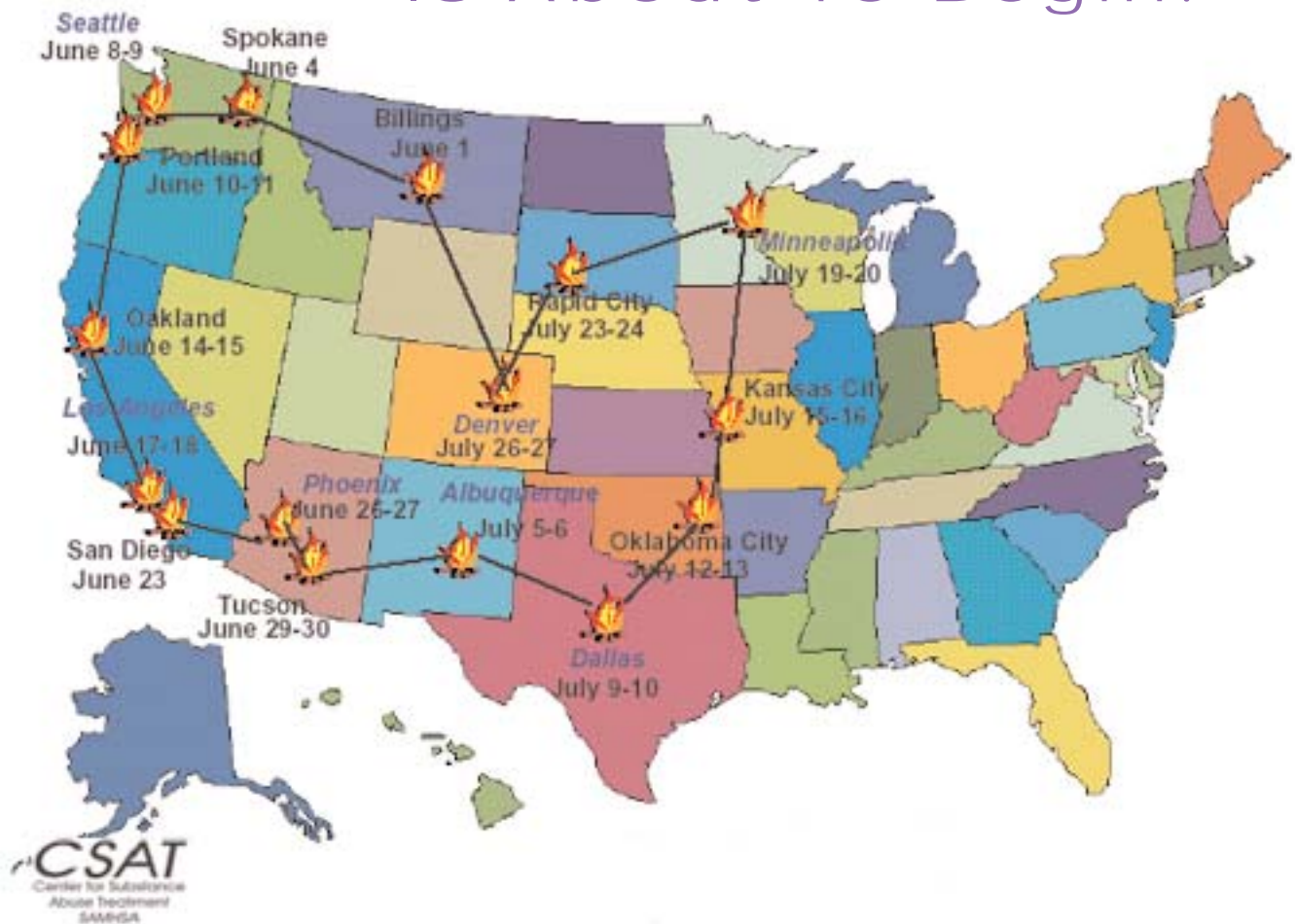
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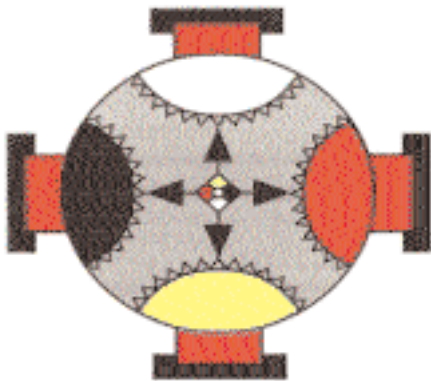
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Healing Native American Women and Children

