



3rd Annual Aboriginal HIV/AIDS & HCV Conference

In the Spirit of the Family – Women: Keepers of the Tee Pee

November 15-17, 2009

Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre
Regina, SK



Hosted by:

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Request for Sponsorship

This is a request for sponsorship for our upcoming conference. There are several ways in which your company/organization could sponsor the Network's annual event. In return for this sponsorship, ANHAN will promote your company/organization by placing your logo in all our printed materials, on our sponsorship board, website, newsletter and the final report for the conference.

The 3rd Annual Aboriginal HIV/AIDS & HCV Conference will take place in Regina, SK on November 15-17, 2009, with this year's conference focusing on women. It will be an inspiring and informative 3 days of training, networking, healing and sharing skills. Our plan was to take this annual conference to various parts of the province over the years, so that we may reach the people that do not have access to resources and information on HIV/AIDS and HCV. The first one was held in Prince Albert, SK and the second was held in Yorkton, SK with approximately 200 delegates in attendance at each conference. We are hoping that this conference will be as successful as the first two.

The Network would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to ANHAN. We are located on 2735 5th Ave. in the city of Regina, Saskatchewan. ANHAN is a community based non-profit organization that works with the Aboriginal population.

Our mandate is as follows: Being a network of Aboriginal people, organizations and agencies, we respectfully strive to provide support and services to our First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities who are experiencing HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C.

All Nations Hope AIDS Network has been in Saskatchewan since 1995 and we are the only Aboriginal AIDS Service Organization in Saskatchewan. Our service mandate includes all regions in the province of Saskatchewan. The Network is in partnership with various groups at regional, provincial and national levels. All Nations Hope AIDS Network consists of Aboriginal staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and an Advisors Circle.

Our current services include workshops on HIV/AIDS, Harm Reduction, Hepatitis C, Two Spirit and Inspirational Speakers. We also provide the following training:

- Sharing the Knowledge – 2 day training on HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis C
- Circle of Knowledge Keepers – peer training for correctional inmates
- Youth Peer Leadership in the community – 5 day training for youth
- Sisters in Spirit – 2 day training on a Harm Reduction Approach for Women Struggling with Addictions during Childbearing Years.

We have also developed valuable resources throughout the years some of which include the Sharing the Knowledge Train the Trainers manual and a HIV/AIDS and HCV kit, a Two Spirit pamphlet, a video entitled “The Journey from my Head to my Heart” and a harm Reduction Guide. Some of our resources are available on our website at www.allnationshope.ca. Please take a moment to check out the site which was developed by staff and is kept up to date with information, resources and upcoming events. We also circulate a bi-monthly newsletter called “Positive Journeys”.

However, the trend in new infections in Saskatchewan is changing this picture. The rate of newly reported HIV infections in Saskatchewan is almost double that for Canada as a whole. There were 124 newly reported HIV infections in Saskatchewan in 2007, or 12.4 per 100,000 people. The rate for Canada as a whole in 2007 was 7.4 per 100,000 people (2,432 new cases reported in a population of 32,976,000 people for Canada; Saskatchewan population 996,900,000) (PHAC, 2008; Statistics Canada, 2007).

In Saskatchewan, most of this increase can be attributed to injection drug use. The proportion of newly reported HIV cases reporting injection drug use in Saskatchewan is three times as high than for Canada as a whole. Most new HIV cases in Saskatchewan report injection drug use. In Saskatchewan, 68 per cent (84 of 124) of newly reported cases of HIV in 2007 reported previous injection drug use (Saskatchewan Health, no date). For Canada as a whole, 23 per cent of newly reported HIV infections in 2007 occurred among injection drug users (Saskatchewan Health, no date), down from an estimated 35 per cent of new HIV infections in 1996 (PHAC, 2007). The rapid rise in new cases starting in 2004 coincides with the widespread use of cocaine in Saskatchewan. (Final Report NEP in Sask 2009)

Since 2003, there has been a significant increase in the number of newly diagnosed cases of HIV in Regina. Following is more information on the situation between 2003 and 2008:

- Between 2003 and 2007, there have been 104 newly diagnosed cases of HIV;
- The number of cases reported annually ranged from 12 to 22 between 2003 and 2006;
- In 2007, there were 36 new cases reported, a three-fold increase from 2003;
- In 2007, more than half of all new cases were among females, about four times higher than in 2003;
- In 2007, the number of cases reported among males was about 2.5 times higher than in 2003.
- Aboriginals accounted for 69 per cent of all new HIV cases in 2007, which is much higher in 2003 when they accounted for about 42 per cent of new cases;
- There were 25 new cases of HIV in Aboriginal people in 2007 compared to only 5 new cases in 2003;
- In the first five months of 2008, there have been 25 new cases reported, most of those found among Aboriginal people;
- New HIV cases among injection drug users account for 67 per cent of all new cases of HIV;
- Since 2003, HIV has been diagnosed in boys and girls as young as 13 and men and women in their 50s.

(Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, Population and Public Health Services, New Cases of HIV in Regina, January, 2003 to May, 2008)

Participation and Fees

The All Nations Hope AIDS Network is handling registration for the conference. See <http://www.allnationshope.ca> Using financial resources that have been budgeted for the conference, the Network will issue travel letters and will pay for travel, accommodation, and meal expenses for a limited number of scholarships; including expert resource persons and key blood borne pathogen stakeholders.

Evaluation

The conference will be evaluated by a participatory process. The evaluations will be analyzed, written-up, and communicated by posting a written summary of the proceedings on the ANHAN website. Presenters will be able to read and approve the draft write-up prior to posting. The conference planning committee will engage ANHAN in reviewing and approving by the analysis and summary prior to the posting, or other dissemination.

Conference Planners

A conference planning committee composed ANHAN staff, volunteers, people living with HIV/AIDS or HCV, professionals and front line workers.

The executive director and staff of ANHAN will be spearheading the organization of the event by hosting conference calls for the planning committee, contacting speakers, developing the agenda and attending to other logistics.

Registration Form

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ Prov _____ PC _____

Phone(day) _____ Phone(evening) _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration (before Sept. 30/09)	\$150.00
Early Bird ANHAN Member Registration (before Sept. 30/09)	\$100.00
Regular Registration (after Sept.30/09)	\$200.00
ANHAN Member Registration (after Sept.30/09)	\$150.00
Students (copy of student card required with registration)	\$75.00

**Group rates available upon request. **

TOTAL _____

Method of Payment

- Check or money order, make payable to: All Nations Hope AIDS Network
- Invoice me (include invoice information if different than above)

Please fill out this form and mail, email or fax back to:

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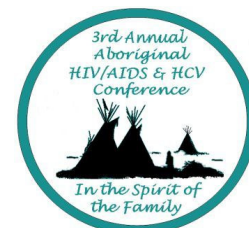
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EXPENSES

Event	Description	Amount
Scholarships	To provide Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS and/or hepatitis C, their supports and people living at-risk with the opportunity to attend the conference.	\$5000.
Meal Sponsorship	Sponsor a mid morning nutrition break, luncheon or the mid afternoon nutrition break for the delegates in attendance at the conference.	\$2500. per meal
Evening Entertainment	Sponsor the expense of evening entertainment that will take place on one of the evenings during the conference.	\$2000.
Meal for the Evening Event	Sponsor the dinner for the evening banquet that will take place during the conference	\$3000.
General Donation	Non-specific donations will be recognized the same as a specific donation, and will also be featured during the event for which the donation will be utilized.	No specific amount
Promotional Items	Annual conference delegates will receive a conference kit with updated information on HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C. These kits include resources and tools for the delegates to take home to their communities.	\$5000.
Silent Auction	Donated items will be sold via Silent Auction that will take place throughout the conference. Items would include cultural items, art, crafts, celebrity items etc. Fundraising to assist in covering some of the expenses.	\$50. and up
Gifts for the Speakers	This donation would consist of art, crafts, cultural items to present to the speakers that come from across Canada to share their expertise on HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C.	\$50. and up
Audio/Visual equipment	To provide the presenters with their audio/visual needs throughout the conference.	\$1000.
Workshops	ANHAN is establishing partnerships with various organizations across Canada to provide workshops on the issues around HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C. Assistance is required for travel, accommodation and per diem expenses.	\$3000. per workshop
Youth Forum	An honorarium will be provided to a Youth Forum Host who will act as the MC for the Youth Forum. Assistance will be required for travel, accommodations and per diem expenses.	\$3000.
Elder Honorariums	Elders are provided with honorariums to provide the delegates with counseling and to perform ceremonies and prayers throughout the conference.	\$1000.
Self Care Honorariums	REIKI, massage therapy, hair care are just a few examples of the self care that we provide to the conference participants. Another way to donate is to provide the gift of self care to the conference delegates.	\$800. per therapist
Arts and Crafts Supplies	To provide an outlet for the conference participants, scholarship recipients to learn about cultural crafts and Aboriginal teachings in the evenings throughout the conference.	
Elder's room	The Elders require a quiet place to unwind throughout the conference.	\$800.
APHA Lounge	A place for people living with HIV/AIDS to meet for fellowship, to talk and connect with others.	\$800.