

S.P.I.R.I.T. Series

Spirit Protectors Inspire Resilience in Tradition

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Mission and Values

Empower Two Spirit and Indigenous relatives to exercise self determination through arts, storytelling, and collectivism.

Freedom | Collectivism | Self Accountability

This series will offer the opportunity to counteract the violence at the intersection of colonialism and queerness to create sacred containers of intergenerational relationships to enhance sense of belonging and agency over one's culture.

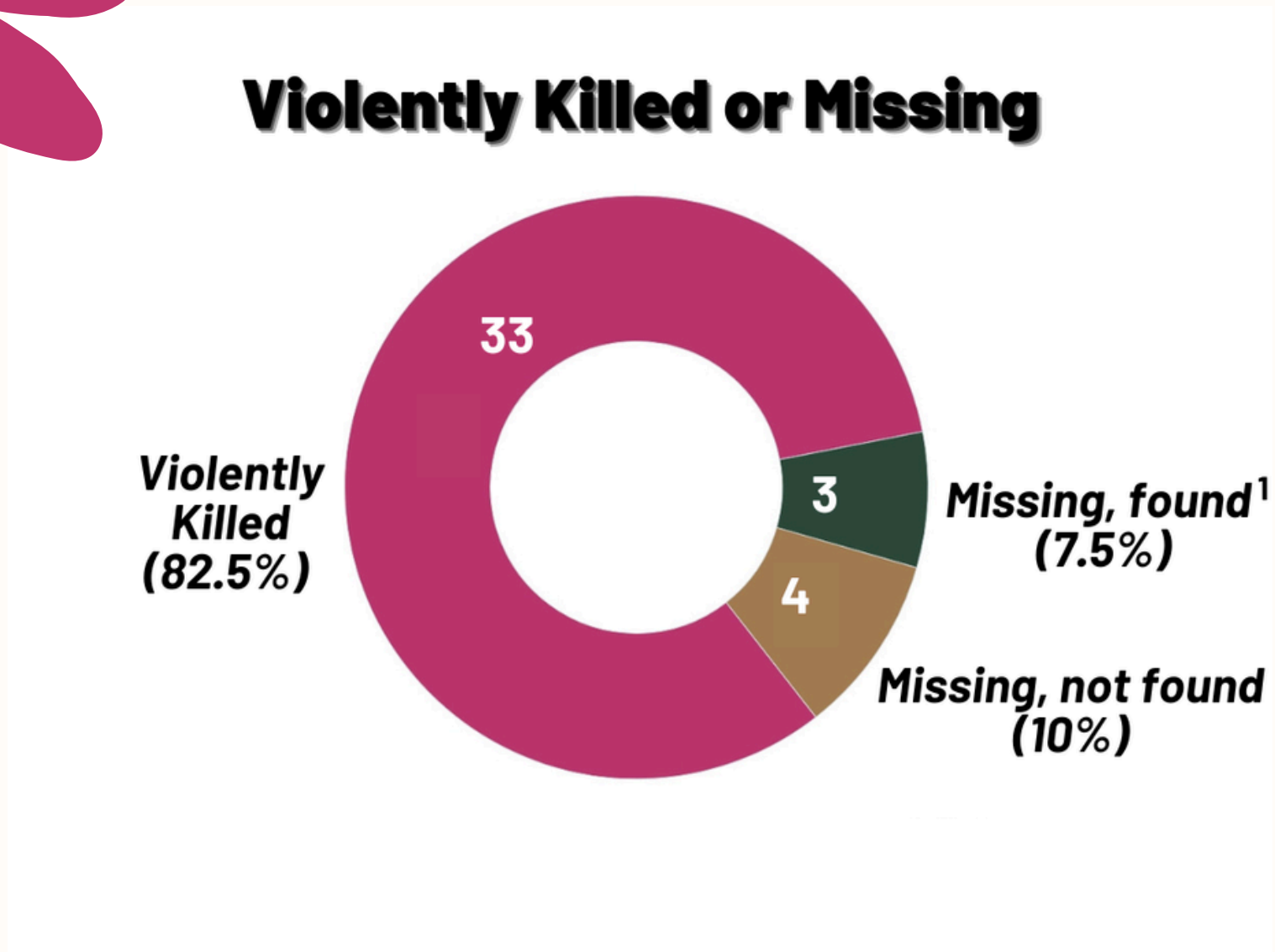
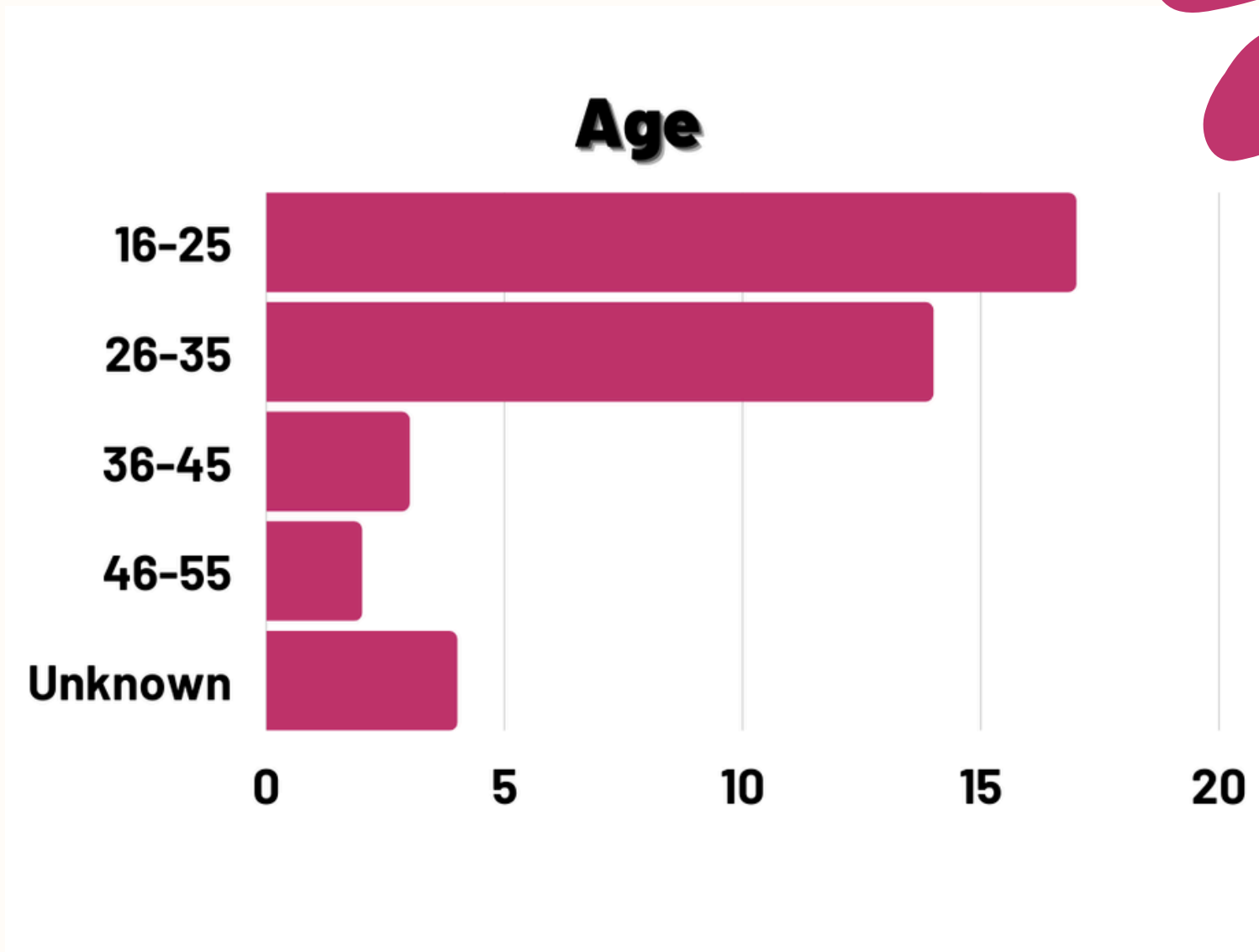
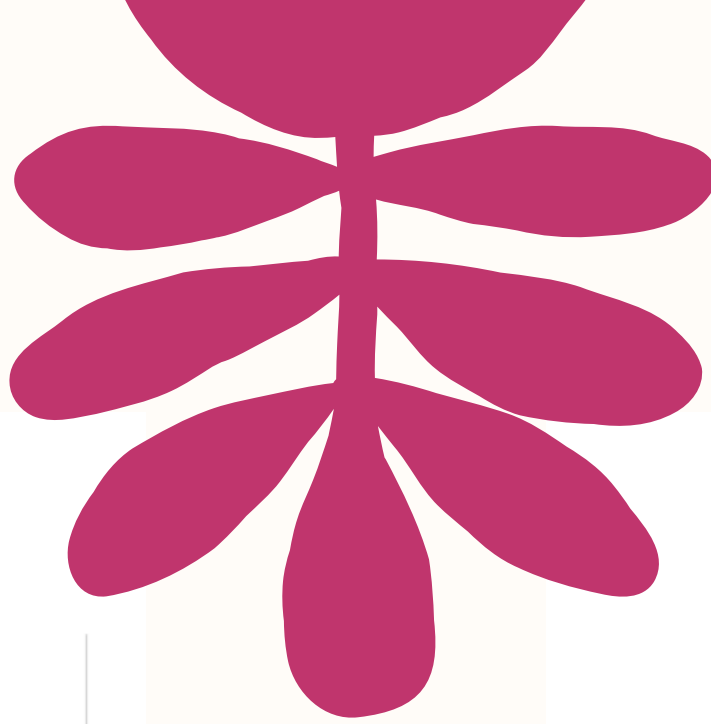


