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SUMMER 2018 TIPI INTERNS



Summer internships are underway to support the evaluation of culturally-based prevention programming and the Tribal Prevention Initiative (TiPI). Interns assist Dr. Allyson Kelley, AKA founder and Lead Evaluator for TiPI with survey design, interviews, data collection, data entry, data analysis, and reporting. Evaluation efforts focus on finding the value of culturally based prevention to reduce substance use in youth ages 12–20 while increasing community support for prevention.

Meet our 2018 Summer Interns

- Karly Matt, Northern Cheyenne
- Aryn Fisher, Northern Cheyenne
- Shaylee LoneDog, Northern Arapaho
- Sky Johnston, Fort Peck Tribes

Interns work closely with the following site coordinators and programs:

- Desiree, Restad, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health
- Tony Prairiebear, Northern Cheyenne Cultural Coordinator TiPI
- Carrie Manning and Ernie BigHorn, Fort Peck Tribes MSPI and TiPI
- Kellie Webb and Phil Stevens, Eastern Shoshone Recovery

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Sky Johnston, Fort Peck Tribes

Sky Johnston is a senior at Wolf Point Senior High School. She plays volleyball and basketball and is a member of the Wolf Point High School Indian Club aka Shunk Togeja Oyadabi (Wolf People) and the Fort Peck Tribes Nakona Dakota Oyate Youth Council (NDO). Sky plans to go to college and study medicine. Sky is a leader and AKA values her contributions to local evaluation efforts on the Fort Peck Reservation.



Aryn Fisher, B.S. Northern Cheyenne

Aryn Fisher is a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana. She graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelors of Science in Community Health in May 2018. Aryn began working for AKA in 2015—she is passionate about evaluation and plans to get a Masters degree in Epidemiology. AKA Welcomes Aryn back to the summer 2018 evaluation internship. Aryn’s knowledge of community needs along and experience conducting evaluations with youth and young adults adds to AKA’s effectiveness. Aryn is a role model and her work at AKA demonstrates her dedication to community and culture.

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Karly Matt, Northern Cheyenne

Karly is an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe. This coming fall she will be a sophomore at Salish Kootenai college pursuing a degree in nursing, planning to achieve a masters degree to become a nurse practitioner. When Karly starts her career, she hopes to go back home to the Northern Cheyenne reservation and serve her community. Karly supports evaluation efforts through survey development, community outreach, and advocacy. Karly works closely with Aryn Fisher and has insight, experience, and ideas that contribute to effective evaluation.



Shaylee LoneDog, Northern Arapaho

Shaylee Lone Dog is a member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe in Wyoming. Shaylee is a sophomore at Haskell Indian Nations University, completing an Associates of Science degree in Community Health. She expects to graduate in the spring of 2019. This is Shaylee's first summer working as an intern for AKA. Shaylee is excited to be more involved with her community this summer. Shaylee is a leader and advocate for community wellness.



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Photo by Shanae Burshia, Fort Peck Community College Student

TiPI Team Supports the 2018 Creator Games Evaluation Poplar Montana

This past week AKA interns attended the 2018 Creator Games in Poplar Montana. Sky Johnston led the local evaluation with the support of Carrie Manning, Ernie BigHorn, and the Tatanka Gdeska planning committee. Evaluation requires community involvement....youth, elders, traditional and spiritual leaders were involved in the nearly every step of the evaluation process. Being in community, experiencing the Creator Games, and listening to the voices of our elders, youth, and leaders added to what we know about the importance of culturally-based prevention, community connections, and culture.
-Allyson Kelley, Lead TiPI Evaluator June 2018



TiPI summer evaluation efforts focus on telling the story of culturally-based prevention activities for youth. These activities include: Creator's Game at Fort Peck June 17-22, 2018. Northern Cheyenne Basketball Clinic July 15-18, 2018. Eastern Shoshone Recovery horse culture programming and outreach to the Boys and Girls Club. Little Shell Tribe's youth leadership conference in Portland Oregon June 25-29, 2018. For more information about TiPI, visit the website at: www.rmtlc.org or call 406-252-2550 Bethany Fatupaito, MPH Project Director TiPI is funded by SAMHSA Grant # 5U79SP020702-04 CFDA 93.243

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