TWO-SPIRIT RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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National Confederacy of Two-Spirit Organizations

The National Two-Spirit leadership convened a talking circle at the 2012 Tulsa Two-Spirit Gathering held at Osage Hills State Park, OK at the Tulsa Two-Spirit Gathering.

At this talking circle there were three main topics discussed:
- Creation of National Two-Spirit Organization;
- Report out of current work and projects from Two-Spirit participating organizations; and
- Current challenges and barriers facing organizations

The National Confederacy of Two-Spirit Organizations was formed with the following mandate: there are two major components: an internal view – where members help one another; and an external view - where members collectively present a unified message of: who they are; what does their organizations do; and what are the needs and desires of the national Two-Spirit community.

For more information on the Confederacy email confederacy@ne2ss.org.

TWO-SPIRIT GROUPS of the UNITED STATES
Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (San Francisco, CA) – www.BAAITS.org
Central Oklahoma Two Spirit Society (Oklahoma City, OK) – Corey Taber at okienativeboy@yahoo.com
City of Angels Two-Spirit Society (City of Los Angeles, CA) – Hudson at hutsun@aol.com
Indiana Two-Spirit Society (Bloomington, IN) – Nathen at Natstein@indiana.edu
Indigenous Peoples Task Force (Minneapolis, MN) – www.indigenouspeoplestf.org
Montana Two-Spirit Society (Browning, MT) – www.mttwospirit.org
NativeOUT (Phoenix, AZ) – www.nativeout.com
Navajo AIDS Network (Chinle, AZ) – Melvin at NANmharrison@aol.com
NorthEast Two-Spirit Society (New York, NY) – www.ne2ss.org
Northwest Two-Spirit Society (Seattle, WA) – Raven at raven_hr@hotmail.com
Portland Two Spirit Society (Portland, OR) – portlandtwospiritsociety@gmail.com
Red Circle Project at AIDS Project Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA) – www.apla.org/native_american/rcp
Texas Two Spirit Society (Dallas, TX) – Barry at barry.layton@texastwospirits.com
Two-Spirit Society of Indian Canyon (Hollister, CA) – Holy Old Man Bull at mountainlion57@hotmail.com
Tulsa Two-Spirit Society (Tulsa, OK) – John at hawknessw@yahoo.com
Wichita Two-Spirit Society (Wichita, KS) – Pam Harjo at pharjo@hunterhealthclinic.org
TWO-SPIRIT GROUPS of CANADA
2 Spirits of the 1st Nations (Toronto, Ont) – www.2spirits.com

2-Spirited People of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Man) – www.twospiritedmanitoba.ca

Dancing To Eagle Spirit Society (Vancouver, BC) – www.dancingtoeaglespiritsociety.org

Two-Spirit Circle of Edmonton Society (Edmonton, AB) – Ed Lavallee at edlavallee@shaw.ca

Regina Two-Spirited Society (Regina, Sask) – www.allnationshope.ca/Two%20Spirits.htm

TWO-SPIRIT FACEBOOK GROUPS AND PAGES
- Black Hills Two Spirit Society "Nagi Nupa He Sapa Okolakiciye"
- Central Oklahoma Two Spirit Society
- Circle of Two-Spirited Generations & Unity
- City of Angels Two-Spirit Society
- Female two spirit sweat lodge group
- Gay, Bisexual, Bicurious NATIVES On Facebook (Two-Spirits)
- Indiana Two-Spirit Society
- Lloydminster Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Two spirited People
- Minnesota Two Spirit Society
- Montana Two Spirit Society
- Native American Rainbow Warriors (Two Spirits)
- NATIVE TWO SPIRIT
- Saskatoon Two Spirit Society Inc.
- SCIT Two Spirit/Straight Ally Group
- SGI-USA Baltimore Area Two-Spirit Group
- Sovereign Erotics: A Collection of Two-Spirit Literature
- Texas Two Spirit Society
- Two Spirit Circle of Edmonton Society
- Two Spirit Gatherings
- Two Spirit Society of Indian Canyon
- Two Spirit Society of Sacramento
- Two Spirit Society of Washington, DC
- Two Spirited People of Manitoba Inc.
- Two spirited ppl, the forgotten
- Two Spirits
- TWO SPIRITS: Sexuality, Gender, and the Murder of Fred Martinez
- Two-spirit discussion group welcoming all native gay, lesbian, trans, etc.
- Two-Spirit People Idle No More!
- Two-Spirit Pride
- Two-Spirited People of Turtle Island
- Two-Spirited Warriors Wo/Men
- Two-Spirits of the North
- Vancouver Two Spirit and Friends Sweat Lodge
- Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance
- Whispering Lodge @ Thunder Rock: Two Spirit & Friends Sweat Lodge
- Wichita Two-Spirit Society
- YOUNG ALLIED TWO SPIRITS
SAMHSA’s Native American Center for Excellence’s TWO SPIRIT PEOPLE THEN AND NOW: Sex, Gender and Sexuality in Historical & Contemporary Native America Webinar – September 10, 2012

Native American Center for Excellence (NACE) is a national resource center for up-to-date information on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) substance abuse prevention programs, practices, and policies. An initiative of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), NACE also provides training and technical assistance support for urban and rural prevention programs serving AI/AN populations. One such was a TWO SPIRIT PEOPLE THEN AND NOW: Sex, Gender and Sexuality in Historical & Contemporary Native America Webinar. To watch this recorded webinar visit NACE’s site at http://nace.samhsa.gov/TTA/TrainingDocs.aspx

