

VIOLENCE

UNNATURAL LIFEWAY

NON-VIOLENCE

NATURAL LIFEWAY

Materialism
Rape
Fear
Ageism
Cultural Abuse
Sexism
Battering
Incest
Homophobia
Ritual Abuse
Isolation
Classism
Child Abuse

BRANCHES OUTGROWTH

Compassion
Peace
Freedom
Honoring of Relationships
Laughter
Understanding
Humility
Love
Life
Wisdom
Health
Respect
Hope
Generosity
Courage
Sovereignty

TRUNK CONTRIBUTORS

- Chemical abuse
- Boarding schools
- Witnessing violence
- Stereotypes
- Confusing anger with violence

- Prayer, ceremony
- Honor the gift in others
- Ways of non-violence and respect modeled
- Mental self-discipline
- Seek advice of women and elders

ROOT CAUSE OF

VIOLENCE IS THE BELIEF SYSTEM

- Power defined as violence
- Colonization
- View reality as male-dominant hierarchy
- Justifies violence and oppression
- Promotes myths of white male superiority
- Treats women and children as property of men

NON-VIOLENCE IS THE BELIEF SYSTEM

- Understand that all things have spirits and are related
- Respect is the foundation of all relationships
- People are spirits in physical bodies on individual lifepaths
- Women are sacred
- All people and things of creation are part of the sacred circle of life

Ending Violence Against Native Women FROM THE ROOTS UP

