

Nov 7, 2023 – Tuesday Event Speakers & Presentations:

AM Keynotes: 9:00am – Noon

Break: 10:15 – 10:30am - **Location: Enoch Ballroom** (Capacity 256)

Keynote #1 & #2* **Combining Indigenous Knowledge with Western Medical Practice to support people who use substances in recovery and aging.**

Presenter: *Dr. James Makokis and special guest *Anthony Johnson **In-Person**

Nov 7 Tuesday - PM Afternoon Break out Presentations #1:

1:00 - 2:15pm

Break: 2:15 – 2:30pm

Breakout #1 **Location: Enoch Ballroom** (Capacity up to 128)

***Indigenous Gang Research and Practice Implications for Restoring Identity** Dr. Bobby Henry, who is Métis, is working with non-profit organizations in Saskatoon and Ojijiita Pimatisiwin Kinamatwin (OPK) in Winnipeg—to “shoulder tap” youths and adults with gang experience to establish a gender- and age-representative community advisory committee. He wants to understand the complexities of gang involvement by viewing it through a lens of “survance”—a term that encompasses survival, resistance, and resurgence.

“Survance is a strength-based approach to understanding the process of an individual becoming involved and leaving street gangs,” Henry said. “Some Indigenous individuals use gangs to survive settler colonialism and see gangs as a resistance space. When leaving these violent spaces and lifestyle, they look to resurge a positive identity.”

Presenter: Dr. Bobby Henry (University of Saskatchewan) **In-Person**

Breakout #2 **Location: River Cree Room 1** (Capacity up to 36)

***Maskwacis 24/7 Mental Health Mobile Team**

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Presenters: *Steve Skakum & *Gayle Lighting **In-Person**

Breakout #3 **Location: River Cree Room 2** (Circle – capacity 30)

***Ceremonial Support for Healing from Addictions**

Presenters: *Elder Howard Mustus and Elder Phyllis Mustus **In-Person**

Breakout #4 **Location: River Cree Room 3** (Circle Capacity 30)

***Ambiguous Loss, Grief & Hope” Part 1**

The Ambiguous Loss Presentation is information about loss without closure. During the Presentation there is opportunity for discussion throughout. As well as there are 2 Sharing Circles where one can debrief, as well as share their experiences. The Circles are, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The participants will leave with a greater understanding on what Ambiguous Loss is, ways to identify it, ways to cope, and resources for moving forward. This is a two-part presentation.

Presenter: *Rocky Ward – **In-Person**

Breakout #5 **Location: River Cree Room 4** (Capacity up to 36)

Building collaborations and partnership to bring people together and keep working together on community issues including strategies to address the drug crisis. Part 1

Information coming soon.

Presenter: Presenters: Shari Hanson (CDUA) **with guests Barb Barclay** (RSW) Southern Regional Manager NCSA & **Mike Schoenthal** Coordinator Community Engagement and Partnership NCSA Edmonton **In-Person**

Nov 7 Tuesday - PM Afternoon Breakout Presentations #2

2:30 – 4:00pm

Breakout #1 **Location: Enoch Ball Room** (Capacity up to 128)

***Indigenous Engagement Platform – supporting resource equity and access by prioritizing First Nations, Inuit, Metis and Urban Indigenous perspectives on substance use research**

Learn about the Development of an Indigenous Engagement Platform that will foster and encourage distinctions-based and Indigenous-led community-based substance use research and knowledge mobilization that is founded in Indigenous ways of knowing, priorities, and values.

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Presenter: Rocky Ward **In-Person**

Breakout #5 **Location: River Cree Room 4** (Capacity up to 36)

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Information coming soon.

Presenter: Community Development Unit Alberta Arts, Culture and Status of Women (Government of Alberta). **Presenters: Shari Hanson** (CDUA) **with guests Barb Barclay** (RSW) Southern Regional Manager NCSA & **Mike Schoenthal** Coordinator Community Engagement and Partnership NCSA Edmonton **In-Person**