NCUIH Youth Council: Meet Shoshanna Johnson

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My name is Shoshanna “Mah-Gah-Wah-See” Johnson and I’m a member of the Big Jim Band from the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. I’m very grateful to be a part of the inaugural youth council for the National Council of Urban Indian Health. As a youth council member, I have learned so much about who I am, what I represent and how I can become a better advocate for suicide and substance misuse prevention for all Native youth.

For the past five years, my background has been in Tribal public health where I have focused on serving Native youth up to the age of 24. I have worked on different projects that address suicide prevention, underage drinking and substance misuse prevention.

I joined NCUIH’s youth council because I was searching to be a part of a group that shares the same passion as me which is to help our young people through advocacy, education and to provide a platform where we can all share our cultural values and ideas.

As Indigenous people, we owe it to our ancestors to come and work together because that intertribal connectedness is medicine in this day in age. That’s how our traditions will stay alive and how our people can stay resilient.

If you are looking to be a part of this national network and learn how to become an Indigi-Wellness Champion- Join us on Tuesday, August 6th, 2019 from 3:00 PM- 5:00PM EST for our Virtual Native Youth Convening

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