



# CULTURAL<sup>101</sup> SOLUTIONS BIOGRAPHIES



**Dr. Reg Crowshoe** is a Spiritual/Cultural Advisor. As former Chief of the Piikani Nation, and Ceremonial Grandparent, Dry. Reg Crowshoe is also known as Awokaseena, meaning Deer Chief in the Blackfoot language. This was also his grandfather's name. As an Elder and a Bundle Keeper, his father Joe Crowshoe's teachings were instrumental to Piikani cultural preservation. His mother's side was from the Nez Perce Nation in Idaho. The Piikani people took in his ancestors when they came to Canada, to escape being forced onto a reservation in the southwestern United States. Reg finds strength in the ceremonies and teachings of his parents and grandparents. They passed on transferred rights, or traditional authorities, that he is responsible for today as a ceremonial Grandparent. He runs ceremonies of the Thunder Pipe, the Sun Dance, and the Brave Dog Society, as a part of his traditional lineage and Blackfoot identity. For "white man's knowledge" he was brought to the St. Cypriot Anglican Residential School on the Peigan Reserve. Before he went to school, he spoke the Blackfoot language, and believed in his grandparents' ways. When he went to residential school, he was lost – the system did not reflect his belief system in any way. Reg does give credit to the value of the education he received through the residential schools, including the ability to read and write. Reg later attended the University of Calgary, receiving an honorary degree. He joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and worked on several reserves in Saskatchewan before returning to work with the Peigan Band departments, and with the Province of Alberta in developing the HeadSmashed-In Buffalo Jump heritage site. He has also developed cultural courses with the University of Calgary and the University of Lethbridge, and has co-authored numerous works, including Akak-stiman and Science in the Native Community.

**Adrian Goulet** Cree Name (Wapi Mahegun Napew-White Wolf Man) Blackfoot Name (Choo Aup Spoom Tah Dah Pii-Genuine People Helper) was born in Quesnel British Columbia to a Métis Father and Cree Mother, whose Aboriginal ancestry is from both Northern Alberta and British Columbia. Adrian was raised under his mother's lineage, with the morals and values that created the foundation for his life and making him into the person he is today. Using these teachings, he has been successful in both academics and employment, and currently is the Cultural Reconnection Coordinator AFCC, Cultural Advisor MCFS, Mahegun Tail Inc Director, Cultural Solutions presenter and (oskapewis –ceremonial helper & singer) with Reg Crowshoe and advising on various community short & long term committees in Southern & Northern Alberta.

Living in the Calgary community for over 30 years Adrian has adapted his traditional skills into his new surroundings, such as drumming, singing and dancing which has always been one of his passions. Adopted by Blackfoot Families (Turning Robe & Crowshoe) he uses all of his teachings and passes these down to the youth of the Calgary community. Adrian was also the winner of the 2006 Dr. Douglas Cardinal Award, awarded by the Native Center and First Nations Student Association, (UofC) to recognize and honor significant achievement as a professional person from the Aboriginal Community.