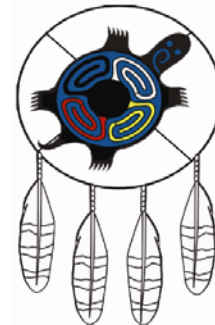


ONTARIO ABORIGINAL HEALTH ADVOCACY INITIATIVE

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The Ontario Aboriginal Health Advocacy Initiative (OAHA) addresses, in a culturally appropriate manner, issues and concerns with regard to the equitable access to health services within Ontario, for Aboriginal and Métis People. In order to achieve our goal we have developed a series of workshops. These workshops are available to both Aboriginal and mainstream organizations across the Province.

If you are interested in any of the sessions listed below, please contact the Ontario Aboriginal Health Advocacy Coordinator at 1-800-772-9291 to obtain a request form.

Workshops

The College of Physicians and Surgeons - The Complaints Process

The front line worker will gain a basic understanding of the Regulated Health Professions Act and knowledge of the formal complaints process for the C.P.S.O. The worker will become familiar with the appeals process to the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board and aware of alternative complaint avenues. (half day)

Developing Cultural Presentations

Front line workers will gain the information and skills to assist them in the development and presentation of a cultural awareness workshop aimed at 'mainstream' service providers. (1 day)

Navigating the Conflict Highway

Participants will discuss the general nature of conflict and common strategies used to resolve it, including an opportunity to examine and practice principled negotiation. Participants will gain awareness about how conflict was handled from a cultural perspective. (1 day)

General Overview of OAHA

This presentation outlines OAHA'S mandate, including its goals and objectives, the role of the Regional Coordinator and the 3 Health Advocacy Developers, and a brief overview of the delivery sites. Included in the session is an overview of the Aboriginal Health Policy for Ontario.

Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness

This workshop provides a foundation for understanding an Aboriginal worldview. It gives a historical overview of Aboriginal peoples before and after contact, and the impacts of colonization. As well, participants will learn about the Medicine Wheel framework and some of the traditional ceremonies practiced today. The goal of the workshop is to provide participants with an opportunity to understand the relationship between culture and worldview.

Prevention of Abuse of the Older Adult

This workshop is intended to raise the awareness of community and front line workers about the role and responsibilities of older adults in Aboriginal communities from a historical perspective to the present, and to create visions for the future. From this framework, participants explore how the abuse of the older adult manifests currently in Aboriginal communities, and what methods of response are culturally appropriate.

Advocacy for Front Line Workers

Reviews the various types of advocacy, including the skills and understanding required to be an effective advocate. The worker will gain useful information and tools on how and when to advocate on behalf of their client. (1 day)

Report and Proposal Writing

The participants will gain useful information and tools in writing reports, as well as steps in designing and writing a proposal. This includes information on assessment of community needs, and the decision-making process of community grants.

ASIST Training

ASIST is a 2 day interactive course that meets professional training requirements by helping participants recognize risk and learn how to intervene to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. An average of 3756 Canadians kills themselves each year. These suicides can be prevented and you can help by being trained. (\$60.00 fee per person for materials) please visit the ASIST web site for more information at www.livingworks.net (2 days)

Awakening the Spirit

This workshop provides physician and health care providers with an understanding of Aboriginal colonial history, Aboriginal perspectives on health, wellness and spirituality, and Aboriginal Harm Reduction in relationship to Aboriginal women at risk of and living with HIV/AIDS and/or Hepatitis C and other STI's. This presentation aims to facilitate awareness, diagnosis, care and treatment for Aboriginal women at risk of and living with HIV/AIDS and/or Hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted infections. (half day)

Lateral Violence

This form of violence occurs when out of anger and frustration, an oppressed group turns on itself and begins to violate each other. This workshop addresses lateral violence issues in the workplace and strategies for addressing such issues. Issues addressed include gossip, deceit, and other harmful behaviour. (1-2 days)

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder FASD

The workshop helps community support workers to explore FASD issues and find and apply appropriate tools and supports to address FASD at a community level. The workshop embraces a wholistic approach using the FASD Medicine Wheel to assist in the development of effective solutions to addressing FASD in the community. (1 day)

Hepatitis C – The Silent Killer

Front line workers will gain skills, knowledge, understanding and sensitivity in the overall delivery of the Hepatitis C Program and its components. Participants will explore the structure and expectations of the Hepatitis C program as it relates to the healing continuum. As well, the prevalence and impacts of Hepatitis C in the Aboriginal population is examined. (1 day)

The Status System in Canada

Please Note:

As the host organization you will be responsible to assist the trainer in the planning of the session. You will be responsible to gather the participants for the training, and let the trainer know how many people will be attending. A minimum of 15 participants are required for a training to proceed. A nominal fee may be charged for the workshop to cover travel and accommodations. This will be negotiated at the time of the request. All training sessions include; interactive activities and workshop handouts. Some workshops can be modified to suite your individual needs.

For more information please contact: The Ontario Aboriginal Health Advocacy Initiative, Provincial coordinator at: 1-800-772-9291 or your local Health Advocacy Developer (HAD) listed below:

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