Reclaiming Our Voices: Two Spirit Health & Human Service Needs in New York State
Download a copy of this report at the following link: http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/reports/native_people/docs/reclaiming_our_voices.pdf

Honor Project, a National NIMH funded Two-Spirit Multi-year and site research project
Contact Information: Karina Walters at kw5@u.washington.edu or visit this website: www.IWRI.org

NorthEast Two-Spirit Society’s Daily Words of Wisdom:
Daily words of wisdom (D WOW) are daily Native/Two-Spirit devotional, meditation, and other words of spiritual wisdom and encouragement that is sent out each morning day. Beginning January 1, 2013, a new feature was added to D WOW - "On this day......". On this day acknowledges a significant event that has happened in past on each day. Email info@ne2sss.org to subscribe.
Indigenous Ways of Knowing Tribal Equity Toolkit

“This Toolkit provides us with an opportunity to...enshrine, in policy and Tribal Law, our continued commitments to justice and to demonstrate, to the larger public, Equity as an enduring community value.” Robert Kentta

Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, the Indigenous Ways of Knowing Program at Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling and the Western States Center, the Pride Foundation and Basic Rights Oregon collaborate on the nation’s first guide for Two Spirit and LGBT equity in Indian Country.

In 2009 IWOK began working on Two Spirit and LGBT Equality issues in Indian Country through a generous grant from the Western States Center’s Gender Justice Program. During this early partnership IWOK redesigned activities from the Center’s Uniting Communities Toolkit and re-framed many of the curriculum tools to show the unique worldview of Tribes and Tribal People. IWOK also re-articulated the issue within the essential frames of sovereignty, self-determination and culture and rooted their work for equality as a core belief.

The work of decolonization can’t thoroughly happen without also addressing issues of Two Spirit & LGBT Justice. Colonization taught Tribal communities a great deal about homophobia and transphobia, and as Native communities work to consciously reclaim and return to their traditions this work must also re-examine how the effects of colonization remain enshrined in Tribal Policy, Law and structure. For Tribal Nations, LGBT Equality and Decolonization are inextricably linked, one cannot be truly be achieved without the other.

Download the Tribal Equity Toolkit at:

https://graduate.lclark.edu/live/files/12737-tribal-equity-toolkit

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Two Spirit Youth - prepared by Jessica Danforth of the Native Youth Sexual Health Network

Native Youth Sexual Health Network (NYSHN) - www.nativeyouthsexualhealth.com is an organization by and for Indigenous youth that works across issues of sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice throughout the United States and Canada. NYSHN is the only organization in North America whose staff and advisories are all Indigenous youth under the age of 30, many of them Two-Spirit and otherwise Indigenous LGBT identified. An example of their numerous projects and front line work by and for Two-Spirit youth include this Healthy Sexuality and Fighting Homophobia and Transphobia Native Youth project.

We R Native
http://www.wernative.org/TopicDetails.aspx?id=22&type=SexualHealth
We R Native is a comprehensive health resource for Native youth, by Native youth, providing content and stories about the topics that matter most to them. They strive to promote holistic health and positive growth in local communities and nation at large. The website linked above brings you to their LGBT and Two Spirit youth resources.

Celebrate Life
http://nativeyouthleadership.org/2012/09/09/michelle-sherman-how-we-can-take-a-stand-for-two-spirit-lgbt-youth/
Based on the Navajo reservation in Shiprock, New Mexico Celebrate Life honors individuality among Native youth by creating safe spaces for Two-Spirit/LGBTQ Youth through skateboarding, art, music, and writing.

Safe and Caring Schools for Two Spirit Youth
This is a toolkit on creating safer spaces for Two Spirit youth in schools created by the Two-Spirit Circle of Edmonton.

Understanding the Health and Wellness Needs of Two-Spirit Youth and Other Tribal Youth with LGBT Identities and the Provision of Care within Systems of Care
This resource is an online webinar hosted in 2010 with the same name that includes supporting documents to reference.

Two Spirit Youth Speak Out!
This is a resource created by the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA) in Vancouver, British Columbia with a needs assessment of Two Spirit youth throughout BC through survey results and associated projects and outreach.

Migration Within Canada: 2 Spirit and Trans Youth
http://www.actoronto.org/research.nsf/pages/migrationincanada
These are the research findings produced into 6 fact sheets from a study done with Two-Spirit and Trans youth 18 to 25 across Canada who had moved to Toronto.
**Two Spirit Books**


Two Spirit Films


Two-Spirit Specific Training

“Two-Spirit Then and Now: Reclaiming Our Place of Honor” enables participants who are working as behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS care providers to work more effectively with Two-Spirit people. This training comes in several formats: half-day, full day or intensive day and half training.

The workshop provides participants, both Native and non-Native, with an opportunity to look at and discuss how historical trauma led to the dissolution of the role and the displacement of Two-Spirit people from within their Native communities. The connection between the displacement of Two-Spirit people from their heritage, and who routinely experience stigma and discrimination in both Native and mainstream society, is presented and discussed in terms of the impact on their health and mental health risks, health disparities and recovery support needs.

The workshop examines intervention and healing approaches that use traditional practices, including those that incorporated the special role of Two-Spirit people in traditional Native communities. The work of Dr. Joseph Gone and Dr. Alex Wilson on the integration of traditional practices, Two-Spirit identity and role affirmation, and current behavioral health interventions with examples of this work in Native treatment centers in Canada and USA. Practice case studies to apply the knowledge of this training make this an interactive and engaging workshop.

Finally, the workshop also provides participants with resources for further learning and links to Two-Spirit organizations in Canada and USA. For more information on this training contact Harlan Pruden at training@ne2ss.org or at 646.351.7360.