Two Spirit

Two Spirit describes an indigenous person who expresses their gender identity, spiritual identity, and social role in a traditional non-western way.

It was developed in the 1990's by Indigenous activists to unify tribal traditions that historically embraced diversity and fluidity of gender and sexual orientation. Each tribal community has unique culture, language and practices associated with two-spirit individuals.





Since 1990, there were at least 25 trans and Two-Spirit Indigenous people killed or missing. The average of death or disappearance was 27.

TLC uses the language “violently killed” because “murder” is a legal designation. Many of these cases remain unsolved.

Source: Transgender Law Center (TLC)



Post-colonialism Disparities

- Seizure of land and sovereignty issues
- Historical Trauma
- Depression, PTSD, Suicidality,
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Poverty
- HIV/AIDS

Protective Factors

- Sense of belonging and cultural continuity
- Indigenous healing and spirituality, and kinship networks

Source: The Fenway Institute

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This 6 month series will offer the opportunity for two-spirit and indigenous people to build kinship with each other, and with elder/teachers who facilitate each skill share. At the end of the program, participants showcase their creative cultural practice and tradition.



Schedule

- 1st Saturday: In-person skill share workshop
- Virtual drop-ins every week after to practice and socialize

 MONTH 01 BEADING

 MONTH 02 POETRY

 MONTH 03 NATURAL DYEING

 MONTH 04 WEAVING

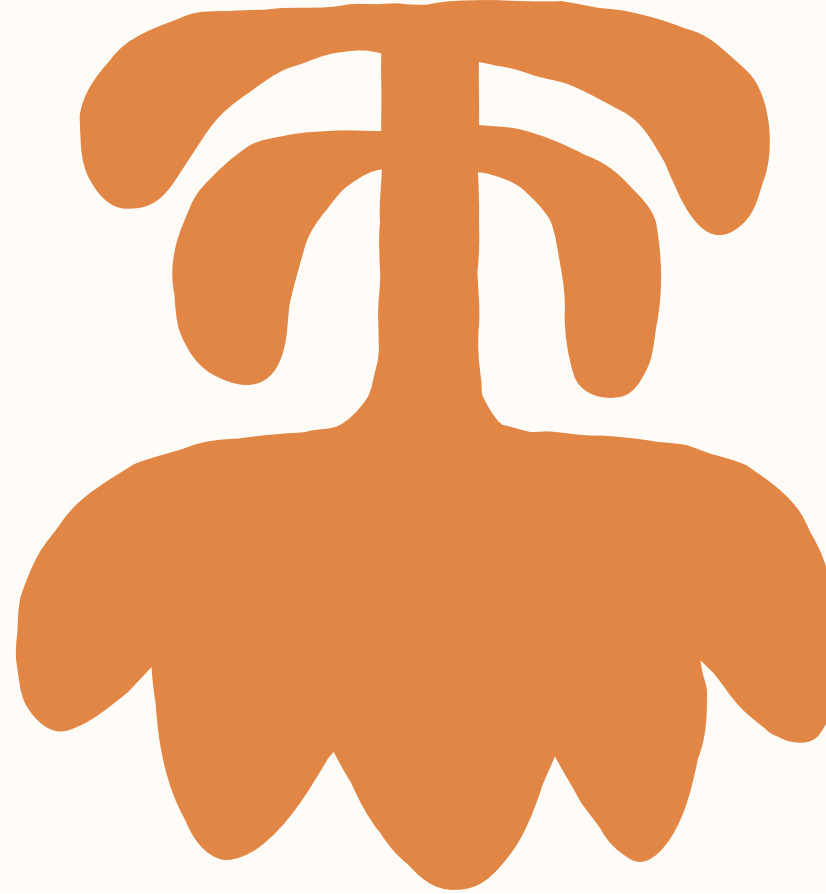
 MONTH 05 DRUMMING

 MONTH 06 DANCE

PROGRAM SHOWCASE!



