

# NYSPHC Educational Series

## UNSEEN TEARS – THE IMPACT OF NATIVE AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL BOARDING SCHOOLS IN WESTERN NEW YORK

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024: 12pm-1:30pm\*



### Presentation Overview:

During this session, Pete will focus on Western New York Native American communities attempting to heal wounds and break the cycle of intergenerational trauma resulting from the boarding school experience. The powerful documentary, Unseen Tears, will be shown and discussed with opportunity for Q&A, ending with some descriptions of recent, emerging culturally based developments that are focused on fostering wellness and how health providers can better support Indigenous communities

### Session Learning Objectives:

- Identify the difference between Trauma-Informed Care and Historical Trauma
- Discuss the potential and actual impacts of historical and continuing traumas inflicted on Native peoples and communities.
- Identify at least 3 ways to work more effectively and appropriately with Native persons

### Speaker Bio: Pete Hill

Pete Hill is a citizen of the Cayuga Nation, Heron Clan and currently the Special Initiatives Director at Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties, Inc. (NACS) where he has worked for over 31 years. Pete has devoted several years and efforts to not only understand the impacts of trauma and historical traumas, but also to develop culturally infused programs to help our communities move beyond the impact of these traumas and restore the health and vitality of Native Americans integrating holistic, comprehensive approaches to areas such as youth development, HIV risk reduction, substance abuse and suicide prevention, and health and wellness promotion. Pete has also been a lead figure in developing culturally grounded programs such as the Gathering of Good Minds, Healing Our People through Empowerment project, and Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Promotion program, among many others.

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