

The 13th Annual Building Bridges Conference was held Friday, March 26, 2010 at the Muenster University Center on USD's campus. This annual event is a collaborative conference sponsored by the USD [Clinical Psychology Training Program](#) and Admissions at The U.

Conference Goals

This year's Building Bridges Conference continued the work from last year's event. Once again, the conference focused on the topic of support and resiliency within Native communities.

Beginning with an overview of the 2009 participants' thoughts about topics such as who needs help/support, what help needs to look like, and who provides help in students' home communities, this year's conference will look at the ways in which Native communities provide emotional and psychological support to enhance the strength and resilience of their members. The conference will integrate the principles of Psychological First Aid with traditional perspectives on providing help and support.

The goal is that all participants will leave with some specific skills they can use as helpers and with a sense of themselves as potential helpers in their families and communities. Whether you were able to be with us last year or not, please join us as we continue to explore the ways in which we can be people helping one another!

2010 Conference Schedule

O'yate O'kiciyapi: People Helping One Another

Friday, March 26, 2010

Muenster University Center

8–9 a.m.	Registration and coffee/rolls
9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony <i>Gene Thin Elk</i>
9:30 a.m.	Lessons Learned from Last Year's Participants <i>Clinical Psychology Graduate Students</i>
10 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	What is Traumatic Stress & How Does it Affect Us? <i>Beth Boyd, Ph.D.</i>
11 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.	O'kiciyapi Activity 1 Talking Circles: The Effects of Trauma <i>facilitated by the Clinical Psychology Program and Wase Wakpa Community</i>
12:15 p.m.	Lunch & USD Information Fair
1:15 p.m.	Active Listening <i>Jerry Jacobs, Ph.D. and Gene Thin Elk</i>
2 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m.	O'kiciyapi Activity 2 Active Listening <i>facilitated by the Clinical Psychology Program and Wase Wakpa Community</i>
3:30 p.m.	Break and Information Fair
3:45 p.m.	O'kiciyapi Presentations <i>presentation of skits or demonstrations guided by group facilitators</i>

4:45 p.m.	Closing Activity and Closing Ceremony <i>Gene Thin Elk</i>
5:30 p.m.	Supper and Recognitions

2010 Conference Committee

- Cori Bazemore
- Dr. Beth Boyd
- Sarah Calvarese
- Dr. Jean Caraway
- Christina Eliason
- Keri Fischer
- Dennise Garcia
- Kathy Husby
- Dr. Jerry Jacobs
- Dr. Gemma Skillman
- Gene Thin Elk
- Jennifer Thomson
- Hitomi Uchishiba
- Brigette Konen
- Jennifer Hsia
- Karla Tait
- Kathy Prasek
- Kendra Ractliffe
- Travis Vlasman
- Diane Williams
- Dr. Barbara Yutzenka