

Best Practices for Teaching Native Students

August 19th and 20th, 2009

Workshop Schedule

Day 1:

8:30 Prayer/Sanctioning/Reflections

Breakfast (Mike Huerth)

9:15 Round Dance (John Oakgrove)

9:45 Experiential Introduction to Best Practices (Graham Hartley)

10:00 History of Indian Education (Roxanne Gould, Joe Rice)

Rez Café (discussion exercise)

12:00 Lunch (Potluck with Community Partners/Native Agencies serving the Native American Community)

1:00 IFL Framework and the Indigenous Ways of Knowing (Ida Downwind)

2:00 -Short Break-

2:15 Language Learning (Alliance of Early Childhood Professionals/Betty Jane Schaaf) and Puppet Show (Ona Kingbird)

3-3:30 Evaluation/Survey: Write a letter to your students about what you learned and how you will use it in the classroom

Day 2:

8:30 Prayer/Introduction to the Field Trip (Jim Rock)

Breakfast

9:15 Field Trip: "Sacred Sites of Mne Tanka" (Jim Rock)

Brown Bag Lunch and talking circle to debrief field trip

1:30 Best Practices Give Away (20 minutes each)

- Garden Project (Center School)
- Ricing Lesson (Hope Flanagan)

- American Indian Math Project (Division of Indian Work)
- Science Project (Cindy Ward and student)

3:00 Closing Activity (Danielle Grant)

3:15 Evaluation/Survey:

1. How will you teach differently because of what you have learned in this workshop ?
2. What human resources have you identified from this gathering that you will use in the future ?
3. How could this workshop be improved ?
4. What were the most valuable portions of this workshop to you ?