

# PREVENTION WORKS. CULTURE MATTERS.



JULY 1- SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS



Culturally-based prevention continues 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.

Highlights this quarter include the following:

- Little Shell: 20 youth and five chaperones attended a cultural camp at Flathead Lake August 2017. Seven youth and community members presented at the Montana Alcohol Education Summit August 2017.
- Eastern Shoshone Recovery: Bi-weekly sweats, weekly talking circles, and weekly group classes teach the Eastern Shoshone language and traditions. 288 youth and families attended weekly horse culture sessions July-August 2017. Youth and community members worked with Marcus RedThunder to create a video on the sweat lodge.
- Fort Peck: 17 youth and nine adults participated in a 3-day Youth Leadership Council Training July 2017. Weekly youth leadership meetings connect youth with their culture and peers.
- Northern Cheyenne: 370 youth and 100 adults participated in basketball clinics and tournaments in Lame Deer Montana July 2017. Four Native college students completed evaluation internships with the support of Chief Dull Knife College and Allyson Kelley and Associates PLLC.

### **TiPI Evaluation Interns:**

Aryn Fisher  
Reisa Walker  
Kurrie Harris  
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### **TiPI Team:**

Bethany Fatupaito, Project Director  
Morgan Witzel, Project Coordinator  
Tony Prairiebear, Cultural Coordinator Northern Cheyenne  
Ernie Bighorn, Site Coordinator Fort Peck  
Crystal Benton, Site Coordinator Little Shell  
Phil Stevens, Site Coordinator Eastern Shoshone Recovery  
Allyson Kelley, Evaluator  
Diane Del Pozo, HRSA Summer 2017 Intern

### **Strategic Prevention Framework Activities**

#### **Assessment:**

Participant Surveys Collected from 156 youth.  
Fort Peck Youth Leadership Conference Evaluation.  
Northern Cheyenne Basketball Clinic Evaluation.  
Interviews in Communities.

### **Capacity:**

Cultural Coordinator Tony Prairiebear mentored evaluation interns at Chief Dull Knife College May–August 2017.

### **Planning:**

Eastern Shoshone Site Coordinator Phil Stevens worked with tribal health programs to plan TiPI horse culture events for youth and community members.

Fort Peck Coordinator Ernie Bighorn attended weekly Tatanka Gdes'ka substance abuse prevention planning committee. Members include Indian Health Service Behavior Health professionals, Spotted Bull Recovery Resource Center staff; MSPi staff, Tribal council, and the Fort Peck Planning Office.

### **Engaging Stakeholders:**

Little Shell Site Coordinator Crystal Benton presented at the Tribal Leader's Quarterly meeting and at the Little Shell Pow Wow at First Peoples Buffalo Jump.

### **Intervention:**

Cultural Coordinator Tony Prairiebear helped plan and implement the Northern Cheyenne language immersion camp July 2017.  
Eastern Shoshone Site Coordinator Phil Stevens facilitated seven horse culture classes in July and August for youth and families. Equine



### **Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council**

therapy, handling, riding, and culture were taught during these weekly sessions.

### **Evaluation:**

Evaluation interns completed individual projects: social norms and marijuana usage, community readiness, alcohol related morbidity and mortality, mentoring and suicide risk reduction.

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.

## **WINTER 2017 COMMUNITY. PREVENTION. CULTURE.**

As we close our third year of TiPI we are excited about the future of prevention in our communities. We see the positive impact that culturally-based prevention has on our youth. We know that social support and community connections can prevent substance use.

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