Hoop Journey 2002, also called Hoop Journey III, travels to Native American centers in 16 cities west of the Mississippi in June and July of 2002 with the goal of **Healing Native American Women and Children.**

The 100 Eagle Feather Hoop of Nations will carry its gifts of Healing, Hope, Unity and Forgiveness on this 7000 mile Journey that also aims to put a new face on recovery. Come on out to one of the Wellbriety Days on the Journey. For dates of the Wellbriety Days in each community look at the map on the front cover of this special edition of Wellbriety! Magazine. For a listing of local coordinators see Issue # 1 of Wellbriety! Special Edition, or visit the White Bison website. **Hoop Journey 2002 is gratefully dedicated to Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa, Flying Eagle Woman.**

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O'Peqtaw-Metamoh (Flying Eagle Woman) Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa
July 31, 1957 - March 4, 1999
Dedication

White Bison is honored and proud to dedicate **The Journey of the Sacred Hoop, 2002: Healing Native American Women and Children**, to Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa, Flying Eagle Woman.

Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa and her two companions, Lahe'ena'e Gay, and Terence Freitas were murdered in Colombia in the winter of 1999 by members of Colombian terrorist guerrillas known as the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia). All three were visiting the U'wa, an indigenous nation in Colombia, when they were abducted by the FARC. Attempts by family, friends and the U.S. government to obtain their release were futile.



Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa's life and work is an inspiration for Native American women, and all Native people. She worked to spread healing through her positive energy, charismatic personality, and her radiant enthusiasm for making the world a better place. She worked to revitalize indigenous language and cultures. She was an advocate for inter-



Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa

generational collaboration—bringing all parts of the life cycle together. She worked hard helping to protect the rights of urban Indians and was the recipient of numerous awards and honors.

Ingrid was a devoted mother and wife. Her son Maehkiw-Kasic ("Maeh-ki"), 17, and her husband Ali El-Issa remain at their residence in Brooklyn, New York. Husband Ali now serves as the President of the Flying Eagle Woman Fund, which was established in 2001. The Flying Eagle Woman Fund's primary mission is to strengthen the sovereignty of indigenous peoples by building communities that are self-reliant, while at the same time maintaining and reinforcing their traditional cultures and ways of life. The Flying Eagle Woman Fund carries on the spirit of Ingrid Washinawatok's life and work. We honor Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa as the beautiful, intelligent, empowered Menominee woman that she was. We honor her family. We honor her for her work in philanthropy, Native sovereignty, and as a role model for healing, education, and peace. We will remember Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa throughout Hoop Journey 2002.

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 **It's Time For Hoop Journey 2002!**
Coming this Spring and Summer to a City Near You

June and July is Hoop Journey season-- and Hoop Journey III is about to begin!

Billings

On Saturday, June 1, the White Bison caravan brings the Sacred 100 Eagle Feather Hoop to the Garfield School in Billings, Montana for a day of ceremony, circles, presentations and talk about Wellbriety. Saturday, June 1 is Wellbriety Day in Billings as the 2002 Journey of the Sacred Hoop embarks on the first visit of its 7000 mile Wellbriety Tour around the Western reaches of Turtle Island.

Wellbriety Day coordinators in each of the 16 cities

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Marion Scofield

on the route have been really busy. In both small and large teams, these are the brothers and sisters who will make Hoop Journey III a reality. *"To us, Healing*

Native Women and Children means healing all the abuse issues we find among our people and really focusing on physical abuse," says Marion Scofield, coordinator of the Billings gathering.



A small part of 'Woman Who Carries the Sacred Hoop', by Dana Tiger.

Spokane

The second stop on the Journey will be a few miles down the road in Spokane, Washington on Tuesday, June 4. Prepare yourself for a different experience in each of the 16 Hoop Journey conference locations. In contrast to the walk and run of Hoop Journey II in 2000, most of the miles will be passed in the caravan. But some of the sites will have their own mini-walk/run to welcome the message of

Wellbriety Day into their town.

