

# PREVENTION WORKS. CULTURE MATTERS.



OCTOBER 1, 2016- DECEMBER 31, 2016 QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS



Culturally-based prevention is underway at Fort Peck, Eastern Shoshone, Little Shell and Northern Cheyenne through the Tribal Prevention Initiative (TiPI). Site Coordinators work in their communities to support assessment, capacity building, planning, implementation, and evaluation efforts that reduce underage drinking and increase community readiness to support prevention.

Highlights this quarter include the following:

- Bi-weekly sweats at Eastern Shoshone Recovery with five cultural consultants and 20 youth/community members.
- Weekly beading, dancing, and drumming classes for Little Shell Tribal youth reaching 10 youth and community members each week.
- Weekly tribal action planning, youth advisory meetings, coalition building meetings, positive youth development opportunities, and focus groups. Combined these efforts reached more than 250 youth and families.
- Fort Peck New Years Eve Dance December 31, 2016 200 youth from all five districts on the reservation.
- Northern Cheyenne outreach during Red Ribbon week to promote culturally-based prevention at Northern Cheyenne Tribal Schools reached more than 200 kids.
- In-person site visits at Eastern Shoshone, Northern Cheyenne, Fort Peck, and Little Shell by the TiPI Team supported ongoing assessment, capacity building, planning, implementation, and evaluation.

### Assessment:

TiPI worked with the Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center to access more accurate target population estimates for the age group 10 -20 years for all TiPI communities.

Northern Cheyenne Cultural Coordinator promoted data collection with local schools and partners.

The Evaluation Team continues to look for better ways to document the needs and strengths of reservation youth, along with the impact of TiPI activities on underage drinking and prescription drug use.

### Capacity:

Fort Peck Site Coordinator Ernie Bighorn attended a 2-day Prevention Training in Bozeman Montana.

Northern Cheyenne Cultural Coordinator Tony Prairiebear attended at 2-day Native language summit in Polson Montana.

### Engaging Stakeholders:

Fort Peck Tribal Site Coordinator partners with multiple organizations, collectively they provide oversight and coordination of TiPI related activities.

Northern Cheyenne Cultural Coordinator Tony Prairiebear leads a Language Coalition at the tribe. This Coalition serves as the advisory group for TiPI related culturally-based prevention activities.

Eastern Shoshone met with community health programs to discuss potential areas of collaboration and planning for upcoming prevention events.

Little Shell works closely with the Office of Public Instruction and local schools to support culturally-based prevention activities.

Fort Peck worked with Spotted Bull Recovery Resource Centers to coordinate substance abuse activities and events for youth.

Fort Peck also worked with Native HOPE (Albuquerque NM) and the Poplar schools to plan prevention activities.



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### Evaluation:

Tribes received printed reports of Year 2 Evaluation Reports that highlight successes, number of people reached, and the outcomes associated with prevention efforts. Reports were also shared with SAMHSA and tribal leaders.

Look for TiPI in your community, at basketball games, local schools, and prevention events. Together we can make a difference!

## COMMUNITY READINESS ASSESSMENT

Throughout the month of January, TiPI Site Coordinators will work in partnership with the State of Montana PFS Grantees to implement the CRA in select communities throughout Montana. Results from the CRA will be used to measure community readiness to support prevention and changes in readiness scores over time as a result of community-based prevention efforts.

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