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DUAL DISABILITY PAPER PRESENTED

Duluth -- Jacqueline Royce and Ruth Myers, co-directors of the Dual Disability Research Project at UMD, presented a paper on dual disabilities at the 10th Annual Conference of the International Association of Psychosocial Services held recently in Boston.

The paper, entitled "Dual Disabilities: An Unmet Need for American Indians," focused on the need for improving services to those who have dual disabilities. A dual disability is either the abuse of alcohol or drugs combined with a mental disorder.

The paper was the result of data the researchers collected and analyzed since 1982.

The researchers say that the long-term goal of their study is to stimulate awareness of the dual disability problem and to generate the combined programs necessary to help those who have a dual disability problem.

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