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Bio:

Gretchen Hingley's passion for working with people, fueled her desire to receive a Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Oregon State University. She is an adjunct professor of addiction studies and counseling at Central Oregon Community College. She has been working with community mental health and Tribal agencies since 2001. Her areas of expertise include systemic issues (Indigenous historical trauma, grief and loss, and addictive behaviors) that can be traced to a massive loss of culture. In 2015, she partnered with a Cultural Liaison from the Warm Springs tribe. Together they provide cultural mentoring and cultural connection based training to tribal communities throughout the Pacific Northwest. Her love for the outdoors guided her towards her work with Federal and National wildland fire fighting agencies as a counselor and consultant for crisis response and incident management.