

# Indian Elders plan for National Aging Conference

The 1980 National Indian Conference on Aging is scheduled for September 8-10, 1980, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, under the sponsorship of the National Indian Council on Aging. The Conference theme is "A New Decade - May The Circle Be Broken."

The immediate goal of this third National Indian Conference on Aging is a coordinated

approach to the provision of effective and adequate services needed by the Indian and Alaskan Native elderly by combining input from the grassroots community with that of service providers. This concerted effort is to improve and increase the standard of life through a well trained delegation to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

In addition to the immediate

goal, the specific conference objectives are to 1) provide a forum for Indian and Alaskan Native communities nationwide to identify unmet needs and develop recommendations for remedial action; 2) disseminate accurate and current information on the provision of services under the Older Americans Act and other Federal programs as they relate to Indian and Alaskan Native con-

cerns; 3) present overviews of barriers inhibited effective utilization and coordination of resources; 4) formulate action leading to improved comprehensive services, and 5) promote national sensitivity to the needs of the most neglected segment of the First American community.

Among additional objectives of the Conference are the analysis of Title VI - Grants to Indian

Tribal Organizations for Social and Nutrition Services and development of input, through selected delegates, into the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

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