# Living Beyond the Wounds: Recovery \& <br> Tools for Emotional Survival 

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## Face the Truth of Your Needs

> A human being has the,

- Need to be valued
- Need to be of value
- Need to belong
- Need for human contact


## Basic Self Care - the Native Way

The Healing Elements: Water, Fire Earth \& Air

Water - Drink it, Feel it
Fire - Warm with it, Cook with it
Earth - Gather from it, Walk in it's beauty
Air - Breathe it

# Water, Fire, Earth \& Air are guiding principles 

Just like HALT is to a 12 Step Program, let these be your guiding principles for your healing plan

It's about keeping your spirit,
your compassion,
your life
intact

## Build Your Own Healing Tool Kit

Some Approaches:
-Make a Day of R\&R each week (Rest \& Relaxation!)

- Sleep with Hope
-Rise with Gratitude
-Walk with Mother Earth

About Community
Get Off Face-book
Touch is Healing: Meet - Make Human Contact
-Is Your Recovery TOO Serious?

- Native Food
-Culture Night at Your House
- Say Hi to the one alone


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