



REFLECTION OF INSPIRATION

2nd Annual
EVENT

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness Event

November 7th & 8th, 2024 Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort

Thursday November 7th

9:00am - 5:00pm

9:00am: Traditional Welcome, Posting of the Flags, Land Acknowledgement & Prayer

*EBCI beloved woman Myrtle Driver Johnson, Krazy Nation Drummers and Singers,
American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 Color Guard, Reflection of Inspirations
Executive Director DeMakus Staton*

9:20am: Introduction of ROI, INC: Board of Directors, Staff, and Mission

Reflections of Inspiration Inc. Executive Director, DeMakus Staton

9:30 am: Official Welcoming & Remarks

Reflections of Inspiration Inc. Vice President, Marsha Jackson

9:40am: Plans for the year ahead, Recognition, and "Thank You" to supporters

Reflections of Inspiration Community Engagement Manager, Amanda Lindner

**9:50am: Teen Dating Violence and the Intersections of Interpersonal Violence Digital
Violence in tribal youth culture (Bullying, Revenge Porn, and Stalking)**

*HybridLove Stories Tribal Technical Assistance and Training Consultant, Rebecca Balog
Patrick*

12:15pm: Lunch Break

1:30pm: Human trafficking in Native American Culture

Resilient Roots Consulting LLC, CEO Keahana Lambert

2:45pm: Break

**3:00pm: We are the Work (Service Providers, and Advocates addressing the
intersections of serving survivors of violence with traditional healing to prevent
secondary trauma**

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4:30 pm: Adjournment

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9:00am: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Statistics and Data Presentation

Reflections of Inspiration Inc. Operation Manager, Kayla Brown

9:30am: The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Substance Use

*Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC), Domestic Violence Response
Director Memory Dawn Long Chase*

10:50am: Guiding Survivors Through the Legal Labyrinth

Bonnie Claxton Consulting, Bonnie Claxton, JD

12:00pm: Break for Lunch

1:30pm: Museum Of The Cherokee People

Museum of the Cherokee People Education Program Manager, Shenelle Feather

**2:15pm: Empowering Your Community: Human Trafficking Prevention Through
Education Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign**

*Blue Campaign, DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking, Homeland
Security Investigations Erica Reid, Senior Engagement Manager*

3:15pm: Break

3:30pm: Resources For Resilience Introduction

Resilient Roots Consulting LLC, CEO Keahana Lambert

5:00pm: Adjournment, Retiring of the Flags, and Final Remarks

*Reflections of Inspiration Inc. Board Members, Vice President, Marsha Jackson and
Member-at-Large Renissa Mclaughlin*





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We Are the Work (Service Providers, Survivors, and Advocates- Addressing the Intersections of Serving Survivors of Violence with Traditional Healing to Prevent Secondary Trauma)

Speaker: HybridLove Stories Tribal Technical Assistance and Training Consultant, Rebecca Balog

We are the work. Many domestic and sexual violence advocates join this anti-violence movement in Indian Country as survivors of this violence themselves. This workshop will solidify the reality of advocates providing direct services while having a personal history of being survivors themselves. Statistical studies and research from NIJ reported in 81.4% of Native people experience violence. Most advocates experience directly, or within their own families, the violence represented in the survivor programs we serve. This workshop will build upon both national clinical research resources of secondary trauma and an important culturally relevant approach of traditional healing philosophies from intergenerational/ancestral Indigenous principles that are a part of our formal annual ceremonies for healing and traditional ways of life: where violence is not traditional. This workshop will also include open discussions on how to navigate the intersections as a professional advocate while our families are often engaged in violence concurrently. Where there is trauma, healing is the answer.

Empowering Your Community: Human Trafficking Prevention Through Education- Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign

Speaker: Erica Reid, Senior Engagement Manager, Blue Campaign, DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking, Homeland Security Investigations

U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign is a national awareness campaign designed to educate the public on how to recognize and report potential cases of human trafficking. This session will provide an introduction to the crime of human trafficking and focus on ways to engage with persons in the community to empower them with education and proper ways to report to the crime. Professionals who provide services to those victimized by human trafficking, work with youth, work with vulnerable population or community leaders are encouraged to attend.



Teen Dating Violence and the Intersections of IPV Digital Violence in Tribal Youth Culture (Bullying, Revenge Porn, and Stalking)

Speaker: HybridLove Stories Tribal Technical Assistance and Training Consultant, Rebecca Balog

In Indigenous and Non-Native youth culture, youth are developing and maturing with lifeways existing online through social media, apps, and other various tech-centered social norms. The current research and public policy include practices to impede the endangerment of technology's digital violence as it goes well beyond intimate or teen dating violence. These youth culture and multi-faceted social norms occur in a collated reality of online and face-to-face experiences. This happens in schools, athletics, community/cultural events such as powwow, rodeo, and ceremonial alters; universities and youth-centered leadership environments; as well as cultural/Tribal social community events. This will define, explain, and offer prevention and interventions in both historical and emerging issues occurring since 2005 that evolved in technology up to current apps used in 2024 and beyond. This topic represents the reality in Native youth culture where technology is present in nearly all teen bullying, endangerment, and familial retaliation as it connects to teen dating violence (and sometimes teen suicidal ideation).



The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Substance Use

Speaker: Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC), Domestic Violence Response Director, Memory Dawn Long Chase

Many survivors of domestic and sexual violence have been exposed to substances, either introduced by a current or former partner as a means of coercion and control or introduction as a coping mechanism of trauma. The stigma attached to using substances has prevented many survivors from seeking supportive services. Historically, the use of substances has been used to screen out survivors from program participation. This workshop will explore how to support survivor safety when substances are involved. Utilizing a trauma-informed and victim-centered approach, and incorporating a harm reduction framework, attendees will discuss the intersection of domestic violence and substance use and strategize to keep survivors safe in the moment. The presentation is geared to educate all direct service victim advocates, representatives from intersecting disciplines, and/or survivors themselves.



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.

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



Guiding Survivors Through the Legal Labyrinth

Speaker: Bonnie Claxton Consulting, Bonnie Claxton, JD

Survivors of abuse often need to access the justice system for protection, child custody, criminal prosecution, and more. However, these spaces are not typically survivor-centered. Courtrooms have their own timelines, and rules that make them daunting for survivors and even advocates to navigate. So, what do we do about it?

Whether you are a survivor, a friend, an advocate, an attorney, or someone with the power to change how your local court is run, you will leave this session with some practical ideas to make the legal process more comfortable for yourself and the survivors who need you.



"Healing Through Cultural Connection and 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.



Museum of the Cherokee People

