

PREVENTION WORKS. CULTURE MATTERS.



JANUARY 1- MARCH 31, 2018 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 these communities to support assessment, capacity building, planning, implementation, and evaluation efforts that reduce substance use in youth ages 12-20 while increasing community support for prevention. Highlights this quarter include the following:

- Little Shell: Traditional dancing presentations at Great Falls Schools and the Montana Expo center reaching 497 people this quarter.
- Eastern Shoshone Recovery: Staff plan and host a weekly sweat for community members and families. This quarter, sweats reached more than 300 people.
- Fort Peck: March 13-16, 2018 the 3rd annual Methamphetamine Symposium and the 28th annual Early Childhood Conference was held at Fort Peck Community College Greet the Dawn Auditorium in Poplar, Montana- 415 people attended.
- Northern Cheyenne: Planning for the Fort Laramie resilience run, strengthened partnerships with local schools, and supported community-based training.

TiPI Team:

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Strategic Prevention Framework Activities**Assessment:**

Social Determinants in Montana and Wyoming

Survey development for Lame Deer School

Capacity:

Drug endangered children training.

Planning:

Eastern Shoshone and Tribal Health planning for summer prevention.

Fort Peck Tribal Action Planning

Engaging Stakeholders:

Fort Peck coordinates regularly with the BIA, IHS, FortPeck Education Department, Fort Peck Community College, Nakota Dakota Youth Council Supervisor and Red Bird Family Violence Resource Center and Native HOPE to promote culturally-based prevention and engage various groups in discussions about prevention efforts.

Tony Prairiebear meets regularly with the Northern Cheyenne Board of Health, Tribal Preservation Office, Language programs, and schools to discuss how to sustain prevention efforts.

Little Shell promotes culture as prevention in Great Falls community.

Intervention:

Eastern Shoshone runs bi-weekly traditional sweats at Fort Washakie Wyoming for youth, families, and community members.

Beading classes at the Little Shell Tribal Office Great Falls MT.

Evaluation:

The TiPI team supported culturally based prevention through 2,204.5 hours of work this quarter. An outcome evaluation report was developed and shared with all tribes, communities, tribal leaders, and partners.

**Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council**

We also welcome two evaluation associates to the TiPI team. Sky Johnston at Fort Peck will be working closely with Carrie Manning to evaluate summer based prevention activities.

Aryn Fisher will be working closely with Desiree Restad and the Northern Cheyenne tribe to support data collection this summer.

This has been an inspiring quarter. We see that culturally based prevention works. Our focus is on supporting tribes as they implement culturally-based prevention activities in their communities.

We appreciate the support and continued collaborations of our communities and partners.

SPRING 2018 COMMUNITY. PREVENTION. CULTURE.

As we look forward to the Summer of 2018, our focus will be on sustainability and sharing lessons learned from years 1-3. We will continue to work with communities to implement a variety of culturally-based prevention activities for youth.

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