

**Indigenous Solutions:
The Importance of Culturally
Centered Advocacy**

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**Sexual Assault Forensic-Medical and
Advocacy Services for Tribes**

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Violence Against American Indian And Alaska Native Women And Men (2016) By André B. Rosay

More than four in five (81.6%) American Indian and Alaska Native women and men have experienced violence in their lifetime, and more than one in three experienced violence in the past year, according to a new report from an NIJ-funded study.

84.3 percent of women

81.6 percent of men

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56.1 percent of AI/AN women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime

14.4 percent women have experienced sexual violence in the past year

27.5 percent of AI/AN men have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime

9.9 percent men have experienced sexual violence in the past year

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The Blanket Around Her

- Joy Harjo (Tosie, 1994)

Maybe it is her birth
which she holds close to herself
or her death
which is just as inseparable and
the white wind
that encircles her is a part
just as

the blue sky
hanging in turquoise from her
neck oh woman

**remember who you are
woman**

it is the whole earth



The right moment . . .

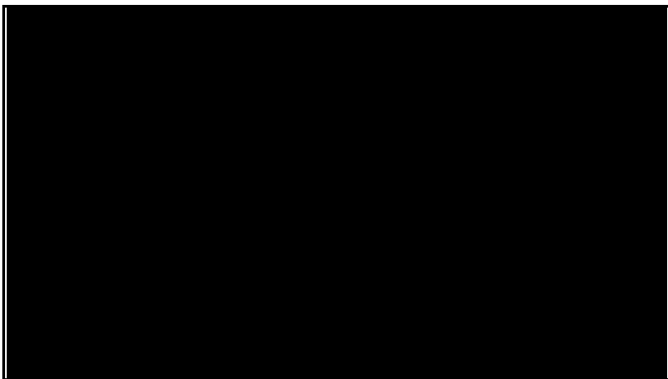
- Create a space to support our relatives on their journeys;
- Determine the tone and nature of our work.

Creating a place where we work to manage our Relatives?

Or are we

Creating a space that helps our Relatives embrace themselves?

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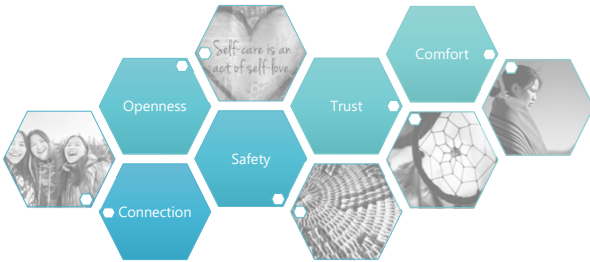


Culturally Informed Advocacy

- ▶ Honors all our relationships;
- ▶ Holistic;
- ▶ Demonstrates respect; and
- ▶ Has integrity



A Relative Centered Approach to Our Work



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BE A
VOICE
 NOT AN
ECHO


Relevance
 the condition of being relevant, or connected with the matter at hand

Resilience
 the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness

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