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**SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENT
NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2023, HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT**

Thursday November 16th

9:00am - 5:00pm

9am: Traditional Welcome, Posting of Flags, Land Acknowledgment and Prayer

by EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson, Krazy Nation Drummers and Singers, American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 Color Guard, Reflection of Inspiration Inc. Executive Director, DeMakus Staton

9:30am: Introduction of ROI, Inc: Board of Directors, Staff, Mission and Vision

by Reflection of Inspiration Inc. Executive Director, DeMakus Staton

9:45am: Official Welcoming & Remarks

by Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Office Principal Chief, Representative

10:00am: Plans for the year ahead, recognition, and "Thank You" to supporters.

by Reflection of Inspiration Inc. Membership & Outreach Manager, Brittany Hampton

10:15am: We Are Resilient Podcast Speakers

by We Are Resilient Podcast Creators, Maggie Jackson, Sheyahshe Littledave, Ahli-sha Littlejohn Stephens

11:00am: The Intersections of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Sex Trafficking: Pipelines of Trafficking & the Unique Realities for Tribes on the East Coast

by Mending the Sacred Hoop Program Development TA Coordinator, Rebecca Balog-Patrick

12:15pm: Break for Lunch

1:30pm: Empowering Indigenous Survivors: Cultivating Trust and Access to Support Services for Survivors of Intrafamilial Sexual Violence

by Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition Executive Director Nicole Matthews and advocate and trainer/facilitator Jolene Engelking

2:30pm: Break

2:45pm: Digital Safety: Identifying, Responding and Ending Violence in Indian Country

by Mending the Sacred Hoop Program Development TA Coordinator, Rebecca Balog Patrick

4:30pm: Adjournment

by Reflection of Inspiration Inc. Executive Director, DeMakus Staton

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Friday November 17th

9:00am-5:00pm

9am: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Statistics and Data Presentation

by Reflection of Inspiration Inc. Membership & Outreach Manager, Brittany Hampton

9:30am: Resources for Resilience Training Info Session

by Cherokee Choices Prevention Specialist, Keahana Lambert

10:30am: Museum of the Cherokee People

by Museum of the Cherokee People Education Program Manager, Shennelle Feather

12pm: Break for Lunch

1:30pm: When Survivors Need a Lawyer: Providing Trauma-Informed Legal Services in Indian Country

by EBCI Legal Assistance Office Manager, Bonnie Claxton and Supervising Attorney, Jamie Arnold; and EBCI DV/SA Program Manager, Marsha Jackson

2:30pm: Talking Circle

by Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition Executive Director Nicole Matthews and advocate and trainer/facilitator Jolene Engelking

3:30pm: Adjournment Retiring of Flags and Final Remarks

by Reflection of Inspiration Inc. Board Members, Vice President Marsha Jackson & Member-at-Large Renissa McLaughlin

3:30-5pm: Optional Self-Guided Tours

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The Intersections of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Sex Trafficking: Pipelines of Trafficking & the Unique Realities for Tribes on the East Coast

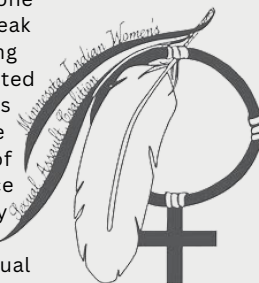
Speaker: Rebecca Balog-Patrick, (Lakota, Mohawk, & Gypsy descent), Mending the Sacred Hoop, Program Development TA Coordinator with Mending the Sacred Hoop

Sex trafficking has become pervasive across the United States and Indian Country. This workshop will discuss the unique grooming tactics that are culturally-specific to Tribal communities (urban or reservation) and specifically the pipeline of trafficking with major hub's for the criminal organizations using the East Coast as the "pipeline" of exploitation. Eastern tribes have a unique land-based access point in supporting survivors that are based and passing through in shipments from Florida to Maine. This workshop will share the intersections of DV & SV with trafficking violence in IPV relationships, share important information on the East Coast trafficking pipelines, and provide advocates and their programs with updated procedures in serving survivors of these intersections that can be translated to program policies and public policy legislation information for change in both Tribal and federal governments.