In Spokane, local people will run the Hoop from the center of the city, which was once the traditional fishing ground of the people. When the Hoop arrives at Riverfront Park all who are waiting will walk it upriver to Spokane Community college where the day's events will be held. Some of the walkers will carry empty cradleboards from local area tribes to

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Deborah Abrahamson

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signify that the foundations for those still unborn are being laid by this event.

"We are the bridge," says Spokane coordinator Deborah Abrahamson to explain the empty cradleboards. *"The emphasis of the walk is that we are the bridge from those who have passed on to those yet unborn. We make a better life today to honor and value ourselves and our community."*

Seattle

Seattle is the next stop. Facilitator Harold Belmont invites everyone to a sunrise ceremony on Sunday, June 9 at the Old Indian her-



Don Coyhis, Founder and President of White Bison, Inc.

"The Elders have also said that our communities will heal in proportion to how our women heal. It can never go any faster than that."

Don Coyhis

itage School to start off the full day of the conference. Involved with Native sovereignty, justice and healing for many years, Belmont was moved when he learned that Hoop Journey 2002 will honor Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa. He seemed to be remembering the years of Native struggle for healing and multicultural respect when he spoke of Ingrid. This is what he said:

"When I think of Ingrid I think of Chiapas, I think of the Philippines and I think of the world struggle for indigenous sovereignty--I have so much empathy for the work that Ingrid did. I think there is no greater honor than in any one of our move-

ments than to be a hero or a martyr. We are hurting for heroes and martyrs. I love a lot of the things we are attempting to do today through the International Indian Treaty Council. Through her work there, Ingrid brought a dimension of support services to communities that allowed us to begin to expand a lot of our relationships and thinking. We all need to know who Ingrid is. I have her picture and that of a young Jewish man and a Hawaiian woman, Terence Freitas and Lahe'ena'e Gay, who were with her in Colombia. I have compassion for all three of them and their loss of life. It is very apropos, it's

very worthy and it's very honorable that Ingrid will be honored during this Hoop Journey in 2002."

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Harold Belmont

Portland

The visit in Portland, Oregon on Monday and Tuesday, June 10 and 11 will offer a special focus on, and support for children of alcoholics. Portland coordinator Teresa Monteverdi explains that Portland has had a strong Native American AA group called **Good Medicine** that has been meeting for over 25 years at NARA, the Native American Rehabilitation Association

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Teresa Monteverdi

in Portland. She says that they are currently working to create a Native American Al-Anon meeting in Portland, and from that meeting will come help for Adult Children of Alcoholics. Meanwhile, as part of the presentations in Portland the Hoop Journey is planning to unveil some special support for Native youth who happen to be children of alcoholics. Don Coyhis, Founder and President of White Bison, and the inspiration and force behind all the Hoop Journeys, is really excited about the support for youth of alcoholic and addicted parents that will be revealed on the Portland stop.

"We will announce a Native American Children of Alcoholics kit," he shares. "This kit will be available to help train schools, counselors, and various organizations about what children of alcoholics face and how you can help them. As part of this kit there will be some posters that carry the message **If your parents are drinking and drugging its not your fault.** There will be another poster with the message, **If your parents are drinking and drugging and you think its your**

fault--think again. It's not. These posters will encourage people to start talking circles for children. There will be another poster saying, **Wanted: Healthy adults to start talking circles for children.**"

Part of the Children Of Alcoholics Kit that will become available by signing up or calling White Bison after the Portland visit will include three linked learning videos. There will be a video on **how to conduct talking circles, including the 8 unique feelings or foundations of growth that the talking circle gives;** a video about the **cycle of**

life; and another about **how to create positive self images.** Another related video that will be a stand-alone part of this series is one on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Portland will launch some new healing resources and every Wellbriety Day visit on Hoop Journey III will birth miracles and surprises. Coordinator Teresa Monteverdi expresses the vision of her community when she says, "*Healing Native women and children*



Harold Belmont, Seattle Facilitator

means supporting families in a traditional way. In a traditional way means supporting women and children with respect and honor. We would like folks from all walks of life to participate in this. We would also like men to participate in this and to talk about and hear about how to support Native women and children--their sisters, their spouses and their mothers."

