



We Care!

UNITY Safety and Crisis Protocols

UNITY participants' and youth's safety and well-being are our utmost priority. As we prepare for this year's National UNITY Conference, please know we will work closely with all advisors and chaperones to promote a safe experience. In fact, during the planning of UNITY events, we work closely with each property's security team to outline safety tips and protocols. Hotel security officers are available onsite 24 hours each day. If you're staying at the Hyatt Hotel, they may be reached immediately by calling #55 from a hotel phone. Check with your hotel to find out what the direct line is to security. Please note, UNITY requires all trainers, contractors, and staff to submit to background checks. We remain dedicated to maintaining a secure environment for all participants and will continue to uphold our commitment to their welfare.

UNITY Group Safety Tips & Information

To ensure clarity and ease of response, it's important that advisors and chaperones have well-thought-out procedures in place to handle potential crises, such as a fire, active shooter, or mental health issues. Advisors and chaperones know their youth the best. Please discuss an emergency meeting place with your group in the event of an emergency. It is also advisable that you create a group text chat to reach everyone immediately.

UNITY Spirit Room

This year, an expert team of Cultural Wellness and Prevention trainers will team up to host UNITY's Spirit Room. The Spirit Room (Oregon Ballroom 201) will be available throughout the conference, designed to provide a supervised safe space for Native youth and Advisors to gather, pray, meditate, or share cultural teachings. (Native youth will need to be accompanied by an Advisor) This space can also serve as a quiet place for anyone who may experience sensory overload or need time for reflection. The Wellness team is led by UNITY Alumni Hunter Genia, Lovina Louie, and Sheldon Smith. Interventions, treatment, crisis assessment and counseling are not available on-site. The Spirit Room is designed to provide calm, focus, prayer and comfort to people while

attending the Conference. The Spirit Room will close each night at 11:45pm. If a mental health need arises, our trainers can help assist advisors and chaperones to determine next best steps and provide the necessary resources for expert care and treatment.

Mental Health Support

The FCC has designated 988 as a nationwide 3-digit number for mental health crisis and suicide prevention services, sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Callers will be connected to a specialist who will listen to their concerns and connect them to relevant resources. The helpline will be promoted throughout the conference.

For mental health needs, call the suicide and crisis helpline
Dial 988
Or text "HelpLine" to 62640

Medical Care

If there are life-threatening injuries, call 911.

The NARA NW Indian Health Clinic, which is an Indian Health Clinic, is open 8 am - 5 pm and is located 0.6 miles from the convention center. Address: 703 NE Hancock St, Portland, OR 97212. Phone (503) 230-9875.

Buddy System

Where's your buddy? Every year, UNITY encourages youth participants to keep an eye on each other. A buddy system is a common way to reduce risk in any environment. Of course, it's just one way to promote safety. We encourage youth to not only check in with each other but especially with their advisors. Daily huddles with youth and advisors are encouraged. UNITY peer groups conduct daily debriefs as a way to address any concerns. A group chat, with everyone's cell phone numbers, is also a good way to keep track of each other.