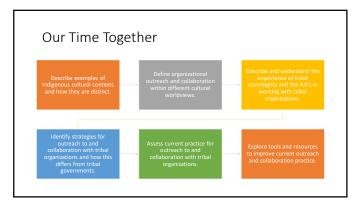


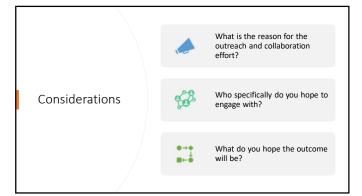
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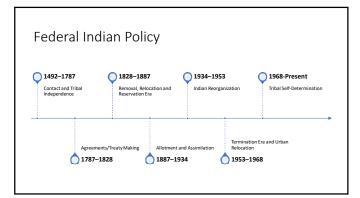
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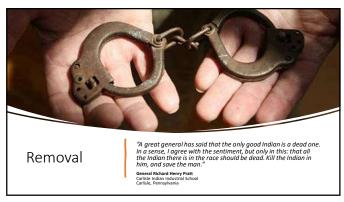




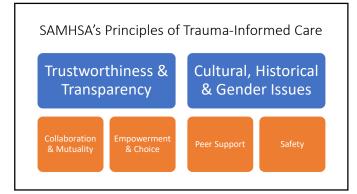














Respect

Indigenous 4 R's

Responsibility

Reciprocity

Relevance/Reverence

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# Indigenous World Views



- How the universe was created
- How humans, creatures and other living beings were created
- The ability of humans and other beings of this world and beyond to communicate
- Source of personal power-strength-and motivation
- Balance of power energy blessings
- Gender and Age
- Life and Death

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### Spirituality

- A belief in an interdependent universe that relies on maintenance of harmony, balance, and respect for all things
- Medicine as protection vs. medicine as cure
- Ceremonies for wellbeing and renewal of the universe
- Natural healers and remedies

#### What you might see or hear

- Smudging
- Medicine pouches
- Eagle feathers
- Use of herbal medicines
- Songs & prayers
- A steady stream of visitors
- Tattoos



# Socio-economic Context

- Frontier, rural, and isolated communities
- Urban communities
- Economically depressed communities with a lack of choice in amenities
- Economically thriving communities
- A culturally distinct majority
- Diverse languages and accents
- Gestures, and perhaps dress styles

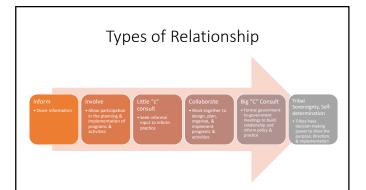
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## Professional Norms

- The meeting begins when the key personnel have arrived – the clock doesn't rule, people do.
- Elders are revered and respected.
- Business is conducted through a mix of languages – English and the Native language.
- Kids and family members might be present or come and go throughout the meeting.

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#### Government-to-Government Relations

- Under the American legal system, Tribal Nations have sovereign powers separate and independent from the federal and state governments.
- The extent and breadth of tribal sovereignty is not the same for each tribe.
- The Big "C"



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