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ALL ARE WELCOME

All Journeys of the Sacred Hoop events are free and open to people from all directions, all ethnic backgrounds, and all connections of heritage. They are open to the human family no matter what earth suit we happen to wear. Men are especially encouraged to participate. Hoop Journey III is especially dedicated to healing Native women and children. But men—never fear. Our time is coming in Hoop Journey 4, next year in 2003 when a long journey will take place to Native American centers east of the Mississippi River.

Don Coyhis explains the spiritual alignment for starting with women and children in the west in 2002, and then moving on to men and children in the east in 2003. Here's what he says— *"In some of our ceremonies the woman's back is to the west—she faces the east. The man's back is to the east, he faces the west. She always sees first. She knows when the sun comes up. If a man stands facing the east, he will have that perspective, but that's typically not the stance most of us take. The Elders have also said that our communities will heal in proportion to how our women heal. It can never go any faster than that. This is female knowledge that women already know. That female intuition is already inside women."*

What other surprises can we expect from the Hoop Journey visits during June and July? Well at least two more. The stop in Phoenix, Arizona on June 26 and 27 will begin a new program called Wellbriety

For Youth. **Wellbriety for Youth** will be an extension to young people of some of the Wellbriety tools White Bison has been offering to adults since Hoop Journey 2, and even before. Jeri Brunoe-Samson, who will play a role in Wellbriety For Youth says, *"I see us totally embracing what White Bison has done and modifying it to where it's "user-friendly" to young people."*

Native Alateen will be another culture-friendly activity for youth to be born from the Phoenix and Albuquerque stops. Alateen is a successful part of the 12 Step Al-Anon program, but aimed at teenagers in mainstream society. Alateen never got popular in Indian communities. All that may change when the style of gathering, some of the printed

and video materials, and fellowship activities begin to take place in a cultural way. Indian Alateen will give youth living in difficult living situations an opportunity to deal with their challenges by learning to look at, and work on themselves in a cultural way.

Creation of a Native Alateen program is closely allied with another important presentation to take place on this year's Hoop Journey at the stop in Albuquerque on July 5-6: formation of a culture-specific Al-Anon, or **Native American Al-Anon**.

Al-Anon is a 12 Step program for friends and relatives of alcoholics that has provided help for those close to alcoholics for about 50 years. But Al-Anon meetings are rarely available in Native communities. Why? And what can be done about that? Come to the two-day Albuquerque conference on this summer's



Dana Tiger, Native American Artist

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Hoop Journey and help give Al-Anon a Native American face. Information on Al-Anon for Native Americans will be available at every Hoop Journey site visit. Just look for the display and visit one of the information tables.

At the Albuquerque stop there will be a special announcement about four unique White Bison Firestarter training programs to take place in other cities and at other times after the Hoop Journey is complete. These will be Native Al-Anon Firestarter trainings to come through the Firestarter Program. Look for this information in Albuquerque or on the website after the Albuquerque stop.

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Dana Tiger

WHAT ELSE?

What else is in store for the Wellbriety Movement as a result of Hoop Journey III? So many exciting things will be coming! Somewhere on the Journey a new **Wellbriety for Prisons Program** will be announced. Wellbriety for Prisons will be a series of training programs to take place in Boise, Idaho sometime after Hoop Journey III is complete. These will be learning experiences for facilitators who will then take the Wellbriety approach into prisons to help our Native brothers and sisters in the Iron House.

There will also be new artwork in the form of posters to become available on the Hoop Journey. The ONDCP (Office of National Drug Control Policy) has created an anti-drug campaign for Native communities, featuring posters especially appealing to Native culture.

Native Artist Dana Tiger is supporting the Hoop Journey with the donation of a very special print that will be sold on the Journey. **Woman Who Carries the Sacred Hoop** is Dana Tiger's prayer to her own healing journey, the Healing journey of women, and to the Wellbriety Movement, which means a lot to the artist. It is a painting that was done specially to honor the Hoop and Wellbriety. At the center of **Woman Who Carries the Sacred Hoop** are women carrying the Sacred Hoop. You can see a sneak preview of a small part of the whole painting at the top of this article you are reading. Then you can purchase a beautiful print of the painting at each of the Hoop Journey visits.

