

TWO-SPIRIT RESOURCE DIRECTORY



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TWO-SPIRIT GROUPS of the UNITED STATES

- Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits** (San Francisco, CA) – www.BAAITS.org
- Central Oklahoma Two Spirit Society** (Oklahoma City, OK) –Corey Taber at okienativeboy@yahoo.com
- City of Angels Two-Spirit Society** (City of Los Angeles, CA) –Hudson at hutsun@aol.com
- East Coast Two-Spirit Society** (New York, NY) – www.ec2ss.net
- Indiana Two-Spirit Society** (Bloomington, IN) –Nathen at Natstein@indiana.edu
- Indigenous Peoples Task Force** (Minneapolis, MN) – www.indigenouspeoplesf.org
- Montana Two-Spirit Society** (Browning, MT) – www.mttwospirit.org
- NativeOUT** (Phoenix, AZ) – www.nativeout.com
- Navajo AIDS Network** (Chinle, AZ) – Melvin at NANmharrison@aol.com
- Northwest Two-Spirit Society** (Seattle, WA) –Raven at raven_hr@hotmail.com
- Portland Two Spirit Society** (Portland, OR) –portlandtwospiritsociety@gmail.com
- Red Circle Project at AIDS Project Los Angeles** (Los Angeles, CA) – www.apla.org/native_american/rcp
- Texas Two Spirit Society** (Dallas, TX) – Barry at barry.layton@texaswospirits.com
- Two-Spirit Society of Indian Canyon** (Hollister, CA) –Holy Old Man Bull at mountainlion57@hotmail.com
- Tulsa Two-Spirit Society** (Tulsa, OK) –John at hawkesw@yahoo.com
- Wichita Two-Spirit Society** (Wichita, KS) – Pam Harjo at pharjo@hunterhealthclinic.org

TWO-SPIRIT GROUPS of CANADA

- 2 Spirits of the 1st Nations** (Toronto, Ont) – www.2spirits.com
- 2-Spirited People of Manitoba** (Winnipeg, Man) – www.twospiritedmanitoba.ca
- Dancing To Eagle Spirit Society** (Vancouver, BC) – www.dancingtoeaglespiritsociety.org
- Two-Spirit Circle of Edmonton Society** (Edmonton, AB) – Ed Lavallee at edlavallee@shaw.ca
- Regina Two-Spirited Society** (Regina, Sask) – www.allnationshope.ca/Two%20Spirits.htm

Honor Project, a National NIMH funded Two-Spirit Multi-year and site research project

Contact Information: Karina Walters at kw5@u.washington.edu or visit this website: www.IWRI.org

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Reclaiming Our Voices: Two Spirit Health & Human Service Needs in New York State

Download a copy of this report at the following link:

http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/reports/native_people/docs/reclaiming_our_voices.pdf

Two-Spirit Specific Trainings and Presentations

"Two-Spirit Then and Now: Reclaiming Our Place of Honor" enables participants who are working as behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS care providers to work more effectively with Two-Spirit people. This training comes in several formats: half-day, full day or intensive day and half training.

The workshop provides participants, both Native and non-Native, with an opportunity to look at and discuss how historical trauma led to the dissolution of the role and the displacement of Two-Spirit people from within their Native communities. The connection between the displacement of Two-Spirit people from their heritage, and who routinely experience stigma and discrimination in both Native and mainstream society, is presented and discussed in terms of the impact on their health and mental health risks, health disparities and recovery support needs.

The workshop examines intervention and healing approaches that use traditional practices, including those that incorporated the special role of Two-Spirit people in traditional Native communities. The work of Dr. Joseph Gone and Dr. Alex Wilson on the integration of traditional practices, Two-Spirit identity and role affirmation, and current behavioral health interventions with examples of this work in Native treatment centers in Canada and USA. Practice case studies to apply the knowledge of this training make this an interactive and engaging workshop.

Finally, the workshop also provides participants with resources for further learning and links to Two-Spirit organizations in Canada and USA. For more information on this training contact Harlan Pruden at hpruden@gmail.com.

Indigenous Ways of Knowing Tribal Equity Toolkit

"This Toolkit provides us with an opportunity to...enshrine, in policy and Tribal Law, our continued commitments to justice and to demonstrate, to the larger public, Equity as an enduring community value." Robert Kentta

Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, the Indigenous Ways of Knowing Program at Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling and the Western States Center, the Pride Foundation and Basic Rights Oregon collaborate on the nation's first guide for Two Spirit and LGBT equity in Indian Country.

