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All Nations Youth Partnerships for Success (ANYPS) is a five year Strategic Planning Framework (SPF) project funded through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant awarded to the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC) to address substance abuse in youth (age 9 -20).

- ANYPS's primary goal is to reduce underage drinking and marijuana use among youth by increasing access to cultural activities and ceremonies.
- ANYPS works to increase communicty awareness and infrastructure to assist in reducing substance use in youth.
- ANYPS expands prevention services to all nations served under the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC) and the urban areas.
- ANYPS works with various community agencies, organizations, faith based organizations and tribal programs to guide the development, implementation and evaluation of cultural activities and Tribal Best Practices (TBP).



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PROGRAM PARTNERS

- Tumbleweed Runaway Program
- Rocky Mountain College
- · Montana State University Billings
- · All American Indian Shootout
- · Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch
- Pryor School District Indian Club
- Wyola Public School
- Lodge Grass Public Schools
- Crow Agency Public School
- Hardin School District
- Salish Kootenai Boys and Girls Club
- Billings Boys and Girls Club
- Lodge Grass Boys and Girls Club
- First Congregational Church of Billings
- · Faith Chapel
- · ARISE Native American Leaders
- One Heart Warrior
- Fort Belknap Tribes
- Rocky Boy and Blackfeet Tribes coming on board

PREVIOUS WORK

- Tribal Prevention Initiative (TiPI)
- The Tribal Prevention Initiative program that was tribally-driven prevention through culture and community.
- Cultural Activities/Prevention
- Drum, Dance, and Beading groups
- · Camps, Horse Culture, Traditional Games
- · Conferences, Skill Building, Presentations
- Sports, Runs, Community Outreach

































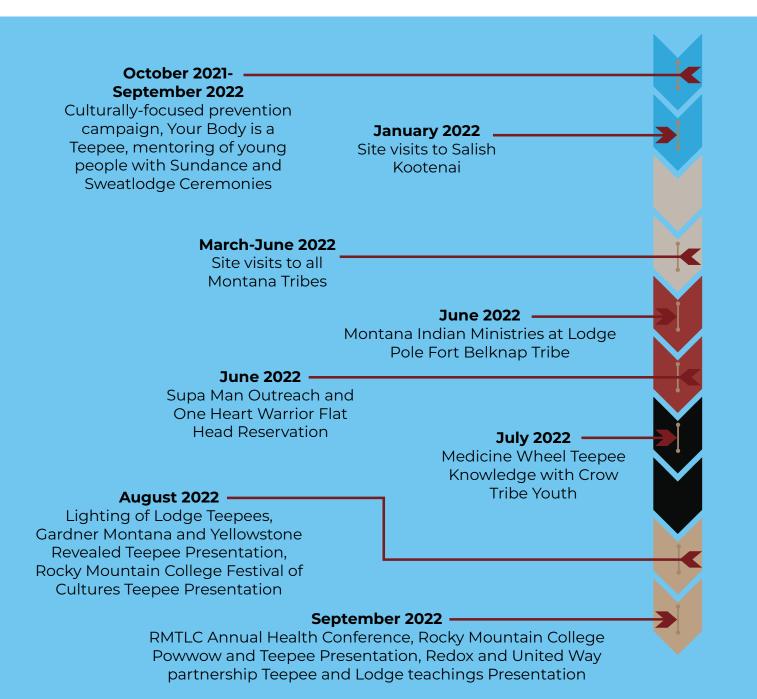




PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

LOOKING BACK AT YEAR 3

The ANYPS project works to build protective factors and strengthen cultural ties and relationships. Youth participate in project activities that promote culture, language, and ceremonies. Cultural connections, strong positive role models, and engagement in healthy behaviors are shown to reduce the rates of substance use in youth. This section highlights the key findings from year 3 of the project.



ACTIVITIES & OUTREACH

This year ANYPS led cultural activities, developed prevention messaging targeted for youth, connected with teachers and staff from schools and youth serving organizations, and worked with partners to increase available resources for youth. Cultural activities incorporated traditional teachings and ceremonies to help youth gain an improved understanding of their identity, traditions, and spirituality. Events during the year included a fun run, traditional games, giveaways, health screenings, health education and outreach, and picnics.

IMPACT

53% increase in partnerships from 2021 to 2022. We now have 19 partners to support prevention efforts in Montana.

We collected surveys from 409 youth from October 2021 to September 2022. This is what we learned.

Most youth we surveyed were between the ages of 12 and 13 when they first tried marijuana and alcohol. Early prevention efforts in schools and communities may prevent use.

- 30% of youth used marijuana in the past 30-days
- 25% of youth used alcohol in the past 30-days

Culture is Prevention

Youth are involved in multiple cultural activities that are protective against substance abuse.

- 74% attend Indigenous games
- 74% learned about their language
- 72% attend tribal celebrations
- 69% visited historical sites
- 65% participated in drum making
- 63% participated in sessions to preserve the language
- 56% participated in lodge teachings, teepee set up and take down

COMING 2023

- We will partner with First Congregational Church of Billings to teach bustles, regalia, ribbon skirts, earrings, necklaces.
- We will continue to partner with Rocky Mountain College to promote the Festival of Culture.
- Tumbleweed campouts with kids experiencing homelessness in Billings, Montana. We will teach them about drum making.
- Outreach with local schools to prevent alcohol and marijuana focused on culturally-based prevention.
- On the Crow Reservation and with .. Traditional foods preparation, preserving the language, and immersion-focused activities.
- Indigenous Games in Spring 2023



"For us. It is the light. How these kids open up and light up. Some of them live a hard life. Talking with them and acknowledging them. Letting them know there is a future for them. That is what we are out there for."

