

## **Indian Alcoholism Commission of California, Inc. [IACC]**

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Indian Alcoholism Commission of California, Inc. (IACC) is committed to the facilitation of a statewide Indian perspective about how to alleviate substance abuse problems in Indian communities. IACC advocates for the right of all American Indians to pursue a healthy and productive life. IACC is organized to reflect the treatment principles that chemical dependency is treatable and that recovery for the American Indian addict is possible.

The Substance Abuse Counselor Certification program promotes and supports the platform of rehabilitation of American Indian substance abusers through prevention, intervention and treatment and the healthiness and wellbeing of Indian individuals, families and communities.

IACC has developed and incorporated professional standards of certification for Certified American Indian Substance Abuse Counselors. IACC's qualified counselors fulfill these standards through capacity building, quality assurance and professional certification.

IACC pledges to cooperate with other organizations to facilitate the empowerment of American Indian communities. IACC is committed to providing services to American Indian communities to promote their physical, mental, and spiritual rehabilitation from the effects of alcohol, drugs and other related disorders.

The Indian Alcoholism Commission Certification Board offers certification to qualified chemical dependency counselors. The Board was created in response to the increasing accountability required by state and federal government and the demand for qualified counselors who serve Indian populations.

Certification attests to the professional qualifications and competence of the counselor.

The standards for certification are those commonly recognized by Indian Health Services, The State of California, The International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) and various chemical dependency groups and authorities in California and other States.

The Indian Alcoholism Commission, in consultation with Indian Health Services, The State of California, The International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) and other certifying Boards, has developed the specific requirement for certification and the process by which it is sought and granted.