

**AMERICAN INDIAN
INFANT MORTALITY
REVIEW PROJECT**

This review project was conducted to better understand the higher rates of infant death in the American Indian population. American Indian babies in Minnesota are two to three times more likely to die before their first birthday than white babies. We are committed to eliminate this disparity. This conference will bring together excellent speakers with innovative and culturally specific ideas and an opportunity for discussion and dialogue to plan the next steps.



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IMBEDDED IN THE ANCIENT AND ARCHAIC LANGUAGE OF ANCIENT OJIBWAYS IS WHAT THE ELDERS, WHO STILL KNOW THE TRUE MEANING OF THE WORD THAT WE USE TO DESCRIBE "BABY". THE ROOTS OF THE WORD, WHEN STRUNG TOGETHER, FORM THE MEANING, "SACRED SPIRIT, COMING IN, WHO HAS A VOICE". IT DESCRIBES THE NEW LIFE WHO IS COMING IN DIRECTLY FROM THE SIDE OF THE CREATOR, FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD, A PURE SPIRIT. ON LOAN TO US FROM THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. NOT OURS TO ABUSE AND DO WITH WHAT WE WILL. A VERY SACRED BEING, ONE WHO MUST BE CELEBRATED, HONORED, VALUED AND TAUGHT TO CELEBRATE THEMSELVES. WHEN THERE IS NO ONE THERE TO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTH, THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OR THEIR LIFE, THEY DO NOT FEEL THAT WE LOVE THEM. A "SACRED SPIRIT, COMING IN, WHO HAS A VOICE", WAS NEVER HARSHLY DISCIPLINED, NEVER BEATEN OR SLAPPED AROUND. TO DO THIS WOULD HAVE INCURRED THE WRATH OF THE SPIRIT WORLD. OR THE "SACRED SPIRIT, COMING IN, WHO HAS A VOICE", MAY POSSIBLY RETURN TO THE SPIRIT WORLD.



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**LEECH LAKE BAND
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PRESENTS**

**"NISWI
ABINOOJINHYAG
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INFANT MORTALITY
CONFERENCE**



**DATE:
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
MARCH 17 & 18, 2010
8:30AM-4:30 PM**

**NORTHERN LIGHTS
CASINO & HOTEL
WALKER, MN**

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Rosemarie DeBungie, Cultural Advisor
Leech Lake Nation Drum Group
Oshkii Giizhik Hand Drum Singers
Jon Romer, Native Flute music

FEATURING

New American Indian Curricula
Cutting Edge Speakers
Entertainment
Native American Artists and Vendors
Program Booths and Displays
and much more!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

American Indian Organizations
American Indian Families
Urban Indian Agencies
Tribal Health Staff
MDH Nurse consultants
MDH Staff
County Public Health
Hospital administrators
and staff.



CEU'S FOR NURSES AND SOCIAL WORKERS

Nurses This event has been designed to meet Minnesota Board of Nursing continuing education requirements for 13.2 (50 minute) contact hours.

Social Workers The Office of Minority and Multicultural Health is an approved CE provider of the Minnesota Board of Social Work and offers up to 6.5 hours per day CEUs for participation in this program.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE

American Indian Infant Mortality Report Case Review team recommendations
Institutional Racism
Teen Pregnancy Prevention
SIDS and Safe Sleep
Traditional Parenting Practices
Healing Ceremony
Nurse Family Partnership
American Indian Curricula
Native Parents Panel

INVITED SPEAKERS

Arthur "Archie" LaRose, Tribal Chairman, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Rosemarie DeBungie, Cultural Advisor, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Sharon T. Smith, Tribal Liaison, OMMH, MDH
Dawn Wyllie, MD, MPH, Dep Director/Chief Medical Officer – Bemidji Area Indian Health Service
Jose Gonzalez, Director, OMMH, MDH
Noya Woodrich, Executive Director, DIW, Minneapolis
John Morrin, Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe
Stephanie Graves, MCH Coordinator, Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support
Skip and Babette Sandman, Fond du Lac Band of Ojibwe
David Olds Ph.D., NFP Founder
Mary Jo O'Brien, NFP, National Service Office
Gene Tagaban, Native Wellness Institute
Rosemary White Shield, Ph.D. NAPTR
Adrienne Morris, "Live It" Trainer
Teresa LaFromboise, Ph.D., American Indian Lifeskills

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register online at www.llojibwe.com or download registration form and email to healthconference@llojibwe.com or print and fax to (218) 335-4513

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Registration is free. A block of rooms is reserved at Northern Lights Hotel. Participants are responsible for reserving their own rooms. A credit card may be required for check in. Other hotels are available upon request (regular rates apply).



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Hotel reservations

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