

Red Wind Consulting, Inc.  
Creating Sister Space: Building an Interconnected Web of Support  
Tribal Transitional Housing Conference



**Date:** December 6-8, 2017

**Location:** Denver Sheraton Downtown Hotel, Denver, Colorado 

**Who:** This conference will serve Tribal Advocates and Program Managers/Coordinators working in Transitional Housing, Tribal Advocates and Program Managers/Coordinators wanting to develop Transitional Housing, and Tribal Transitional Housing supporting community practitioners.

Victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and trafficking are on a long journey as they navigate the web of safety needs, trauma, life changing events, resources and system responders. Tribal Transitional Housing is one of our strongest resources for making a difference in the lives of women who have lived with violence. It provides us a longer period of time while also offering a more comprehensive range of services and supports to help them get solid on their feet. As tribal advocates working with a woman coming in to the program, we want to think about her as our relative. We want to offer safety, make her comfortable, make sure she has breathing room to think about what is happening, to think about her next steps and to think about her life.

This conference will help you expand your understanding of transitional housing, how to respond to a range of issues facing victims and survivors in their lives and support you in building the web of resources to enhance your tribal transitional housing program.

## Registration

### Monday

### Evening Registration

6:00pm – 8:00pm

*For those wanting to register in advance, you can stop by the registration to sign in, pick up your materials and name tags.*

### Tuesday

### Registration and Networking

7:30am – 8:30am

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**DAY 1 – Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

What is our core approach to working with victims in transitional housing? Our work today includes building the foundational belief about creating a time and space for victims/survivors and their families to get on their feet, recover from the violence, and look toward their futures. This includes addressing the barriers that often prevent a person's from moving toward the future they envision for themselves.

Objectives for Day 1

Participants will:

1. *Develop an understanding of what transitional housing is.*
2. *Build an understanding of what guides their work with tribal victims and families in transitional housing.*
3. *Explore challenging issues and learn new options for care.*

**General Session**

<b>8:30am – 8:45am</b>	<b>Traditional welcome</b>
<b>8:45am – 9:00am</b>	<b>Opening Comments</b>
<b>9:00am – 9:20am</b>	<b>What is Transitional Housing? And why do we need it?</b>
<b>9:20am – 10:30am</b>	<b>Creating Sister Space: Overarching Philosophy/Theory for Our Approach</b>
<b>10:30am – 10:45am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45am – 11:30am</b>	<b>Whole family, whole life</b>

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**11:30am – 12:00pm**    **Transitional Housing Community Forum**

**12:00pm – 1:30pm**    **Lunch** (on your own)  
**Transitional Housing Forum in Action** (optional)

**1:30pm – 3:00pm**    **Breakout Session A**

<b>A1.</b>	<b>A2.</b>	<b>A3.</b>
<b>TRADITIONAL WORK WITH VICTIMS, BUILDING PERSONAL IDENTITY</b>	<b>PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT, INSPIRING, MOTIVATING AND CREATING CHANGE</b>	<b>WORKING WITH FAMILIES WITHIN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, STRATEGIES AND COLLABORATIONS</b>

**3:00pm – 3:15pm**    **Break**

**3:15pm – 4:45pm**    **Breakout Session B**

<b>B1.</b>	<b>B2.</b>	<b>B3.</b>
<b>WHEN VICTIMS USE ALCOHOL AND DRUGS, ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS</b>	<b>TO BE DETERMINED</b>	<b>DECOLONIZING TRAUMA, AN INDIGENOUS RESPONSE</b>

**4:50pm – 5:30pm**    **Transitional Housing Forum in Action** (optional)

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**DAY 2 – Thursday, December 7, 2017**

Today our work includes putting in place the complex resources to enhance the range of our advocacy available for victims/survivors in transitional housing. We will explore an array of resources surrounding economic advocacy to help victims/survivors build a future for themselves that goes beyond just surviving.

Objectives for Day 2

Participants will:

- *Be able to identify the VAWA housing protections.*
- *Increase their knowledge of housing resources necessary for working with victims within transitional housing.*
- *Gain an understanding of economic justice options for victims.*

**8:00am – 8:45am      Transitional Housing Forum in Action (optional)**

**9:00am – 9:15am      Processing Yesterday, Moving into Today**

**9:00am – 10:00am    Addressing Poverty, Building Independence**

**10:00am – 10:30am    To Be Determined**

**10:30am – 10:45am    Break**

**10:45am – 12:00pm    Introduction to Financial Literacy**

**12:00pm – 1:30pm    Lunch (on your own)**

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**Transitional Housing Forum in Action (optional)**

**Transitional Housing Technical Assistance (optional)**

**1:30pm – 3:00pm      Breakout Session C**

**C1.**

**HOUSING FIRST. WORKING WITH  
LANDLORDS AND TRIBAL HOUSING  
AUTHORITIES**

**C2.**

**FINANCIAL LITERACY.**

**C3.**

**BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO ENHANCE  
ECONOMIC JUSTICE OPTIONS.**

**3:00pm – 3:15pm      Break**

**D1.**

**DYNAMIC SAFETY PLANNING  
STRATEGIES**

**D2.**

**FINANCIAL LITERACY, PART 2.**

**D3.**

**FAMILY SERVICES, WORKING WITH  
THE ENTIRE FAMILY**

**4:50pm – 5:30pm      Transitional Housing Forum in Action (optional)**

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**DAY 3 – Friday, December 8, 2017**

Our work today will help to pull everything we learned together. We will focus on the critical importance of putting in place documentation to support our work. This is basic compliance and you will learn a simple method for tracking activities. Community is a core for addressing the isolation that exists as a result of the violence. We will discuss what it means to be in community and explore some strategies for building community with your transitional housing program. And finally, we will engage in a work session to develop a plan to incorporate their new ideas into their program design and practice.

Objectives for Day 3

Participants will:

1. Learn how to conduct program and client documentation.
2. Develop their understanding of the importance of building community within tribal transitional housing.
3. Develop a plan to incorporate their new ideas into their program design and practice.

**General Session**

**9:00am – 9:10am Processing Yesterday, Moving into Today**

**9:15am – 10:00am Program Documentation**

**10:00 am – 10:30am Building Community**

**10:30am – 11:00am Break (extended break allowing time to check out of the hotel)**

**11:00am – 12:00pm Transitional Housing Planning: Incorporating New Ideas in Your Work**

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- 12:00pm – 12:15**      **Closing comments**
- 12:15 – 12:30**      **Traditional Closing**
- 12:45pm – 1:30pm**      **Transitional Housing Technical Assistance (optional)**