

## HEP'D UP ON LIFE

The program “Hep'd Up On Life” is to develop a comprehensive, Aboriginal culturally sensitive program to promote and prevent the incidence of Hepatitis, HIV/ AIDS and other STI's for the Aboriginal Youth and other community members of Prince Edward Island. The main Activities of this program will be to deliver workshops and information sessions.

Hep'd Up On Life will also be providing a SAFE, LOVING, STIGMA/ DISCRIMINATIVE FREE ENVIROMENT for our Youth, So that they may feel comfortable discussing their sexual health issues. Drop-in or appointment sessions are now available. Feel free to contact the Hep'd Up On Life Office @ (902)-566-2709.

The expected outcome of this program is to decrease the incidence of Hepatitis, HIV/ AIDS, and Other STI's among the Aboriginal Youth and Community members.

Hep'd Up On Life will also be developing partnerships with other Aboriginal organizations, Provincial and Federal Governments, and Other like minded organizations.

## What's Happening

For the last couple of weeks I have been in touch with many organizations such as The Atlantic AIDS Network/ Healing Our Nations, Labrador Friendship Center, Sexuality And U, The Canadian AIDS Network, & AIDS PEI to name a few. I have plans to meet and review the presentations that the above organizations offer. On November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> The Atlantic AIDS Network/ Healing Our Nations were in office and if anyone has any questions on this 2 day meeting feel free to contact the “Hep'd Up On Life” Office @ 566-2709.

I will also be working with Jenna Burke/ Youth Program Coordinator in

the terms of informing herself and her youth group of the services offered now by NCPEI/ Hep'd Up On Life. \_

### World AIDS Day/

### Aboriginal AIDS Awareness week.

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 is World AIDS Day. Due to the nature of Hep'd Up On Life we will be holding a AIDS 101/ Hepatitis-C Presentation which is being held @ The Native Council Office presented by AIDS PEI.

The presentation is open to ALL Staff, Board Members, Members, and other community Members. It will start at Approximately 9am and will run till Noon. If you are able to attend Please contact SHAYNE @ 566-2709. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please Register With the "Hep'd Up On Life" Office no Later than November 29<sup>th</sup> .

December 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> is Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week. The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network has sent Hep'd Up On Life information packs which are available.

The Aboriginal AIDS Network also has a POSTER Challenge that Aboriginal Youth, aged 14-18 may enter. More information will be available @ The Hep'd Up On Life Office. I will be working with the Youth Program Coordinator with this Project. All design submissions must be received before March 31/07

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