Assessing and Addressing Social Needs: Culture is Prevention

1. There are 5 million AI/AN in the US. Of those 5 million, 71% are urban. Causing isolation and a lack of cultural identity.

2. In a wilderness setting we host: ceremony, clans, storytelling, role play, skits, art, trust, building community.

3. If culture is prevention, then the...
   Since 2001, NAHC has delivered GONA curriculum to more than 800 Urban Native Youth, recognized by SAMHSA as an effective cultural based intervention.

4. SAMHSA (one of our funders) substance abuse screening tool. Inappropriate: symptomatic, punitive, not culturally sensitive/relevant.

5. Cultural connectedness can be measured and is an indicator of reduced substance abuse.

6. Community members representing over 100 tribes helped modify Angela Snowshoe's model for urban natives.

7. Medicine Wheel: Insured Benefit
   Long Term Goal – Medical & Other payers will recognize and reimburse for traditional services.

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