



A 10-Year Journey

Culture as Prevention

RMTWI Ends- 1,708 people reached. Community readiness scores increase indicating progress toward preplanning and preparation.

Tribal Prevention Initiative (TiPI) Begins with funding from SAMHSA at Little Shell, Fort Belknap, Northern Cheyenne, Eastern Shoshone, Blackfeet, and Fort Peck. Site coordinators and contracts in place. Planning for culture-based prevention programming begins. Evaluation plan submitted and approved. Institutional Review Board protocol submitted and approved.

TiPI Highlights

Culturally-based prevention efforts reach youth and families. These include: horse culture, sweet grass teachings, talking circles, basketball, Creators Games, youth leadership, street dances, professional presentations, school-outreach, dancing demonstrations, drum groups, beading, elder story-telling, culture camps, block parties, memorial runs, sweats, tribal action planning, and symposiums.

Community Readiness Assessment and Youth participant surveys

Quarterly presentations to Tribal leaders. RMTLC website updates. Quarterly newsletters. Social media prevention messaging. Evaluation Interns.

Future of Prevention

Tribes lead prevention efforts. RMTLC provides technical assistance and training. Prevention focuses on underlying causes of substance use- poverty, crime, unemployment, family discord, disconnectedness.

Tribal Leaders

Tribal leaders and community members voice concerns about substance use among American Indian youth. Stress the need for sober activities, access to culture, peer and family support, and outreach. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funds the Rocky Mountain Tribal Wellness Initiative (RMTWI) to reduce substance use and increase community readiness.

Reach of TiPI

2009

2014

2015

Year 1 Efforts Reach 2,236 People in Six Tribal Communities.

2016

Year 2 Efforts Reach 9,446 People in Six Tribal Communities.

2017

Year 3 Efforts Reach 14,488 People in Five Tribal Communities.

2018

Year 4 Efforts Reach 17,225 People in Five Tribal Communities.

2019

Year 5 Focus- Sustainability. Leadership. Capacity Building. Planning for Future of Prevention.