
**NIWRC Advocacy Curriculum
Facilitator Orientation**



AGENDA

Session reviews will include objectives, power points, background reading and handouts. Presentations and breakout conversations focus on key concepts, facilitation and questions and/or topics raised by participants.

August 3rd 1:30 – 4:00 CT

Welcome, Introductions and Curriculum Overview

PART 1- Violence Against Native Women- Root Causes, Dynamics & Trauma-informed Advocacy

Session 1: History, Root Causes and Dynamics of Violence & Social Change

1. Today's Reality: Violence Against Native Women & Children
2. Root Causes of Violence: Colonization & Culture
3. Connections Between Oppression, Internalized Oppression, Violence and Culturally-based Solutions
4. Reflections of Social Change: Brief Herstory of the Movement to End Violence against Native Women

August 10th 1:30 – 4:00 CT

Session 2: Dynamics and Tactics of Battering/Intimate Partner Violence

1. Necessary Distinctions: Conflict, Abuse, Violence, DV, Intimate Partner Violence and Battering
2. Dynamics of Battering: Power and Control and Tactics
3. Why Do They Go Back?

Session 3: Overview of Advocates Role

1. Medical Model vs. Grassroots / Social Change Model
2. Roles of Advocates

August 17th 1:30 – 4:00 CT

Session 4: Trauma: Impact & Effects

1. What is Trauma?
2. Ongoing Impact of Trauma/Violence
3. Connections: Domestic Violence, Mental Health & Substance Abuse
4. Impact of Witnessing Domestic Violence on Children

Session 5: Trauma-Informed Approaches & Advocacy

1. Trauma & Domestic Violence: Framing the Issues
2. What is a Trauma-informed Approach?
3. Responding to Trauma – What Helps
4. Self-healing & Secondary Trauma

August 24th 1:30 – 4:00 CT

PART 2 - Violence Against Native Women- Advocacy: Skills, Shelter, Systems and Community

Session 1. Basic Advocacy Skills

1. Relationship Building & Boundaries
2. Active Listening Skills & Crisis Line Response
3. Safety Planning
4. Protection Orders

Session 2. Special Populations & Advocacy

1. Self-reflection: Identifying & Unlearning Internalized Oppression
2. Advocacy with LGBTQ & Two Spirit Community Members
3. Advocacy with Male Victims
4. Advocacy with those with Different Abilities

August 26th 1:30 – 4:00 CT

Session 3. Basics of Shelter & Providing Safe Space

1. Purpose of Shelter
2. Shelter Programming
3. Rules and Guidelines
4. Providing Safe Space – Alternatives to Shelter
5. Confidentiality and Privacy

Session 4. Working Outside Shelter Doors

1. Ally-Building, Systems Advocacy & Creating Coordinated Community Responses
2. Public Education & Community Involvement

Intersection: Sex Trafficking and Domestic Violence

August 31st 1:30 – 4:00 CT

Key Facilitation and Preparation skills

Wrap – Up

Closing