



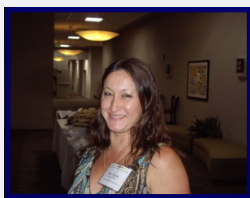
# Native American and Training Services

End of the Year Summary Report

January 2010—January 2011

## The NATS Objective

The objective of the Native American Training & Service Program is to present culturally competent trainings for non-tribal Domestic Violence Service Programs that address the issues facing Native American communities. By collaborating with regional programs and conducting trainings, the NATS Program will increase awareness regarding the impact of inter-



Program Coordinator  
Tami Tejada

generational trauma and its connection to domestic violence in Native American communities. The NATS Program will also work to develop an outreach program with tribal community members regarding their local resources. Our primary goal is to strengthen the role of tribal communities through intervention and prevention of domestic violence.

## Why Native American Cultural Competency?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's *Facts for Features* (October 2005): As of July 1, 2004, the American Indian and Alaska Native population in California was 687,400. This is the largest Native American population of any state in the nation.

Research has shown that a majority of Native Americans who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or dating violence do not access services outside of tribal agencies. The reason most commonly cited is the disconnect between tribes and non-tribal service programs/agencies. Survey results clearly illustrate the great need to improve understanding in these organizations: knowledge of native cultures, traditions, and history is crucial for the implementation of effective service-programs.

## The Beginning of a Vision

A large portion of ITCC's vision has been to provide cultural competency trainings to non-tribal agencies who work with Native American families that have experienced domestic violence.

Prior to our regional trainings, we conducted focus groups across the state to assess the unique needs and challenges faced by the Native American communities living within each specific area. Amongst the varying concerns, there was consensus for the following: that non-tribal agencies gain a better understanding of crucial tribal issues such as ICWA compliance, DV in Indian Country, and PL 280. Ultimately, representatives wanted to bridge the gap between tribal and non-tribal resources to create a mutual level of understanding and cooperation in developing solutions for tribal communities faced with the issues of domestic violence.

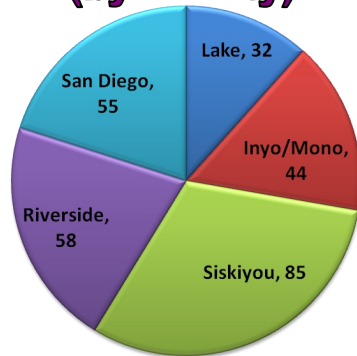


### 5 Regional Trainings:

- Lake County Regional Training: June 8-9, 2010 at the Mendocino College
- Inyo/Mono County Regional Training: July 22-23, 2010 at the Bishop Calvary Baptist Church
- Siskiyou County Regional Training: August 25-26, 2010 at the Gaia Hotel & Spa
- Riverside County Regional Training: October 25-26 2010 at the Riverside Palm Desert Graduate center
- San Diego County Regional Training: November 3-4 2010 at the Dana Hotel Dana Hotel



## Number of Regional Training Attendees (by county)



**TOTAL 274**



**Rose Brown : Lake and Mendocino County Outreach Worker**

### Lake County Area Report

The focus group in Lake County was held on May 25th, 2010 at the Big Valley Rancheria. The 32 participants included representatives from tribal members/councils as well domestic violence agencies in Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma Counties.

In order to best accommodate area participants, the Regional Training was held at the Mendocino College in Ukiah, CA on June 8th-9th, 2010. Over the two day presentation and workshop, 33 participants were trained in cultural competency and given the tools necessary to address programmatic issues hindering cooperation between tribal and non-tribal service providers.

### Inyo/Mono County Area Report

The Inyo Mono focus group took place on June 23rd, 2010 at the Lee Vining Community Center, fourteen (14) Tribal Representatives and participants were present. The invocation was done by Sage Romero, a locally recognized youth mentor. Lynda Shoshone, President of ITCC, gave an overview of the ITCC Native American and Training Services Program.



**Lynda Shoshone, ITCC President**

The Regional Training was held on June 22nd-23rd, 2010 at the Calvary Baptist Church In Bishop, CA. Forty-four (44) people attended and partook in the cultural competency curriculum. Additionally, local participants shared regional concerns. Members from the "Wunut!" Program (Paiute word for "Stand Up!"), a respected youth mentoring organization, gave a presentation, and the Women's Legal Advocacy Program coordinated by Loretta Howard, Janet Maillet, and Bishop Sherriff William Lutze discussed Public Law 280.

### Siskiyou County Area Report

The Siskiyou focus group was held at the Karuk Tribal Housing Authority in Happy Camp, CA on July 9, 2010. There were 12 people in attendance representing elders, cultural teachers, Greenville Rancheria members, Quartz Valley members, and Wintu Tribal members.

