

**LAKOTA NATIONS EDUCATION CONFERENCE**  
**PRE-CONFERENCE “C”**  
**MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS TRAINING**  
**DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00-4:00**  
**Badlands Room**

With drastic changes made to their education, social and home lives, children are struggling with stressors they've never faced, and it's impacting their mental health. In addition to that, our children from this area are often dealing with the results of the historical trauma passed to them from generations of the past.

In December 2021, the U.S. Surgeon General released a public health advisory addressing the youth mental health crisis, and around the same time industry organizations declared a national emergency in children's mental health. With a global pandemic exacerbating already-rising mental health issues, it is imperative that schools address the crisis.

**In this pre-conference training, you'll learn:**

- How to identify warning signs in students
- Keyways to mitigate and manage concerning behaviors
- Steps to investing in student mental health to create a positive school climate
- Dealing with adjustment issues, anger management, anxiety, trauma, depression, self-esteem issues, suicide and crisis intervention, and many more.



Presenters provided by West River Mental Health are:  
**Sunni Toczek, Rachael Hopperdietzel, and Chelsea Druzbacky.**

Presenters from the Project Aware Program at Little Wound School are:  
**Edwina Brown Bull and Tammy Steele**

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