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DAY 1 - DECEMBER 8, 2025

8:30am - 4:00pm Empowering Ourselves to Strengthen Our Future



PRESENTED BY Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux Ph.D.

DAY 2 - DECEMBER 9, 2025

8:30am - 4:00pm **Healing Through Spirit:** Integrating Indigenous Healing Practices in Education and Mental Health



PRESENTED BY Varleisha D. Lyons Ph.D, OTD, OTR/L

DAY 3 - DECEMBER 10, 2025

8:30am - 4:00pm

De-Colonizing Services & Programs in Education & Mental Health: Holistic & Strength-Based Approaches to Better Serve Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Children & Youth



PRESENTED BY Suzanne Methot BA., B.Ed.



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DAY 1 Monday, December 8, 2025

WORKSHOP #1 - 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Empowering Ourselves to Strengthen Our Future

- Presented by Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Ph.D.



This one-day workshop, facilitated by Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, will focus on the integration of traditional Indigenous healing and spiritual practices within mental health and educational frameworks. Designed for professionals working with children, adolescents, young adults, families, and communities, it will offer practical tools and culturally grounded insights that can be applied in clinical, educational, or community settings.

Participants will explore strategies for supporting cultural revitalization and community healing, with a particular emphasis on fostering sustainable, Indigenized practices. The workshop will provide opportunities for deep engagement

with Indigenous healing traditions, encouraging reflection on both personal and community experiences. Through collaborative discussions and activities, attendees will develop actionable strategies for revitalizing and integrating traditional spiritual practices into contemporary mental health and educational approaches.

Whether you work with individuals, families, or larger community groups, this session will equip you with practical knowledge to enrich your work and support the healing and resilience of Indigenous communities.

Learning Objectives

- To unpack the foundational elements of traditional Indigenous healing and spiritual practices.
- To explore how decolonization and Indigenization can reshape relationships with community members, allies, and supporters.
- To promote dialogue around integrating traditional practices into current mental health and educational frameworks.
- To explore leadership models grounded in Indigenous values, emphasizing collaboration, peace-making, and cultural safety.

Agenda

Keynote: "Empowering Ourselves to Strengthen Our Future"

 In this keynote, Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux will explore how empowering Indigenous communities to reclaim traditional practices can lead to stronger, more resilient futures.

Opening Prayer & Introduction of Participants

• This sacred space will begin with an Elder-led prayer to honor the spiritual traditions that shape the gathering.

Session Goals and Objectives:

Unpacking and Restoring Foundations of Healing

• This session will examine the current state of Indigenous healing practices in communities, identifying strengths, challenges, and gaps.

What Does Planning and Strategy Have to Do with Healing and Spiritual Practices?

• This session will address the importance of strategic planning for community health initiatives.

Decolonizing or Indigenizing Relations?

• Participants will work in small groups to explore the difference between decolonizing and Indigenizing relationships with community members, allies, and organizations.

Indigenous vs. Western Leadership:

Expectations, Communication, and Collaboration

• This session will delve into the key differences between Indigenous and Western leadership models, examining how each informs community healing and spiritual practices.

Practical Healing Tools: Dream House and "I Am" Exercises

• This session will offer two interactive exercises: the Dream House Exercise and the "I Am" Exercise.

Closing Circle: Reflections and Commitments

• Participants will gather to reflect on their learnings from the day and discuss how they plan to apply these insights in their work, whether in the classroom, clinic, or community.

WORKSHOP #2 - 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Healing Through Spirit: Integrating Indigenous Healing Practices in Education and Mental Health

- Presented by Varleisha D. Lyons, Ph.D, OTD, OTR/L



This workshop offers educators a transformative opportunity to explore the intersection of trauma and spirituality within Indigenous communities, focusing on the impact of intergenerational trauma and how cultural wisdom can support resilience and well-being. By examining both traditional and contemporary healing practices, participants will deepen their understanding of how Indigenous spirituality, storytelling, and community-centered approaches can foster healing, restore balance, and strengthen the individual and collective health of students and families.

Indigenous communities have long faced the repercussions of colonization, forced assimilation, and systemic violence. These traumas have been passed down through generations, affecting the mental, emotional, and social well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Yet, alongside these challenges, Indigenous cultures possess profound spiritual traditions and healing practices that have endured. These practices remain a vital source of identity, resilience, and recovery, offering pathways to healing for those impacted by trauma.

This workshop is designed to empower educators and other professionals working in or with Indigenous communities. Participants will learn culturally grounded approaches to support healing in educational settings, incorporating Indigenous spiritual traditions, cultural practices, and storytelling to enhance student well-being and academic success. The workshop will also provide practical tools for integrating these healing methods into classroom teaching, school activities, and community-based programs.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the Impact of Intergenerational Trauma: Explore the historical and systemic factors that contribute to trauma in Indigenous communities and how these experiences continue to influence the well-being of students and their families.
- **Spirituality as a Path to Healing:** Examine the role of Indigenous spiritual traditions, ceremonies, and cultural practices in promoting resilience and mental health within educational and community settings.
- Integrating Cultural Practices into Education and Mental Health: Learn how to incorporate Indigenous wisdom, spirituality, and trauma.

DAY 3 | Wednesday, December 10, 2025

WORKSHOP #3 - 8:30AM - 4:00PM

De-Colonizing Services & Programs in Education & Mental Health: Holistic & Strength-Based Approaches to Better Serve Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Children & Youth

- Presented by Suzanne Methot, BA., B.Ed.



This workshop will explore the power of narrative-based approaches in addressing mind, body, spirit and emotion to empower children and youth to make meaning of their experiences, transform their self-concept, and rebuild relationships with others and the world around them. Participants will learn how to use storytelling and other motivational techniques to guide healing and growth. We will also explore ways to decolonize your work in classrooms, counseling, social work, or any interactions with children and youth by adopting holistic, strengths-based methods, and discuss ethical considerations for working in cross-cultural and community contexts.

Special attention will be given to the intersections of complex PTSD, developmental trauma, and colonialism, including the impact of intergenerational trauma on memory and well-being. Indigenous frameworks for understanding health, wellness, and healing will also be integrated into the conversation.

By the end of the session, participants will leave with practical tools, frameworks, and methodologies for addressing intergenerational trauma and complex PTSD, and for providing healing-informed support to individuals, families, and communities.

Learning Objectives

Understand Narrative-Based Healing Approaches

• Recognize the role of storytelling in addressing mind, body, spirit, and emotion to help children and youth make meaning of their experiences.

Apply Motivational Techniques

• Learn how to use storytelling and other motivational methods to guide healing and growth in children and youth.

Adopt Decolonizing Practices

• Identify strategies to decolonize interactions with children and youth in classrooms, counseling, and social work.

Address Complex Trauma and Colonialism

• Examine the intersections of complex PTSD, developmental trauma, and colonialism.

Integrate Indigenous Frameworks

• Learn Indigenous perspectives on health, wellness, and healing as part of trauma-informed care.

Implement Healing-Informed Practices

 Develop practical tools, frameworks, and methodologies to support individuals, families, and communities impacted by trauma.



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Using Indigenous Culture-Based Frameworks to Create Workplace Wellness - SUZANNE METHOT, BA., B.ED.

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