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Advanced Sovereignty Training

June 22, 2023

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Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Presentation – *Being a Good Relative: Non-Native Solidarity with Native Peoples*

III. Resources and Upcoming Events

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Being a Good Relative

Non-Native Solidarity with Native Peoples



Who are you?
Where are you?

1) Type in the chat: Your name, organization & role.

2) Include: Your location and the Indigenous territory you are joining from.





Robert Chanate & Tremayne Nez

Native Organizers Alliance

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Our goals:



- Dig deeper into the principles of sovereignty we introduced previously.
- Use a case study of the Keystone XL campaign to examine best practices.
- Explore how to put principles of sovereignty into practice. How to relate to Native individuals and organizations.

What is Native Sovereignty?

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Sovereignty *is a legal word for an ordinary concept —the authority to* ***self-govern.”***

— ***National Congress of American Indians***

Key principles of Native Sovereignty

- Sovereignty is inherent not granted.
- Treaties are agreements that recognize sovereignty. They do not grant it.
- Nations (peoples) have sovereignty, not individuals.
- Tribal sovereignty is territory-based.
- The form of sovereignty can change for each Native nation.
- Sovereign relations are nation-to-nation. US states have no authority over Native nations.
- Tribal sovereignty is affirmed in the US Constitution and has been repeatedly upheld by the US Supreme Court.
- Indigenous sovereignty is enshrined in International law.
- Sovereignty is interconnected with racial justice.



What is Being a Good Relative?

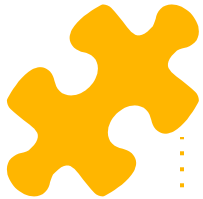
It means working to be

in Good Relationship

with the communities we live in, those we interact with and taking responsibility for the traditions we pass on:

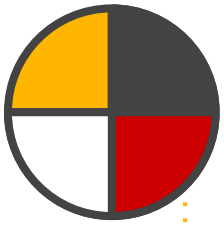
- Land
- People
- Animals
- Water
- Life-sustaining forces

7 Principles or Paths to Being a Good Relative



- Vision
- Respect
- Awareness
- Protocols
- Reciprocity
- Consultation
- Reflection

Relationships between Natives and Non-Natives



- Decision-Making
- Systems and Institutions
- Policies
- Impacts
- Status quo or transformation?



Keystone XL Pipeline

Keystone XL Overview

- Keystone XL was a proposed 1,400-mile-long pipeline running from the tar sands mines in Alberta, Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.
- The pipeline would have had a capacity of 890,000 barrels per day of tar sands oil.
- Keystone XL threatened:
  - Tribal Nations and sacred places across South Dakota, Montana, and Nebraska, including the Ponca Trail of Tears.
  - The Sandhills National Natural Landmark in Nebraska.
  - The Ogallala Aquifer.
  - The Missouri River Bioregion and the health of millions.

Keystone XL Timeline



2008 Permit first filed with U.S. government; Native-led tribal and grassroots organizing began with the signing of the Promise to Protect the Sacred Treaty.

2011 Mass protests and arrests in Washington DC.

2014 The Cowboys & Indians Alliance is formed.

2015 President Obama rejects the Keystone XL application.

2017 President Donald Trump reversed the decision just days into office. Tribal, grassroots Native organizers and farmers regroup.

2018 TransCanada announced they had secured commitments to ship 500,000 barrels per day for 20 years.

2021 President Joe Biden revoked the permit on his first day in office.

Lessons from KXL

Nurture long-term, authentic relationships.

Recognize opposition to KXL is a Native-led local struggle.

Put things in context and give credit.

KXL fight is part of longer-term movement for tribal sovereignty and water protection.

KXL movement embraced a variety of strategies and tactics.

Each playing their role from grassroots to national level.

Lessons from KXL

Be aware of resource imbalances.

Respond to resource needs for local organizing partners.

Respect sovereignty in action.

Ensure the leadership of sovereign nations and grassroots organizers in all decision-making.

Deepen analysis.

Conduct mass, popular political education that is co-led with the local grassroots leadership.

Housing in Indian Country



Context: Housing on Tribal Lands

Poverty.

One-third (32%) of Native households on tribal lands live in poverty, compared to 18% nationwide.

Lower Incomes.

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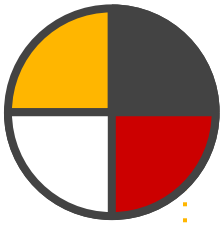
Questions for small groups:



1) Discuss how tribal sovereignty impacts the work of your organization and your constituents.
2) Identify one step you can take to build relationships in Indian Country to advance your work.

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Three things you can do to take the first step



- Reach out to local tribal government
- Contact relevant national or state Native advocacy groups
- Study how Native law and jurisdiction impacts the issue

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We want to hear about your experience in today's training!



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WEBINAR CONTENT AREAS:

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- **Health Intersections**
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- **Poverty Trends**
- **Racial Equity**
- **Energy**
- **Data Analysis and Management**
- **Weatherization Leveraging**
- **Whole Family Approaches**
- **Trauma-Informed Care**
- **Rapid Response and Recovery**
- **and more!**

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NATIONAL WEBINAR EVENT

EFFECTIVE COORDINATION: WORKING ACROSS SYSTEMS TO IMPACT HOMELESSNESS

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH
2:00 PM ET | 1:00 PM CT | 12:00 PM MT | 11AM PT

This session, led by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, will provide an overview of effective homeless service systems and the interdependence of interventions and service providers to maximize impact and efficacy. Speakers will discuss the many ways Community Action Agencies can enrich and expand upon the services CAAs already provide to at-risk and homeless populations. Local examples of effective collaboration will be provided.



Register at:
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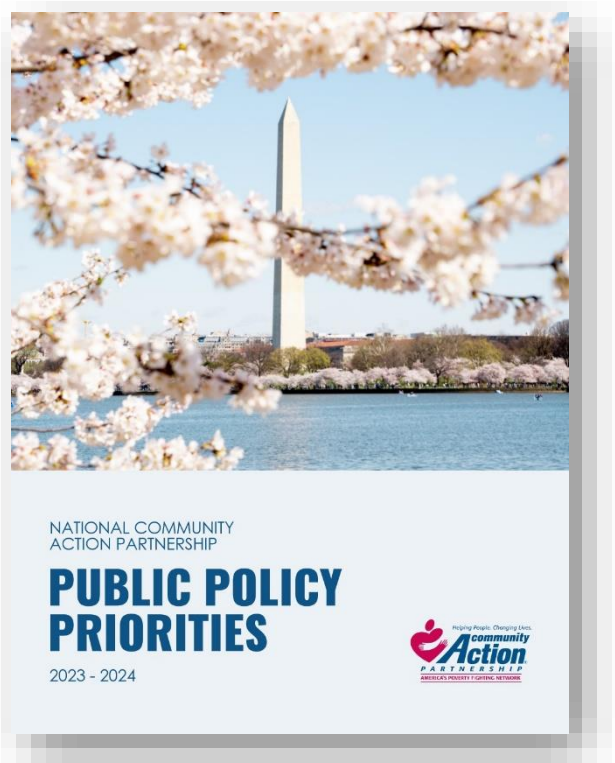
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THE LATEST ANTI-POVERTY RESOURCES

Explore the latest resources, webinars, and funding opportunities from other organizations engaging in anti-poverty efforts. The list is updated periodically to ensure "freshness!"



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