



## **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. They may be reached immediately by calling the hotel operator #0. Please note, that UNITY requires all trainers, contractors, and staff to submit 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**

To ensure clarity and ease of response, it is important that advisors and chaperones have well-thought-out procedures in place to handle potential crises. Advisors and chaperones know their youth the best. The tip sheet provides suggested guidelines.

### **UNITY Spirit Room**

This year, an expert Cultural Wellness and Prevention trainers team will host UNITY's Spirit Room. The Spirit Room 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 11:45 pm.

## **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.

### **Emergency Mental Health Care**

Call 988

Or text "HelpLine" to 62640

NARA NW Indian Health Clinic is located 0.6 miles from the convention center.  
703 NE Hancock St, Portland, OR 97212

## **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 check in with each other not only but also with their advisors. Daily huddles with youth and advisors are encouraged. UNITY peer groups conduct daily debriefs to address any concerns. A group chat, with everyone's cell phone numbers, is also a good way to keep track of each other. We suggest that youth be accompanied by a chaperone or Advisor anytime they leave the host hotel's designated conference area.

## **NEW! UNITY Safety Team!**

A conference safety team is a group of people who work together to ensure the safety of attendees at a conference. Look for Safety Team members wearing yellow polo shirts.

How do conference safety teams work?

- Identify hazards: Conference safety teams identify and assess potential hazards at the conference
- Assist in developing or securing prevention plans to prevent hazards from occurring
- Communicate: Conference safety teams communicate with attendees about any safety concerns
- Review incidents: Conference safety teams review incidents that have occurred at the conference
- Make recommendations: Conference safety teams make recommendations to prevent future incidents

# UNITY MIDYEAR SAFETY

## HOTEL SECURITY

Should you ever need assistance from Security:  
Call - (602) 817-5388

## BUDDY SYSTEM

Always stay with a Buddy, so find your buddy.

- If you plan to leave the hotel, you must be with a chaperone at all times

## ALWAYS STAY WITH YOUR CHAPERONE

If you're planning to explore or sightsee around downtown Phoenix, it's important to always stay with your chaperone. Phoenix is a big city, and it's best to stick together to stay safe and enjoy your time!

## DONT FORGET YOUR ID

Create a reminder to always carry your CIB, Tribal ID, or state issued ID whenever you plan to leave your Hotel room. Before you travel, collect all needed documents and store them in a safe place.

## HAVE A PLAN

In the rare event, that someone asks about your citizenship or personal information, you have the right to politely decline to answer without a lawyer present and request to see an issued warrant.

**BE SAFE, AND HAVE FUN!**

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## CONFIRMING YOUR IDENTITY

If you are requested to show your CIB or ID to any law enforcement, remain calm and immediately call your guardian or chaperone.

## DOCUMENT ENCOUNTER

If possible, record the interaction through video or audio, and make note of important details such as names, times, and any relevant circumstances.

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY

In case of a medical emergency please go to the nearest in-house phone and contact the Hotel Operator. The Operator will dispatch Loss Prevention to the location. Dial 0, and the Hotel Operator will call 911.

## HOSPITALS

- Phoenix Indian Medical Center (4.6 miles)
- Banner University Medical Center (1.1 miles)

## NEARBY PHARMACYS

- CVS (0.7 miles- 50 W. Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ 85004)
- Walgreens (1 mile- 705 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85004)

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