The NATS Regional Training was held on August 25-26, 2010 at the Gaia Hotel in Anderson CA. Tribal participants were an integral part of the presentation. Tribal elder Charlie Thom opened in prayer as local programs such as Anav Tribal Health Clinic and Drug Endangered

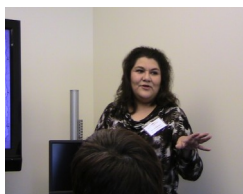
Children presented their programs. The Non-Tribal service providers were very receptive to the presentation, and provided much needed positive feedback in the way of personal surveys, many earned training certificates acknowledging their comprehension of the curriculum presented to them.



## Riverside County Area Report

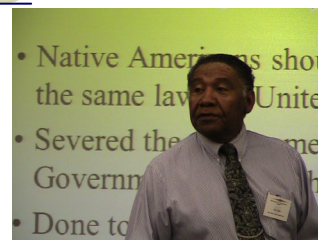
The Riverside focus group was held September 20, 2010 hosted by the Soboba Tribal Council at their Country Club. There were twelve (12) representatives present who expressed concerns such as lack of tribal shelters for DV clients, violence prevention programs, knowledge of jurisdictional issues, Indian Child Welfare Act and transitional housing.

The Regional Training took place at the well known UCR Palm Desert Graduate Center.



Samantha Thornsberry,  
Cahuilla DV Advocate

There were fifty-eight (58) people who attended this training. Our very own subject matter expert Alex Tortes brought down the house as he presented a very elaborate view of Public Law 280. Riverside County is the only known county to have developed a Tribal Liaison Unit that helps assists tribes work together with county law enforcement. Other programs such as Soboba Tribal TANF, Cahuilla Domestic Violence Program and Indian Child Welfare Act Program brought participants to a greater level of understanding of tribal resources.



Alex Tortes, Riverside Sheriff Department  
Native American Liaison

## San Diego County Area Report

The Indian Health Center located in Valley Center, CA hosted ITCC's final focus group which was on September 22, 2010. At this gathering there were 13 tribal representatives who faced similar challenges as previously addressed by other tribal area/groups. Challenges such as lack of peer support, a need for talking circles, shelters, distrust/mistrust of law enforcement, a desire to develop better working relationships with non-tribal agencies.

The Regional Training was held at the Dana Hotel on Mission Bay in San Diego, CA on November 3-4, 2010 and as hoped for turned out to be a huge success! As the Native American Training and Service Program came to an end it went out with a bang with 55 participants, which made it our second largest training. Cahuilla Bird Singers honored the audience with songs and prayers throughout the presentation. Tribal members came forth with personal testimonies that brought participants to tears as they spoke through the historical trauma that Native American live with today. ITCC delegate Dr. Donna Begay presented issue regarding Native American Federal Recognition vs. Non-Federal Recognition Status. This captured one the main points of the curriculum as participants engaged in first hand experiences from the Tubatulabals Tribe.



## Subject Matter Experts



ITCC would like to recognize this cadre of tribal people who have made it their life long passion to promote cultural competency for the benefit of our Native American people. The Subject Matter Experts helped guide the curriculum "Strengthening Relationships in Tribal Communities". It was because of the strength of mind that we were able to have such a successful program.

Blessing to them and their families!

Front left to right: Valerie Estrada, Jodi Poncho and Ervin Lent. Back left to right: Howard Chavez, Loletta Garfield, Tami Tejada, Alex Tortes, Marie Saenz, Rose Brown, Angelina Reinteria, Madeline McIntire, Germaine Omish-Guachena, Lavon Kent, Rhonda Medicine Crow, Connie Reitman-Solas, Cassie Leal, Mike Phillips, Paul Tupaz, Olin Jones, Clayton Onestar. Not pictured: Debbie Painter, Mary Figueroa and Carla Rodriguez

# Training & Technical Assistance

Family and Domestic Violence Prevention

Building Healthy Relationships

Bullying 101 for Parents, Guardians and Community Members

Tribal Perspective

Sexual Assault "No Healing In Silence"

Tribal Law Enforcement Training

Talking Circles-Facilitation & Development

Coalition Building

Teen Dating Violence Prevention

Effective Tribal and Client Advocacy

Substance Abuse Prevention and Education

Early Childhood Development and Education—Parent Ed.

Childhood Trauma Education and Prevention

Program Compliance

Strength Based Youth Development

Governance Development/Board Training

Events Planning

C.R.A.D.L.E.B.O.A.R.D. Way

Collaborative Leadership Skills Workshop

Protocol Development

MDT Protocol Development

Strengthening Relationship in Tribal Communities

New  
Website

Welcome to the Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.



*Events & Activities*

BI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING  
AT  
THE RED LION INN  
1401 ARDEN WAY  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95815

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011  
1PM TO 5PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2011  
8AM TO 5PM



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