In 2009 IWOK began working on Two Spirit and LGBT Equality issues in Indian Country through a generous grant from the Western States Center's Gender Justice Program. During this early partnership IWOK redesigned activities from the Center's Uniting Communities Toolkit and re-framed many of the curriculum tools to show the unique worldview of Tribes and Tribal People. IWOK also re-articulated the issue within the essential frames of sovereignty, self-determination and culture and rooted their work for equality as a core belief.

Download the Tribal Equity Toolkit at: <https://graduate.lclark.edu/live/files/12737-tribal-equity-toolkit>

SAMHSA's Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Center's Two-Spirit Learning Community

Below is a list of some of the webinars from the Tribal TAC's Two-Spirit Learning Community. For more info visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/tribal-ttac>.

We Are More Than Two Spirits

January 21, 2014

Presented by Rep. Susan Allen, LaDonna BlueEye, and Isaiah Brokenleg; moderated by Sharon M. Day. In this webinar, three indigenous community leaders discuss their work and how it benefits the communities in which they live. They focus on how their identity as Two Spirits has influenced their activism, art, scholarly work, and vision.

Watch [We Are More Than Two Spirits \(1:30:52\)](#)(link is external)

Virtual Native: Two-Spirit Community & Resources on the Web

February 18, 2014

Presented by Nathen Steininger of the Indiana Two-Spirit Society and Harlan Pruden of the Northeast Two-Spirit Society

The American Indian and Alaska Native Two-Spirit population uses digital media, social media, and technology to create a wealth of resources, organize Two-Spirit societies, and make connections across geographical distance to address health, wellness, and support for the Two-Spirit population. This presentation covers the digital divide between Indian Country and the general population and the benefits of using technology for disseminating health-related information.

Watch [Virtual Native: Two-Spirit Community & Resources on the Web \(42:54\)](#)(link is external)

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 20, 2014

Presented by Pamela Jumper Thurman

American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from high rates of HIV and AIDS, but factors such as lack of health care access and low rates of testing mean that the problem is often underrepresented. The Two-Spirit and transgender communities often face the highest risk and lowest representation in national health figures and awareness.

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day encourages all American Indians and Alaska Natives to get tested and learn more about HIV/AIDS in our Native communities. Visit www.nnhaad.org(link is external) to learn more about how to participate in this national awareness day.

Watch [National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day \(55:32\)](#)(link is external)

Community Scanning for Two-Spirit Justice in Northwestern Tribal Communities

June 6, 2014

Presented by Se-ah-dom Edmo, Indigenous Ways of Knowing Coordinator, Lewis & Clark College

This webinar covers the results of a tribal community scan conducted by Lewis & Clark College consisting of interviews with tribal leaders, executive tribal employees, and cultural leaders and elders. The purpose of the scan was to assess the climate of Indian Country in the Northwest for readiness to implement the Tribal Equity Toolkit. The toolkit includes tribal resolutions and codes to support Two-Spirit and LGBT justice in Indian Country.

Watch [Community Scanning for Two-Spirit Justice in Northwestern Tribal Communities \(1:16:48\)](#)(link is external)

Waybinigay: Releasing Our Addictions

July 29, 2014

Presented by Sharon Day

Sharon Day gives an overview of the Waybinigay program, a tobacco cessation and prevention program for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The program examines both the commercial and sacred uses of tobacco, and creates a dialogue about the effects of tobacco use on the community, particularly on youth. She discusses proven success strategies based on culturally specific activities that promote cultural identity.

Watch [Waybinigay: Releasing Our Addictions \(1:04:03\)](#)(link is external)

Two-Spirit People: Then and Now

March 24, 2015

Presented by Harlan Pruden

We welcome you to join Part 1 of this 3-part learning community series. Part 1 will introduce the history of Two-Spirit people in American Indian and Alaska Native communities (AI/AN), which will include an overview of the displacement of this population. Topics such as historical and current trauma, past and current discrimination, and the impact on Two-Spirit roles in tribal communities will be presented and discussed. All three parts of this series will blend a presentation with peer-to-peer discussion and opportunities for virtual interaction. Part 1 will set the base for the following two sessions, which will explore the topics of substance use and behavioral health in the Two-Spirit community, and how the broader AI/AN population can support Two-Spirit youth.

Watch [Two-Spirit People: Then and Now \(1:00:24\)](#)(link is external)

Two-Spirit Tuesdays: Learning Community - Part 2

May 26, 2015

Presented by Harlan Pruden

Part 2 of this three-part series explores how substance use and misuse has impacted Two-Spirit health and wellness, and how this community is striving to better address substance use issues.