*"I need to be around that hoop and remember those prayers and that strength," says artist Dana Tiger. "That's why I put the Hoop in the center of the painting-- I wanted it to say so much about a woman's life. Start to finish, its the Circle, its the Hoop, its everything that goes into a life from birth at the bottom to when the old woman is looking off into the horizon. All the reeds radiating out in the painting--it's unfinished, it always continues with the strength of the woman. In the center of the Hoop you can see the ancestors behind the women walking. The ones who have gone on but who are still so much a part of everything we do." See the entire print of **Woman Who Carries the Sacred Hoop** in an upcoming installment of this Hoop Journey Special Edition.*

So Hoop Journey III is about to start. Keep your eye on Wellbriety! Online Magazine throughout June and July for stories and photos of what happened at each event. Watch this location for companion stories and photos about what happened along the way. And keep an eye open. You might see yourself in Wellbriety! as an interview, or in a picture. Anyway, if you live near the route, just come.

We will be looking for you on Hoop Journey III! ✚


Richard Simonelli

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Sovereignty & Sobriety Words of Strength



ince the time that human beings offered thanks for the first sunrise, sovereignty has been an integral part of Indigenous peoples' daily existence. With the original instructions from the Creator, we realize our responsibilities. Those are the laws that lay the foundation of our society. These responsibilities manifest through our ceremonies ... Sovereignty is that wafting thread securing the components that make a society. Without that wafting thread, you cannot make a rug. Without that wafting thread, all you have are unjoined, isolated components of a society. Sovereignty runs through the vertical strands and secures the entire pattern. That is the fabric of Native society."

-Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa, 1999

Through the American Indian Movement, through the sobriety movement, and now through the Wellbriety movement, we are actually teaching Native people how to be Native people. When you begin to

have something as profound as a Hoop of 100 Eagle Feathers it is another learning tool and something that opens the door to those questions: Who are you? Where are you? and Why are you? In the issue of sovereignty there is an encouragement in sobriety. The most important thing in my life today is that I am a sober person. Because without that I couldn't make a ceremony, I couldn't sing a song. I wouldn't know a song. The connection comes from a prophecy that tells us there is going to be the coming of a messenger. That messenger is going to bring back those old times, those old ways. Once we learn Who we are, Where we are, and Why we are, we begin to understand that we are sovereign nations, or individual members of sovereign nations. Then you begin to stand up with a sense of self-worth and with self-esteem, and you can say *I'm an Indian and it's OK.* ✨

Harold Belmont, 2002
Seattle Facilitator
Journey of the Sacred Hoop, 2002

We Have a Challenge Before Us

One of the threads that will be carried throughout Hoop Journey 2002 is Native American Al-Anon. A special focus on Native Al-Anon will take place when the Hoop comes to Albuquerque on July 5-6. But there will also be information and conversation about connecting Native culture and Al-Anon at the information tables at every Hoop Journey visit. Al-Anon is for those who are related or close to people who have alcohol problems or problems with other drugs. It's also for people who are close to people who have recovered from substance abuse. In Al-Anon, issues like codependency, Children of Alcoholic (COA) behavior, and well families naturally come up. The following story expresses a desire to connect Al-Anon's experience, strength and hope with Native culture.



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Juanita U., New Mexico delegate, and Caryn J., World Service Office Director of Communication, recently attended the Native American Wellbriety Movement Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota. With the help of local members, Al-Anon's Public Outreach efforts included distributing literature for professionals, presenting two sessions on how to start an Al-Anon meeting, and chairing two Al-Anon meetings. Participants honored and welcomed Al-Anon's message of help and hope.

Reaching Out to Native Communities

Al-Anon meetings are rarely available in Native American/Indian/Aboriginal/First Nations communities in the US and Canada. Why? During the conference we learned that professionals in the fields of social work, treatment, family counseling, and recovery know little or nothing about Al-Anon, yet they

know much about Alcoholics Anonymous. Some of the professionals thought Al-Anon was AA. Even fewer knew that Al-Anon would complement, not compete with, the role of the professional in family recovery. Some Elders shared a fear that Al-Anon would force them to once again to submit to a "dominant" culture, one that they felt had already robbed them of many of their traditions. Their fear of going outside the fami-

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ly structure, as well as outside their culture and traditions, makes it difficult for some to step out and ask for help. They also shared that due to the high statistics of sexual and physical abuse, hugs between members are not only unwanted, but strongly feared. Finally, many experienced help coming and going without stability, so they simply don't trust that long-term help is available for the asking.

