

Sacred Trust: Healing in Aboriginal Culture

Friday, March 1, 2013

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre

**Associates in Psychiatry Auditorium, 1145 Carling Avenue,
Ottawa ON K1Z 7K4**

Dr. Leroy Little Bear

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Former Director of the American Indian Program, Harvard University
Chair of Native Studies, University of Lethbridge**

Overview:

This one-day conference is to provide mental health clinicians with essential information for understanding the unique cultural, spiritual and political issues affecting Aboriginal persons. Understanding these important issues will improve the effectiveness provided by mental health clinicians when they are invited to participate in the care of Aboriginal persons.

Workshop Objectives:

In these workshops, participants will:

- Gain a better understanding of the mental health issues of Aboriginal persons
- Learn ways that mental health providers can facilitate recovery of cultural identity in Aboriginal health
- Better understand the historical, economic, sociological, and psychological barriers Aboriginal people face in seeking mental health services
- Explore ways that Aboriginal teachings can be incorporated into mental health services

Target Audience:

Psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, chaplains, occupational therapists, addiction counselors, other health care professionals, and the general public.

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:30	Opening Ceremony led by Elder Jim Albert
9:30 - 11:30	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Leroy Little Bear
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch (catered by Aboriginal Experiences)
12:30 - 1:30	Research Lecture with Dr. Little Bear (Accredited Lecture)
1:30 - 2:30	Workshop 1: Led by Elaine Kicknosway - 'Traditional Perspective on Aboriginal Parenting' Workshop 2: Led by Melinda Turcotte and Veronica Felizardo - 'Services in Correctional Systems for Aboriginal Clients' Workshop 3: Led by Morning Star - 'Understanding Aboriginal Culture'
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 3:45	Repeated Workshops Select one workshop from the above three topics on the On-Line Registration Form
3:45 - 4:00	Wrap Up and Evaluation Closing Ceremony by Elder Jim Albert

Limited number of Free spots for clients of The Royal – call 613-722-6521, ext. 6570 to register.

Regular: \$100. Students: \$50 (includes break and lunch)

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