

Substance abuse conference to be in Albuquerque

NORMAN — A four-day conference on substance abuse prevention for American Indians will be sponsored by the University of Oklahoma's Health, Urban and Community Programs May 21 through 24 in Albuquerque, N.M.

"Our Circle of Wellness — Preventing Substance Abuse" will address the issues of using traditional Indian medicine for substance abuse prevention, defining health promotion and wellness, mobilizing the Indian Community for health; tribal employee wellness programs, adult children of alcoholics; AIDS and substance abuse in Indian people, fetal alcohol syndrome; substance abuse among Indian youth, and co-dependency and substance abuse.

"We are trying to approach this training conference from a positive perspective," said Billy Rogers, conference coordinator with OU's Health, Urban and Community Programs.

"This workshop will focus on healthy lifestyles and health promotion concepts."

"In addition, Native American culture and health concepts of a strong mental, physical and spiritual well-being will also be used as an approach to substance abuse prevention," he said.

Funding for the conference has been provided through a grant from the U.S. Office of Substance Abuse Prevention.

Fees for the conference are \$25 per person. Those who want further information may contact Billy Rogers at (405) 325-1791 or write to 555 Constitution, Norman, Okla. 73037-0005.