

# PREVENTION WORKS. CULTURE MATTERS.



APRIL 1- JUNE 30, 2017 QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS



Culturally-based prevention is underway at Fort Peck, Eastern Shoshone, Blackfeet, 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. This summer, four TiPI Evaluation Interns supported prevention efforts.

Highlights this quarter include the following:

- Little Shell: Five youth attended the THRIVE conference in Portland Oregon June 2017. Youth gained leadership skills and confidence.
- Eastern Shoshone Recovery: Bi-weekly sweats, weekly talking circles, weekly group classes on the Eastern Shoshone language and traditions. Three staff attended a 3-day training, *Understanding the Purpose of Life* and gained valuable skills to develop and teach cultural curricula.
- Fort Peck: Creators Game is a 4-day cultural immersion event. This year 300 youth and community members attended and experienced sweat lodge, buffalo ranch, fire dancing, pole peeling, lacrosse, and arts/crafts.
- Northern Cheyenne: Weekly Language Coalition meetings, 12 youth attended a buffalo hunt, 500 community members reached via Lame Deer block party.
- Blackfeet: Summer Street Dances in Browning Montana promote prevention messaging and awareness. More than 1,000 attend these events throughout the summer.

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**Strategic Prevention Framework Activities**  
**Assessment:**  
Northern Cheyenne TiPI Participant Surveys, 90 youth.  
Northern Cheyenne 2014-2016 mortality review.  
Fort Peck Creators Game Evaluation

**Capacity:**

Evidence Based Practices Workgroup Helena Montana May 2017.  
Cultural Coordinator Tony Prairiebear attended a 5-day (40hour) ASIST train the trainer workshop in Poplar Montana June 2017

**Planning:**

Fort Peck Creators Game: Ernie Bighorn worked with Spotted Bull Resource and Recovery Center, Fort Peck Family Violence Resource Center, Tribal Health, Indian Health Service, Head Start, Wolf Point and Poplar Schools, and tribal leaders.

**Engaging Stakeholders:**

Fort Peck Coordinator Ernie Bighorn attended the Montana Governor's Native American Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Board April 2017.

**Intervention:**

Blackfeet summer street dances are drug and alcohol free events for youth and families. More than 1,000 youth and families reached.  
Eastern Shoshone offered 8 sweats. Group language and traditions classes reached 20 youth this quarter.  
Little Shell cultural exchange Ethiopia- 700 people reached with prevention messaging.



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Northern Cheyenne Tony Prairiebear facilitated two cultural t-shirt exercises with youth (n=20) at Northern Cheyenne Tribal School in Busby Montana.

**Evaluation:**

Our evaluation approach focuses on building capacity in communities. This summer four interns from the Northern Cheyenne reservation learned about evaluation through individual projects, participation in community events, and collecting/analyzing data.

We would like to thank Gary Ramsey and Chief Dull Knife College, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health, and our partners for supporting our interns. We are so proud of their work!

Together we can make a difference.

FALL 2017 COMMUNITY. PREVENTION. CULTURE.

As we begin the last two years of the TiPI project, we will focus 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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