



Leon Leader Charge

Leon Leader Charge is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud S.D. and also a part of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, S.D.. Leon holds a Bachelor of Science Addiction Counseling and Prevention from the University of South Dakota, with an emphasis in treatment and prevention continuum. Leon has experience in psychological first aid, co-occurring mental health disorders, 12 core functions of a substance abuse counselor, evidence based best practice theories and public health models, facilitation/consultation, national policy formation, advocacy at the state and national level, and recently completed a research project funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, He has successfully completed an internship @ the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, Center of Substance Abuse (2013) & an internship @ the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, Center of Mental Health Services (2015), Rockville,

MD and was a co-facilitator, planning committee, and special events committee member for 2014 Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, National Native Youth Conference, Washington, D.C.. Leon has gained tribal technical assistance experience on a national level. Leon has an interest in helping tribal communities, expanding culturally appropriate evidence based best practices, expanding tribal research, history, Lakota & all Native American culture, tribal law and treaty, formation of federal/tribal policy, suicide prevention, healing from trauma, and the betterment of all tribal nations and communities. Recently Leon successfully completed a graduate policy internship at S.D. US Senator Mike Rounds office and recently worked as an Access Advisor for SD Jump Start, SD Board of Regents, a program that focuses on Native American college recruitment and retention at South Dakota's public post-secondary regental institutions. Currently Leon is attending graduate school at the University of South Dakota and works fulltime for the Office of Legislative Affairs, at the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Here is the magazine article featuring Leon!

<http://apps.usd.edu/administrative/flip/south-dakotan-health-magazine-2015/index.html#10>