So'oh Shinali
Sister Project
Commerçe, CA



Earthlodge Center
Long Beach, CA



The Chapter House
Echo Park, CA



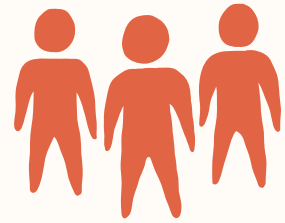
S.P.I.R.I.T Investment



You will be investing in:

- (15) Two Spirit people and indigenous people between the 18-35 years old in LA County
- Incentives for in-person and virtual attendance
- (6) Two Spirit and Indigenous teachers compensation
- (2) Program Coordinators compensated
- Transportation (Uber/Lyft vouchers)
- Supplies for cultural and traditional practices
- Food for in-person gatherings and program showcase featuring the cohort's creative cultural traditional practice

Projected Outcomes



KINSHIP NETWORK

Develop deeper connections with other two spirit and other indigenous relatives to create safety networks to lean on in turbulent times.



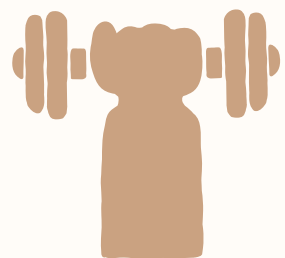
SPIRITUALITY AND CREATIVITY

Re-connection with traditional practices, creative arts, values that uplifts and fortify one's spirit and collective spirit.



SELF DETERMINATION

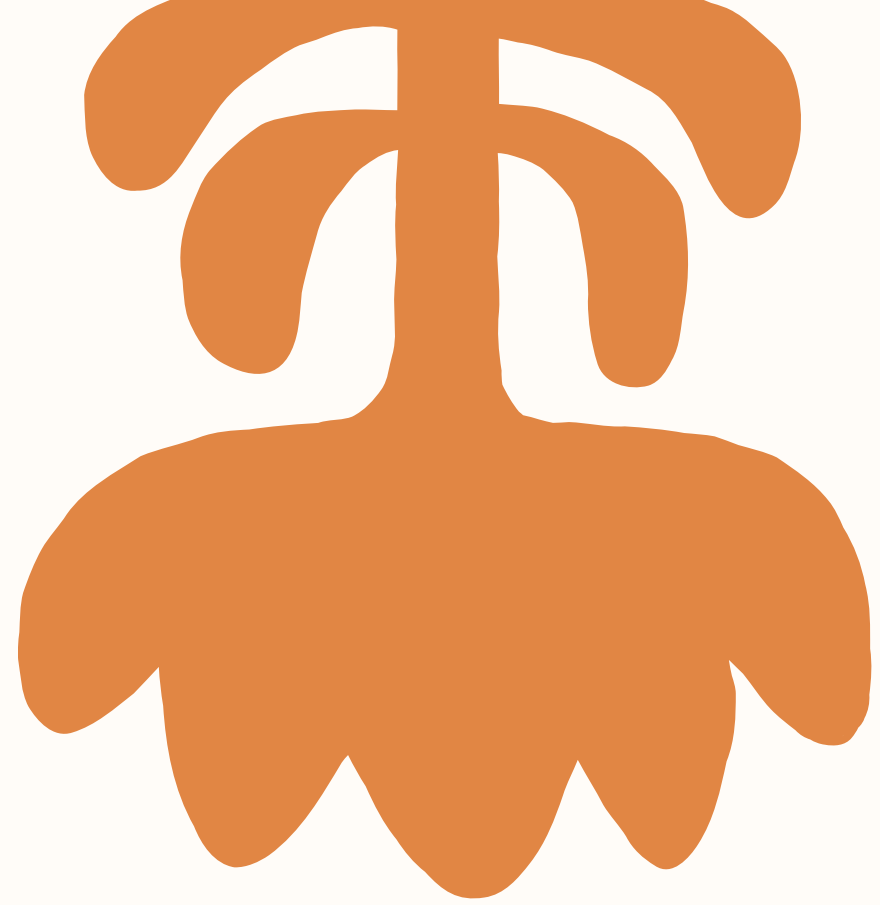
Increase sense of self value and self love to be empowered to uplift their own communities.



RESILIENCE

Exercise, practice, and create safety with your kin and get creative with on your resources and skills.





Thank you for investing
in two-spirit lives!

