

Building Bridges

2009 Schedule of Events

12th Annual Building Bridges Conference and Native American Visit Day

O'yate O'kiciyapi: People Helping One Another

March 27, 2009

Muenster University Center Ballroom

This year's Building Bridges Conference will focus on the topic of support and resiliency within Native communities, from both the historical and present day perspectives. We will examine the way Native communities have provided emotional and psychological support to members of the community who have struggled, as well as the ways that Native communities enhance the strength and resiliency of their members. One of our goals is to highlight ways that resilient responses to historical traumas might inform responses to current traumas and to develop an integration of the principles of Psychological First Aid with traditional helping roles and perspectives on providing help and support. The hope will be for participants to leave with a sense of themselves as potential providers of help and support to others and a discovery of the special gifts they each bring to the helping situation.

- 8:00-9:00a.m. **Registration & coffee/rolls**
- 9:00 Opening Ceremony
 Mr. Gene Thin Elk
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. **O'kiciyapi Activity**
 Facilitated by the Clinical Psychology Program and
 Wase Wakpa Community
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch & Information Fair**
- 1:30 p.m. **Reflections on the O'kiciyapi activity**
 Dr. Beth Boyd
- 2:30 p.m. **Psychological First Aid**
 Dr. Jerry Jacobs
- 3:15 p.m. **Break & Information Fair**
- 3:30 p.m. **Historical Trauma and Resilience**
- 4:15 p.m. **Finding and sharing your helper gifts**
 Mr. Gene Thin Elk and Dr. Beth Boyd
- 4:45 p.m. **Closing Ceremony and Activity**
 Mr. Gene Thin Elk
- 5:30 p.m. **Supper and Recognitions**
 (Free with conference registration)

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS: A limited number of lodging or travel grants may be available for high school groups on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact the conference planning committee.

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