



# Ka Ni Kanichihk Indigenous Led Response to Cultural Safety and STBBIs

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# the **MINO** **PIMATISIWIN** MODEL of **STBBI CARE**



# PRINCIPLES GROUNDING THE MODEL

1. Indigenous primary health care services are more likely than mainstream services to improve the health of indigenous communities because:
  - i. They are generally controlled by their local communities and are therefore underpinned by the values and principles of the communities they serve;
  - ii. They generally provide comprehensive programs that incorporate treatment and management, prevention, and health promotion as well as addressing social determinants of health.<sup>1</sup>
2. Indigenous people often find it difficult to access appropriate mainstream primary health care services.<sup>2</sup>
3. For non-Indigenous organizations serving Indigenous people, the initial focus has to be on building respectful, high quality relationships between the organization and the Indigenous community(ies) they serve.
4. Indigenous health programs are more effective when the local indigenous community is invested in it, considers the program intrinsic to it (sense of ownership), and there is a high level of sustained community participation and leadership in it.<sup>4</sup>
5. Cultural safety is an outcome judged by the Indigenous people receiving the service, and requires understanding and redressing power differentials so that the person feels safe, respected and has their needs met.

***“GOOD RELATIONSHIPS ARE A VALUE IN AND OF THEMSELVES, AND THEY ARE THE PLATFORM FROM WHICH TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROMOTION ACTIVITIES THAT RESONATE FOR MAORI.”<sup>3</sup>***

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- ACCESSIBLE
- APPROACHABLE
- COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
- INDIGENOUS WORKFORCE
- APPROPRIATELY SKILLED WORKFORCE
- FLEXIBLE & HOLISTIC SERVICES OFFERED
- CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
- SELF DETERMINATION & EMPOWERMENT

ORGANIZATIONS NEED TO BE  
**CULTURALLY SAFE**  
THROUGHOUT EACH LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT





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**NOW  
OPEN!**

safe & sexy  
& sacred!



## SERVICES WE OFFER AT

- STBBI testing & treatment for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HIV & Hepatitis,
- pregnancy tests,
- supports, resources & referrals,
- traditional healing practices  
(access to medicines, smudging, cedar bath ceremonies, drumming & song, Knowledge Keepers available)
- harm reduction & safer sex supplies  
(including naloxone kits)

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SEXUAL WELLNESS LODGE



Find us  
**OVER DER!**



**NORTH ON MAIN**



**RIGHT ON SUTHERLAND**



**RIGHT (SOUTH) ON AUSTIN**



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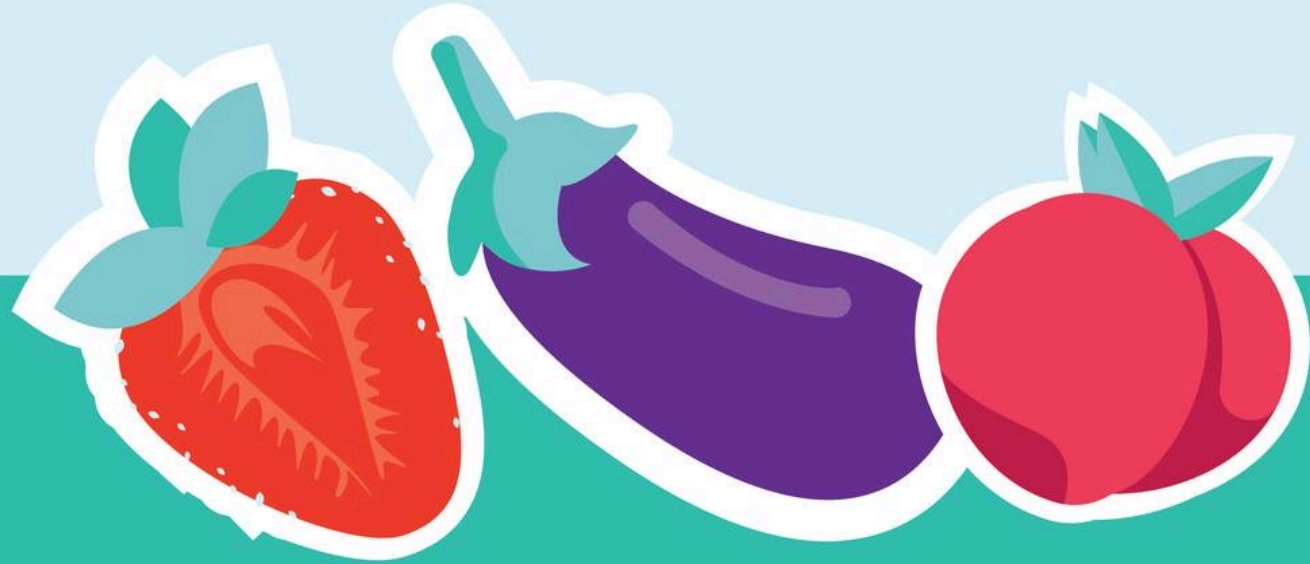
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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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