In a nut shell, Al-Anon members in the US and

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Canada have a challenge before us in carrying our message of hope. The devastation of the family disease of alcoholism holds no cultural barriers. Parents, siblings, children, grandchildren, and friends are all

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deeply affected by this disease in our cities, rural communities, on reservations in the US, and reserves in Canada. As individual Al-Anon members, each of us can honestly ask ourselves, "Do I have the desire and the ability to step beyond my own comfort level to carry a message to the indigenous population?" If not, why not? If yes, what am I willing to do?

Many Native customs embody the principles of Al-Anon. The use of a circle is sacred to indigenous people and equally meaningful to Al-Anon members. In most Al-Anon meetings, members sit in a circle and embrace the concept of "Whom you see here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here." Native cultures very much embrace the same principle of confidentiality.

The meeting formats are also similar. After reading the Suggested Welcome at an Al-Anon Meeting, the chairperson usually introduces a topic, and the meeting uses one of several methods of sharing. One method is to go from the chairperson's left or right around the room. For an indigenous meeting this would be passing the talking stick, feather, or stone from member to the next, allowing each member to share until completing the circle. Communities differ in the direction they pass the sacred item from one person to the next, though most pass it clockwise. The member with the talking stick is the only one who shares, while others listen. If the chairperson calls on someone to share, as happens at many meetings worldwide, the chair of a Native meeting passes

the talking stick or feather to the next person--this is having Spirit or Creator (God as we understand Him) guide who will speak next. The talking stick or feather is the symbol of the Creator. Upon completion of their sharing, they pass the stick on to the next person they wish to hear speak. In another format, the chairperson introduces the topic and waits for members to speak--this is like laying the feather in the center of the circle and waiting for spiritual guidance concerning who will speak next.

Most of us in the program cherish our home group meetings, its members, and the fellowship. The purpose of an Al-Anon meeting defines this circle of recovery. It doesn't matter who we are outside of meetings because we come together as equals sharing our experience, strength and hope. In these circles we find a Higher Power, Creator, or God who provides us with wisdom and strength.

Suggestions for Starting Meetings to include Native Communities

Many Native people are not intimately familiar with organized religion. Instead of meeting in a church, perhaps a neutral location such as a community center would attract more newcomers.

- Begin meetings with a long moment of silence to reach that conscious contact with a Power greater than ourselves, rather than using a formal prayer.
- Invite professionals in the community to attend open meetings. If there are no open meetings, consider starting one as a Public Outreach project.
- Offer simply to shake hands rather than hugging.
- Ask local AA meetings with Native participants for help. Holding meetings at the same time will attract family members.
- Find ways to honor spiritual paths without diverting to religious beliefs or doctrines.
- Focus on the similarities of living with alcoholism--obsession, anxiety, anger, denial, and guilt.

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- Ask Native AA members, tribal offices, schools, and institutions for assistance in reaching families by providing Al-Anon literature.
- A circle to the Native person often symbolizes an opportunity for each person to share, and Al-Anon's traditional hour-long meeting may not allow enough time.

"In a nut shell, Al-Anon members in the US and Canada have a challenge before us in carrying our message of hope."

- Of course time and patience on the part of members to allow for the building of trust is the most important key. Oftentimes we may be the only Al-Anon members showing up.
- Be sure to leave time for questions if professionals are in attendance. Recent surveys show a professional refers 50% of new members to Al-Anon.

Reaching Out is a Process

The following are questions for discussion and challenges to consider.

- Am I willing to listen to new ideas that really aren't new?
- Can I face conflict as a guidance system in my personal recovery?
- Do I carry the message of Al-Anon and Alateen to others?
- How are my fears stopping me from personal growth and serenity?
- Am I willing to carry Al-Anon's message to anyone, anywhere?
- Do I put the Twelfth Step into action in my community?

As Al-Anon moves toward another 50 years of reaching out to families and friends, these questions

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and--Let it Begin With Me."

provide me, as well as members in our groups, districts and areas, with a new perspective regarding attracting new members to our fellowship.

