

Blood Tribe Opioid Response: Indigenous-Led Opioid Response and Community Healing in the Blood Tribe

June 10, 2026

1:30-3:00pm MT

This session explores the Blood Tribe's comprehensive, culturally grounded response to the opioid crisis through prevention, harm reduction, treatment navigation, and recovery supports. Rooted in Blackfoot teachings, the program emphasizes restoring identity, connection, and spirit as central to healing individuals, families, and community. Participants will gain insight into how Indigenous-led models are transforming service delivery and saving lives. Participants will also learn about what services are currently available in Blood Tribe.

This session will be recorded, and uploaded to www.fntn.ca



Learning Outcomes:

- Understand how culturally grounded, Indigenous-led approaches strengthen opioid response outcomes
- Learn how harm reduction and recovery can coexist within a community healing framework
- Explore practical strategies for outreach, engagement, and reducing barriers to care
- Gain insight into integrating traditional knowledge, land-based healing, and community wellness into service delivery

Speakers:

Leslie Wells, MSW, BSW, Opioid Response Coordinator, Blood Tribe Administration - Leslie is the Opioid Response Coordinator for the Blood Tribe, leading the implementation of the Blood Tribe Opioid Action Plan and coordinating a comprehensive, community-driven response across prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery. She manages the outreach team, develops funding proposals and strategic plans, and works collaboratively to strengthen service access and address system gaps for Blood Tribe members on- and off-reserve. With extensive experience working alongside First Nations communities, Leslie is committed to advancing Indigenous-led solutions that center culture, dignity, and community healing in addressing the opioid crisis.



Target Audience: Indigenous leadership and community decision-makers; Health and social service providers; Addiction and mental health professionals; Frontline outreach workers and program coordinators

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