

Embracing Life: Northern Saskatchewan Working Together



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EMBRACING LIFE COMMITTEE TO HOST SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

The Embracing Life Committee is pleased to announce that a suicide prevention workshop *Embracing Life: Northern Saskatchewan Working Together* will take place at the E. A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts in Prince Albert on October 29-30, 2013.

The Embracing Life Workshop will bring together northern community members, youth, human service organizations, and governments, to collaborate on current suicide prevention and related services. Participants will identify strengths and innovative practices, needs and gaps, and areas for potential collaboration in health promotion, suicide prevention, intervention and post-vention.

“Facilitators will engage participants to develop recommendations and guide future initiatives and projects related to suicide prevention and youth development. Participants will also have the opportunity during the final break-out session to brainstorm actions and develop target goals for their communities and regions as a first step in the process of embracing life planning activities”, said Amanda Laboucane, Chair of the Embracing Life Committee.

The Embracing Life Committee is committed to remain active after the Embracing Life Workshop so that it can act as a forum to follow-up and support northern communities as they develop and implement future work and activities for embracing life, suicide prevention and youth development.

The Embracing Life Committee is currently composed of the following organizations:

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations
First Nations University of Canada
Health Canada
Keewatin Yatthé Health Region
Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region
Ministry of Government Relations
Ministry of Justice

New North SANC Services Inc.
Northern Human Services Partnership
Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority
Northern Lights School Division #113
Population Health Unit
Prince Albert Grand Council

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