

### Using Art in the Recovery Process



Bridging the world survivors have been living in and the one they are beginning to create #BEAUTY #allART

### The Recovery of the Senses



- Safety
- Relaxation
- Power
- · Possibility Identity



#### Sense of Safety



Art offers a private & non-threatening venue for participants to begin communicating internally with themselves #NOjudgments #NOexpectations

#### Sense of Relaxation



Allowing constructive time to revitalize in the midst of struggle... re-focusing energies upon themselves #HEALINGprocess





### Sense of Power



Finding empowerment through creative freedom... being able to create what you want and how you want it #noRULES





### Sense of Possibility

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Freedom to step outside the box... to understand the process of self-acknowledgment and that things can be learned. It is OK to create something beautiful and express feelings they previously could not have conveyed #NOfilter

### Sense of Identity

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Tangible evidence of positive experiences & breakthroughs

### **CHILLIN** with Bea Hanson

Building concrete reminders for participants to know that they CAN maintain a sense of self through difficult times #selfies #tbt #OVW #DOJ #Iheart#'s

#### Why art??

For women who have come together to move from old ways to new, healthier ways, the process of creative expression becomes a perfect tool to assist in this transformation.

- Self-Realization
- · Quality time for reflection
- Empowerment
- · Improved self-esteem
- · An opportunity for sharing with peers
- Allows participants a safe place for self expression
- GREAT ART TO DISPLAY













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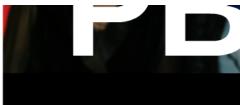
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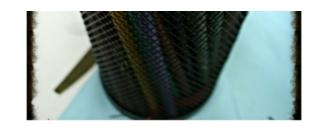
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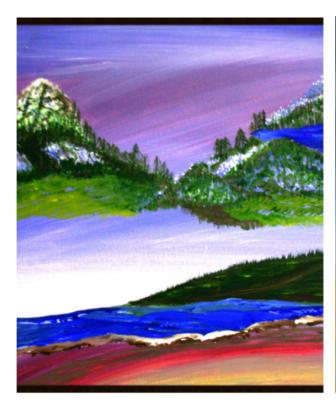
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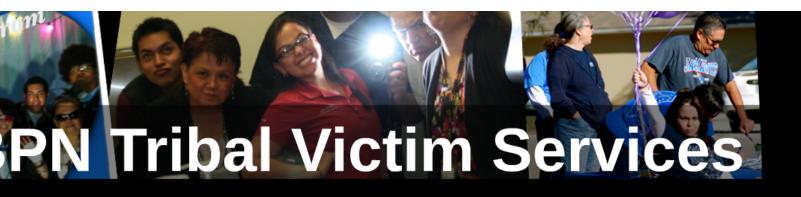
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"The Community Story Tree visualizes [our] commitment and we will continue to work for a violence-free future." Steve Ortiz, Former PBPN Chairman



"Allowing me the time to reflect and be with my thoughts in a positive environment." Jim Potter

