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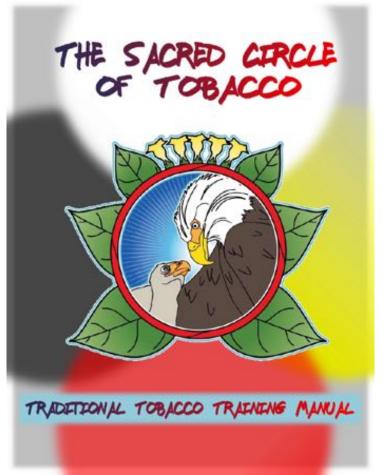
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# The Sacred Circle of Tobacco



Traditional Tobacco Training Manual Webinar November 28, 2018

#### Welcome



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### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the presentation, the participants will be able to:

- 1. Differentiate between commercial and traditional tobacco use.
- 2. Recognize the importance of engaging youth to increase the awareness of sacred tobacco.
- 3. Identify Sacred Circle of Tobacco as a resource to address commercial tobacco use.

#### Outline

Background History of The Sacred Circle of Tobacco (TSCOT) Who are the Partners Sacred Use of Traditional Tobacco Overview of TSCOT Manual Questions/Answers

### Background

Significant health disparities among American Indian/ Alaska Natives

Cardiovascular Disease (1<sup>st</sup>)

Cancer (2<sup>nd</sup>)

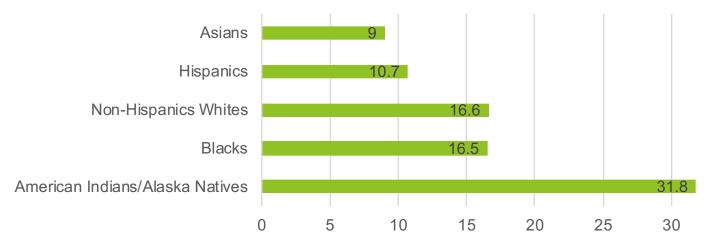
Diabetes (4<sup>th</sup>)

Many of the health conditions and diseases are related to lifestyle behaviors

Such as commercial tobacco use, physical inactivity, and poor diet

### Cigarette Smoking





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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\_statistics/fact\_sheets/health\_effects/tobacco\_related\_mortality/

### **Smoking Patterns**

Regional variations in cigarette smoking exist among American Indians/Alaska Natives

Lower prevalence in the Southwest

higher prevalence in the Northern Plains and Alaska

More American Indian/Alaska Native women smoke during their last 3 months of pregnancy

26.0% compared to 14.3% of whites

- 8.9% of African Americans
- 3.4% of Hispanics, and 2.1% of Asians/Pacific Islanders

### Youth Engagement

Important principle of youth development

Empower youth to engage in positive activities to tackle important issues

Leads to positive changes

Develop leadership and public speaking skills

Increase self confidence and connectedness

# History of the Sacred Circle of Tobacco

Key Individuals:

Vicky Augare (Blackfeet/Cree) Nyleta Belgarde (Ojibwe) Daniel Fox (Lakota/Arikara) Kathy Reddies (Assiniboine/Sioux) Danny Vollin (Salish) Cary Youpee (Sioux/Assiniboine)

#### Key Organizations:

Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program Combined Coalition for Urban Indian Health Great Falls Indian Family Health Clinic Helena Indian Alliance Missoula Indian Center

University of Montana - Missoula

### Partners for TSCOT 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition:

Key Individuals:

CoCo Villaluz (Hidatsa/Assiniboine/Chamorro) Lori New Brest (Pikuni) Alberta Becenti (Navajo) Joe Law (Klamath/Siletz/Northern Cheyenne) Suzanne Nash (Ojibwe) Jacquie Arpan (Oglala Lakota) Joshua Hudson (Ojibwe)

#### Key Organizations:

National Native Network ClearWay Minnesota Indigenous Peoples Task Force Indian Health Service

#### Sacred Use of Traditional Tobacco





#### **Mission and Goals of TSCOT**

The primary mission of The Sacred Circle of Tobacco (TSCOT) curriculum is to reinforce the traditional uses of tobacco by AI/AN people by educating youth of the spiritual and cultural significance of tobacco.

Goals are to:

Educate youth to understand and identify the positive aspects of keeping tobacco sacred - adopting a culturally specific and spiritual relationship to tobacco, and <u>a</u> greater sense of pride in traditional lifeways.

Develop youth as leaders and advocates - developing skills so they in turn can teach others, sharing the unique aspects of traditional uses of tobacco.

### Format of TSCOT

**Overview**: This session encourages youth to introduce themselves, share information that best describes them, and assess their current knowledge on tobacco.

Learning Objectives: By the end of this session, the participants will be able to:

- 1) Identify and share information that best describes them.
- 2) Assess their knowledge on tobacco.

**Supplies:** Markers, flip chart, tape and papers or cards. **Activities/Preparation:** 

Activity/Time	Preparation
Activity 1: Introduction and Energizer Time: 15-30 minutes	Write each of the words in large letters (using a marker) on a paper (using half a sheet).
Activity 2. Setting Ground Rules Time: 5 minutes	Write in large letters "Our Ground Rules" on the flip chart.
Activity 3: What do you Know About Tobacco? Time: 15 – 20 minutes	Write the following statements on the chalk board or on a flip chart: in large letters write "Agree (Take 2 steps forward)", "Disagree (stay where you are) and "Don't Know (take 1 step back).
Activity 3: The Truth about Commercial Tobacco Time: 10 minutes	

### **Overview of TSCOT Manual:**

#### How to use?

Recruit an adult mentor and youth

If needed, schedule an one-day training for adult mentor & youth

After the training, the youth are expected to develop a plan with encouragement and support from their adult mentor.

#### Who can use TSCOT?

Everyone!

#### Where to access TSCOT?

National Native Network's website, under 'resources' tab

## Questions and Answers

Please type the questions into the chat box!

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