Having patience in carrying our message of hope to rural communities, reservations, and professionals will fill a huge need. We may think we are different, but when it comes to the pain and destruction of living with alcoholism we are all the same. We all continue to be the same even after receiving the gift of recovery--we are families and friends of alcoholics. Our Al-Anon Declaration says it well:

Let It Begin With Me

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and--Let it Begin With Me. ✚

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Visit # 1 **Billings, Montana** **Saturday, June 1**
Event: WELLBRIETY DAY

Your local coordinator: Marion Scofield
W (406) 245-7318 Ext. 104
Fax (406) 248-5912
Email: mescofield@yahoo.com

Location: Garfield School
3212 First Avenue South
Billings, MT 59101



Visit #2 **Spokane, Washington** **Tuesday, June 4**
Event: WELLBRIETY DAY

Your local coordinator: Deborah Abrahamson
Ph (509) 258-8952
Fax (509) 258-7789
Email: abrahamsondeb@yahoo.com

Location: Spokane Community College
North 1810 Green St.
Spokane, WA



Visit # 3 **Seattle, Washington** **Saturday, Sunday June 8-9**
Event: GATHERING OF WOMEN ELDERS

Your local coordinator: Lisa Powers
(800) 320-4370
Fax (425) 339-3998
Email: pow1300@dshs.wa.gov

Location: Wilson Building
Old Indian Heritage High School
1330 N 90th Street
Seattle, WA 98103



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GATHERING OF WOMEN ELDERS

Women Elders speak about the hope, healing, and strength of women. They provide teachings about the leadership role that women play in changing the community and in fostering the Wellbriety Movement.



Visit # 4
Event:

Portland, Oregon
CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

Monday, Tuesday June 10-11

Your local coordinator:

Jacque Mercer
Voice (503) 621-0114
Cell (503) 307-2248
Email: narajam@aol.com

Co-coordinator:

Teresa Monteverdi
Phone (503) 621-2407
Email: tmonte3@excite.com

Location:

Holiday Inn Portland Airport Hotel and Trade Center
8439 S E Columbia Blvd
Portland, OR 97220-1382

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

We must not forget the Children of Alcoholics. They are often neglected, first by their parents, and then by the recovery community. Too often they think "it's their fault." This special gathering can be an opportunity to share the experience, strength, and hope of those who are Children of Alcoholics.



Visit # 5
Event:

Oakland, California
WELLBRIETY DAYS

Friday, Saturday June 14-15

Your local coordinator:

Tilford Denver
(510) 898-7820
Email: sacredhoop3@yahoo.com

Location:

Naval Airbase
677 Ranger Road
Alameda, CA 94501



Visit # 6
Event:

Los Angeles, California
WELLBRIETY DAYS

Monday, Tuesday, June 17-18

Your local coordinator:

Jennifer Villalobos



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(213) 382-7642
Fax (213) 739-2578
Email: jennyjenjenvar@hotmail.com

Location: Southwest Museum
234 Museum Road
Los Angeles, California



Visit # 7 **San Diego, California** **Sunday, June 23**
Event: WELLBRIETY DAY

Your local coordinator: Rey Soto
Ph (619) 234-0648
Fax (619) 234-1979
Email: rey.soto@mail.ihs.gov

Co-coordinator: Ralph Lopez
Ph (619) 813-1493
Email: rlopezhe@co.san-diego.ca.us

Location: San Diego Concourse and Civic Theatre
Downtown San Diego/Copper Room
202 C Street MS57
San Diego, CA



Visit #8 **Phoenix, Arizona** **Wednesday, Thursday, June 26-27**
Event: WELLBRIETY FOR YOUTH

Your local coordinator: Jeri Brunoe-Samson
(602) 795-6202
Fax (602) 792-6218
Email: brunoetc@aol.com

Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
10005 East Osborne
Scottsdale, AZ

WELLBRIETY FOR YOUTH

As the Wellbriety Movement continues to grow, we also realized that more than half of the Native American population is under the age of 18. Thus, we are launching a Wellbriety for Youth effort lead by Jeri Brunoe Samson. This program will reach out to youth across America to help them create a Voice for Wellbriety and lead the Wellbriety Movement into the future.



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Visit# 16
Event:

Denver, Colorado
WELLBRIETY DAYS

Friday, Saturday, July 26-27

Your local coordinator:

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