Watch [Two-Spirit Tuesdays: Learning Community - Part 2 \(1:01:51\)](#)(link is external)

Two-Spirit Learning Community - Part 3: We Are All One Family; Let's Not Make This "Just a Dream"

September 1, 2015

Presented by Harlan Pruden

Part 3 of this learning community follows a panel discussion of Two-Spirit Native youth leaders who discuss their work to support the Two-Spirit community with insights and recommendations on how tribal communities, families, and allies can support Two-Spirit health and wellness.

Watch [Two-Spirit Learning Community - Part 3 \(1:28:33\)](#)

Two Spirit Films

Ansbacher, H. (Producer), & Nibley, L. (Director). 2010. **Two Spirits** [Motion picture]. USA: Say Yes Quickly Productions.

Basmajian, S. (Producer), & Alberta, C. (Director). 1999. **Deep Inside Clint Star** [Motion picture]. Canada: National Film Board of Canada.

Chaiken, J. (Producer), & Bezucha, T. (Director). 2000. **Big Eden** [Motion picture]. USA: Chaiken Films.

Estes, L., Rosenfelt, S. (Producers), & Sherman, A. (Director). 2002. **The Business of Fancy Dancing** [Motion picture]. USA: Falls Apart Productions.

Jenkins, R. (Producer), & Unknown. (Director). 2003. **Two Spirits in Motion** [Motion picture]. (Available from Two Spirit Circle of Edmonton Society, Edmonton, Alberta).

Maurice, G. (Producer), & Manzano, J. (Director). 2000. **Johnny Greyeyes** [Motion picture]. Canada: Nepantla Films.

Unknown. (Producer), & Santiago, C. H. (Director). 1983. **Stryker** [Motion picture]. Philippines: HCI International.

Selection of Two Spirit Books:

- Allen, P. G. 1989. *Spiderwoman's Granddaughters*. Columbine: Fawcett.
- _____, ed. 1991. *Grandmothers of the light: A medicine woman's source book*. Boston: Beacon Press.
- _____, ed. 1992. *The sacred hoop: Recovering the feminine in American Indian traditions*. Boston: Beacon Press.
- _____, ed. 1997. *Life is a fatal disease: Selected poems 1962-95*. Albuquerque, N.M.: West End Press.
- _____, ed. 2003. *Pocahontas: Medicine woman, spy, entrepreneur, diplomat*. San Francisco: Harper San Francisco.
- Brant, B. 1988. *A gathering of Spirit, a Collection by North American Indian women*. Toronto: Women's Press.
- Brown, L. B. 1997. *Two Spirit people: American Indian lesbian women and gay men*. Philadelphia: The Haworth Press, Inc.
- Deschamps, G. 1998. *We Are Part of a Tradition: A Guide on Two Spirited People for First Nations Communities*.
- Driskill, Qwo-Li, Finley, Chris, Gilley, Brian Joseph, Morgensen, Scott Lauria (Editors). 2011. *Queer Indigenous Studies: Critical Interventions in Theory, Politics, and Literature*, University of Arizona Press.
- Jacobs, S. E., Thomas, W., & Lang, S. 1997. *Two Spirit people: Native American gender identity, sexuality, spirituality*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
- Lang, Sabine. 1998. *Men as women, women as men: Changing gender in Native American cultures*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.
- Proulx-Turner, S. 2008. *She walks for days inside a thousand eyes: A two spirit story*. Winnipeg: MB. Turnstone Press.
- Rifkin, Mark. 2011. *When Did Indians Become Straight?: Kinship, the History of Sexuality, and Native Sovereignty*, Oxford University Press.
- Rifkin, Mark. 2012. *The Erotics of Sovereignty: Queer Native Writing in the Era of Self-Determination*, University of Minnesota Press.
- Roscoe, W. 1988. *Living in the Spirit: A gay American Indian anthology*. New York: St Martin's Press.
- _____, ed. 1998. *Changing ones: third and fourth genders in Native North America*. New York: St. Martin's Griffin.
- _____, ed. 1991. *Zuni Man-Woman*. New Mexico: University of New Mexico Press.
- Trexler, Richard. 1995.C. *Sex and Conquest: Gendered Violence, Political Order, and the European Conquest*. Cambridge, U.K.: Polity Press.
- Spanbauer, T. 1992. *The Man who Fell in Love with the Moon*. New York: Harper Collins Publishers.
- Williams, W. L. 1988. *The Spirit and the Flesh: Sexual diversity in American Indian culture*. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Williams, Walter L. & Toby Johnson. 2006. *Two Spirits: A Story of Life with the Navajo*. Maple Shade, NJ: Lethe Press.

