



**Sharon Bird** has been involved with MACC – Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence since 2003. She began her journey with this Board with the belief that the Native American population is so under represented, in any arena, in our own Country. In her area of education, Alcoholism is rampant in Indian Country, which affects all areas Mental and Spiritual health.

Sharon is a Cree woman from The Pas Reservation in Northern Canada. She has been working in Columbus, Ohio since 1998. She has worked with the Native population most of her life, in the Addiction Education field or the Mental Health field in Canada and the U.S.

She is employed at the Riverside Methodist Hospital in the Behavioral Health Unit. Working in the Mental Health field has offered her an opportunity to develop a working relationship with professionals, i.e., Psychiatrists, Social Workers, Nurses, and Art Therapists.

She is a Traditional Dancer in Pow Wow ceremonies and is considered an Elder and Teacher to some. She is Grandmother to several children.