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Wellbriety Gathering Healing the Hurts • Empowering the Family Denver, Colorado • April 10-13, 2014

White Bison, Inc. and the Wellbriety Movement will offer a four-day educational healing gathering at the **Doubletree Hotel** in Denver from **Thursday**, April 10, through Sunday, April 13.

An American Indian Non-profit Organization

The Wellbriety Gathering will address the impact of the historical and intergenerational trauma experience of the Native boarding school era on alcohol and drug abuse among Native families today.

There will be three days of keynote talks; breakout sessions; visits with Elders; Elders talks; talking circles; healing circles; prayer and song; a Wellbriety Powwow; and ceremonies with the Sacred Hoop of 100 Eagle Feathers. There will be ample opportunity for making new friends and connections as well as receiving 18 hours of continuing education credit (18 CEH).

One feature of the Wellbriety Gathering will be a presentation of the history of NANACOA (the National Association for Native American Children of Alcoholics) towards a revitalization of the historic organization today.

The Gathering will also feature presentations and participation of leaders in Native and non-Native healing, including,

Don Coyhis:	Founder/President White Bison, Inc. • Inspiration Wellbriety Movement
Dr. Jerry Moe:	National Director, Children's Programs, Betty Ford Center
Theda New Breast:	Member of the Wellbriety Elders Council
Patricia O'Gorman:	Author & Co-Founder, NACoA (National Association of Children of Alcoholics)
Marlin Farley:	Trainer, Wellbriety Institute
Sharyl Whitehawk:	Trainer, Wellbriety Institute
Anna Whiting-Sorrell:	Founding Board Member, NANACOA
Sis Wenger:	Executive Director, NACoA

• **Pre-Gathering interviews** and **media guest appearances** of some of these presenters may be arranged by making contact with White Bison, Inc. in the weeks preceding the Wellbriety Gathering. •

For more information and to be part of this Wellbriety Gathering visit <u>www.wellbrietyconferences.com</u>. Follow us on FaceBook: <u>facebook.com/whitebisoninc</u>

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