TWO-SPIRIT FACEBOOK GROUPS AND PAGES

- 2-spirited firstnations-N4N-native4native
- American Indian, Pacific Islander, Canadian, Aboriginal LGBTQ Allies
- BAAITS
- Black Hills Two Spirit Society "Nagi Nupa He Sapa Okolakiciye"
- Central Oklahoma Two Spirit Society
- Circle of Two-Spirited Generations & Unity
- City of Angels Two-Spirit Society
- Female two spirit sweatlodge group
- Gay, Bisexual, Bicurious NATIVES On Facebook (Two-Spirits)
- Idaho Two-Spirit Society
- Indiana Two-Spirit Society
- Justice for Aboriginal Communities
- Minnesota Two Spirit Society
- Montana Two Spirit Society
- Native American Rainbow Warriors (Two Spirits)
- NativieOUT
- NATIVE TWO SPIRIT
- Northeast TwoSpirit
- Northwest 2-Spirit Society
- Saskatoon Two Spirit Society Inc.
- SCIT Two Spirit/Straight Ally Group
- Shorakapok Earth Keepers
- Sovereign Erotics: A Collection of Two-Spirit Literature
- Texas Two Spirit Society
- Trans Alliance Society
- TulsaTwo SpiritSociety
- Two Spirit Circle of Edmonton Society
- Two Spirit Gatherings
- Two Spirit Society of Denver
- Two Spirit Society of Indian Canyon
- Two Spirit Society of Sacramento
- Two Spirit Society of Washington, DC
- Two Spirited People of Manitoba Inc.
- Two spirited ppl, the forgotten
- Two Spirits
- TWO SPIRITS: Sexuality, Gender, and the Murder of Fred Martinez
- Two-Spirit Brotherhood
- Two-spirit discussion group welcoming all native gay, lesbian, trans, etc.
- Two-Spirit People Idle No More!
- Two-Spirit Pride
- Two-Spirit Society of Southern California
- Two-Spirited People of Turtle Island
- Two-Spirited Warriors Wo/Men
- Two-Spirits of the North
- Vancouver Two Spirit and Friends Sweat Lodge
- Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance
- Wichita Two-Spirit Society
- YOUNG ALLIED TWO SPIRITS

Two Spirit Youth - prepared by Jessica Danforth of the Native Youth Sexual Health Network

Native Youth Sexual Health Network (NYSHN) -

www.nativeyouthsexualhealth.com is an organization by and for Indigenous youth that works across issues of sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice throughout the United States and Canada. NYSHN is the only organization in North America whose staff and advisories are all Indigenous youth under the age of 30, many of them Two-Spirit and otherwise Indigenous LGBT identified. An example of their numerous projects and front line work by and for Two-Spirit youth include this Healthy Sexuality and Fighting Homophobia and Transphobia Native Youth project.

We R Native

<http://www.wernative.org/TopicDetails.aspx?Id=22&type=SexualHealth>

We R Native is a comprehensive health resource for Native youth, by Native youth, providing content and stories about the topics that matter most to them. They strive to promote holistic health and positive growth in local communities and nation at large. The website linked above brings you to their LGBT and Two Spirit youth resources

Celebrate Life

<http://nativeyouthleadership.org/2012/09/09/michelle-sherman-how-we-can-take-a-stand-for-two-spiritlgbt-youth/>

Based on the Navajo reservation in Shiprock, New Mexico Celebrate Life honors individuality among Native youth by creating safe spaces for Two-Spirit/LGBTQ Youth through skateboarding, art, music, and writing.

Safe and Caring Schools for Two Spirit Youth

<http://www.nnaapc.org/publications/TwoSpiritBook.pdf>

This is a toolkit on creating safer spaces for Two Spirit youth in schools created by the Two-Spirit Circle of Edmonton.

Understanding the Health and Wellness Needs of Two-Spirit Youth and Other Tribal Youth with LGBT Identities and the Provision of Care within Systems of Care

<http://www.promoteprevent.org/resources/webinar-understanding-health-and-wellness-needs-two-spirit-youth-and-other-tribal-youth-lg>

This resource is an online webinar hosted in 2010 with the same name that includes supporting documents to reference.

Two Spirit Youth Speak Out!

<http://www.unya.bc.ca/downloads/glbqtg-twospirit-final-report.pdf>

This is a resource created by the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA) in Vancouver, British Columbia with a needs assessment of Two Spirit youth throughout BC through survey results and associated projects and outreach.

Migration Within Canada: 2 Spirit and Trans Youth

<http://www.actoronto.org/research.nsf/pages/migrationincanada>

These are the research findings produced into 6 fact sheets from a study done with Two-Spirit and Trans youth 18 to 25 across Canada who had moved to Toronto.

