



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Road To Resiliency Conference 2012 – Saskatchewan Association of Police-Affiliated Victim Services (SAPAVS)**

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – Conference Announcement**

The Saskatchewan Association of Police Affiliated Victim Services Inc. (SAPAVS) presents to you the “...**Road to Resiliency...**”conference to be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from **March 19 - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**. The conference is intended to provide professionals in the fields of victim services, justice, policing, mental health, social services, corrections and direct service providers across Saskatchewan and Canada with educational sessions to augment the current knowledge required in their respected fields.

One of the Conference’s Plenary Session Speakers is **Chief Clarence Louie, Osoyoos Indian Band** with his presentation entitled: **The Justice System from a First Nation Perspective.**

The youngest and fastest growing population on the prairies is the Aboriginal people which are far over represented in the prison system. The Provincial and Federal corrections system through their own statistics and programs has not succeeded in keeping first Nations people out of jail. First Nations people and the reserve system are a very specific and unique population in Canada. Chief Louie has been Chief of the Osoyoos Indian Band for over 25 years and sits on many boards that deal with First Nation issues. Under his direction of over 20+ years, the Band has become a multi-faceted corporation that owns and manages nine businesses and employs hundreds of people.

Chief Louie believes that job creation and increasing business revenue in a responsible manner will bring back what he describes as, "our working culture- the self supporting lifestyle of our ancestors." And further, First Nation leaders have a responsibility to incorporate First Nation's language and culture in all socio-economic initiatives as the means to improve and protect your First Nation's heritage. Chief Louie believes that "Aboriginal people and government must make Economic Development - self sustaining job creation and business growth an everyday priority. A real decent paying job that provides real opportunity is the very best social program on any Rez!" The Osoyoos Indian Band's corporate motto is "In Business To Preserve Our Past By Strengthening Our Future". By reducing the rates of incarceration through job creation, economic growth and healing, we will reduce victimization in all our communities.

Check out our line up of speakers and the agenda on the conference website. [www.RoadtoResiliency.com](http://www.RoadtoResiliency.com)  
On-Line Registration NOW OPEN!

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