Empowering Indigenous Survivors: Cultivating Trust and Access to Support Services for Survivors of Intrafamilial Sexual Violence

Speaker: Jolene Engelking (White Earth Descendant), advocate and trainer/facilitator with MIWSAC

We know that sexual violence impacts many people within our communities. For so long, the violence done to us has been kept secret and for those who do speak out, often they haven't gotten the justice or healing they sought out. Those who cause harm have benefited from this silence and lack of accountability. In this interactive session, presenters will delve into the crucial topic of supporting Indigenous survivors of sexual violence, with a particular focus on violence within families. This session will shed light on why dedicated sexual assault services are essential, highlight historical and current realities around sexual violence, and explore strategies for building trust using a survivor-focused and culturally-driven framework.



When Survivors Need a Lawyer: Providing Trauma-Informed Legal Services in Indian Country

Presenters: Bonnie Claxton, Manager, EBCI Legal Assistance Office; Jamie Arnold, Supervising Attorney, EBCI Legal Assistance Office; Marsha Jackson, EBCI DV/SA Program Manager, EBCI

The courtroom can be a nightmare for survivors of violence and trauma. In this session, you will hear about two programs at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians that employ trauma-informed practices to center survivors' legal needs. This involves (1) system-level advocacy, (2) direct legal representation, and (3) supportive services. We partner to wrap support around each client so that they will feel informed and empowered about the legal processes and tools that are available to them. Our job is not to tell survivors what they need or treat them all the same, but rather to guide each individual client to achieve whatever legal goals they set out for themselves.



"Healing Through Re-Connection"

Speaker: Shennelle Feather, Education Program Manager for Museum of the Cherokee People

Develop fundamental knowledge and appreciation for the history and roots of the Cherokee people on the Qualla Boundary. This session will help you understand the fundamental principles that create a context for healing through cultural connection.



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Digital Safety: Identifying, Responding and Ending Violence in Indian Country

Speaker: Rebecca Balog-Patrick, (Lakota, Mohawk, & Gypsy descent), Mending the Sacred Hoop, Program Development TA Coordinator with Mending the Sacred Hoop

This workshop will provide learning opportunities of how to bridge the gap between DV, SV, and Sex Trafficking in Tribal communities that has become a full access abuse tool for harm-doers and abusers including: online harassment, grooming, stalking, revenge, bullying, tracking, monitoring, cancel culture and the falsification of documentation that can be utilized in court cases. This workshop will give a foundation to updated program policies for working with survivors who are experiencing their victimization on online platforms while providing first responder cues for crisis calls that include survivors that are being abused through online tactics. Resources will be provided for continued training and technical assistance.

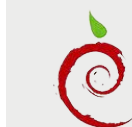


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Resources for Resilience Training Introduction

Speaker: Keahana Lambert, Prevention Specialist with Cherokee Choices, EBCI

Neuroscience has taught us that trauma is a biological event that affects the body. When trauma, or the stress and adversity of daily life, overwhelms the nervous system, we are thrown automatically into a fight-or-flight reaction. This takes us out of our resilient zone and can result in us feeling amped-up or shut-down. While useful in an emergency, these states can have serious negative effects on our emotions and physical health if left unaddressed over time. For the next hour we will:



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- Define trauma/adversity
- Discuss how our bodies respond to trauma
- Discuss how our brain communicates with our bodies
- Understand The Pair of ACE's
- Explore protective factors

- Highlight tools used to bring ourselves and others back to center and on-line, our resilient zone, ultimately making it possible to process new information and make decisions

Resources FOR Resilience



We Are Resilient: A MMIW True Crime Podcast

Speaker: Sheyahshe Littledave, Maggie Jackson, and Ahli-sha "Osh" Stephens, Podcast Creators, EBCI

Sheyahshe Littledave, Ahli-sha Stephens ("Osh"), and Maggie Jackson, citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, created "We Are Resilient: A MMIW True Crime Podcast". Following a local MMIW event, Littledave was moved to do something to keep awareness fresh and recruited Jackson and Stephens to help. Working together they have built a successful true crime podcast that is gaining popularity and has been featured among top streaming channels.



Littledave says of their efforts "We call this project a grassroots effort, because we record, edit, run our social media, website, and research all in our own free time. We are just three Indigenous women trying to make a difference." It's an honor to have them here today to give us more information on their efforts and what they've learned.

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