

First Nations Behavioral Health Association

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FNBHA Effective Practices

First Nations Behavioral Health Association (FNBHA) a non-profit organization was established to provide a national voice to advocate for American Indian/Alaskan Native communities by increasing the knowledge and awareness of issues impacting Native mental health. The purpose of the FNBHA is to provide national leadership to all groups, institutions, and individuals that plan, provide and access Native behavioral health services. FNBHA has established a website and list serve to promote individual, provider, and tribal interaction on these important issues <www.fnbha.org>. In recognition of the need to provide and improve culturally competent behavioral health technical assistance to our tribal communities, we have also established a “vetted” consultant pool and are seeking experienced consultants to apply.

The organization has recently joined with the other three national multi-ethnic behavioral health associations via the National Alliance of Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health Associations (NAMBHA) to each identify ten “effective practices” which promote the behavioral health within each of our racial/ethnic groups. FNBHA is proud to announce the ten programs who have achieved this special recognition of “effective practice” status in their efforts to address the behavioral health needs of families across Indian Country. The FNBHA established the “effective practices” selection criteria which included the following: 1) representative of the four geographic directions (as much as possible based on the submitted protocols), 2) inclusion of the two programs which had already obtained inclusion in the National Registry of Effective Practices (NREP), 3) inclusion of parent, family, and community interventions/programs (particularly relevant

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for services in Indian Country), 4) a model American Indian/Alaskan Native chemical dependency treatment program, and 5) a model program which addressed the work force development issues inherent in Indian Country. We would like to offer our congratulations to each of these programs and hope readers will do the same – we have provided an email address for you to do so!

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EFFECTIVE PRACTICES

<i>Effective Practices</i>	<i>Four Directions</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
American Indian Life Skills Curriculum: Teresa LaFromboise, Ph.D. lafrom@stanford.edu	Nationally Recognized Model	NREP
Project Venture McClellan Hall Email: machall@niylp.org	Nationally Recognized Model	NREP
Positive Indian Parenting Terry Cross Email: tcross@nicwa.org	Nationally Recognized Model	Parents
Community Readiness Tri-Ethnic Center Email: tecweb@lamar.colostate.edu	National Community Model	Community
Gathering of Nations (GONA) Theda Newbreast M.P.H.	National Community Model	Community

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Na;nizhoozhi Center, Inc Raymond Daw Email: raydaw@aol.com	South West	Chemical Dependency Treatment
Rural Human Services Program Janet Schichnes, Assistant Professor Email: ffjcs@uaf.edu	North	Workforce Development
Sacred Child Program Debbie Painte Email: Debpainte@hotmail.com	Midwest	CMHS Service Grantee
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Behavioral Health Program Richard O'Kane Email: Rmokane@saulttribe.net	East	CMHS Service Grantee
Wakanyeja Pawicayapi, Inc. (The Children First) Ken Lone Elk Email: kenle@gwtc.net	Midwest	CMHS Circles & Service Grantee