

PREVENTION WORKS. CULTURE MATTERS.



JANUARY 1- MARCH 31, 2017 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 substance use in youth ages 12-20 while increasing community support for prevention.

Highlights this quarter include the following:

- Eastern Shoshone Recovery: Bi-weekly sweats, weekly talking circles , weekly group classes on the Eastern Shoshone language and traditions..
- Little Shell: Weekly beading, dancing, and drumming classes, monthly meetings with West Elementary School, community outreach and cultural dancing.
- Fort Peck: 2-day Fort Peck Methamphetamine Symposium, weekly tribal action planning meetings, Smoke Dancers cultural performances, academic and leadership opportunities for youth, Youth Leadership Council, and employment skill building.
- Northern Cheyenne: Fort Robinson Run, cultural presentations at Busby Tribal School, elder video presentations at local schools, weekly Language Coalition meetings, and TiPI prevention awareness at Lame Deer High School basketball game.
- Site visits at Northern Cheyenne, Fort Peck, and Little Shell by the TiPI Team supported ongoing assessment, capacity building, planning, intervention, and evaluation.

TiPI Team:

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Strategic Prevention Framework Activities**Assessment:**

Poplar Middle School TiPI Participant Surveys, 94 students.

Northern Cheyenne TiPI Participant Surveys, 93 students.

Northern Cheyenne Community Strengths and Activities, 173 statements from community members.

Fort Peck Methamphetamine Symposium, 233 evaluations collected and 6 semi-structured interviews.

Capacity:

Fort Peck Site Coordinator Ernie Bighorn attended a 1-day Prevention Training in Miles City Montana.

Planning:

Tribal Action Planning Process. Ernie Bighorn coordinates prevention activities and events with Spotted Recovery Resource Center, Tribal Health Department, Fort Peck Education Department, Poplar Native HOPE, Indian Health Service.

Engaging Stakeholders:

Fort Robinson Runners recognized by Governor Bullock and the MT House of Representatives.

Little Shell Tribe works with West Elementary, the Office of Indian Education, the Little Shell Language Class, and the community of Great Falls.

Intervention:

Fort Peck provided academic preparation, transitional living support, and financial aid support for for Native students, 54 hours this quarter.

Eastern Shoshone offered 8 sweats. Group language and traditions classes reached 20 youth this quarter.

Little Shell weekly drumming classes reached 20 youth this quarter.

Northern Cheyenne cultural classes and elder videos reached 40 youth this quarter.



Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council

Evaluation:

TiPI supported the community readiness assessment process and interviews at Northern Cheyenne, Little Shell, and Eastern Shoshone.

More than 405 TiPI Participant Youth Surveys have been collected and analyzed. Results show that youth with more social support and high self-esteem are less likely to use drugs or alcohol.

Youth who report family communication about the dangers of drugs and alcohol are less likely to use.

Together we can make a difference!

SUMMER 2017 COMMUNITY. PREVENTION. CULTURE.

This summer TiPI will work with site coordinators to implement a variety of culturally-based prevention activities for youth. These include: The Creator's Game at Fort Peck June 19-23, 2017. The Northern Cheyenne Basketball Clinic June 29-July 2 and July 5-6, 2017. A variety of summer cultural activities at Eastern Shoshone Recovery. The Little Shell camping trip to Flat Head Lake.

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