KEEPING US WILD

Revitalizing Cultural Enrichment to Reduce High Risk Behaviors
WHO WE ARE

Aak Bacheeitchiilewioosh*
*Those who will become leaders

Youth Leadership Council

We are an organization funded by the USDA Little Big Horn College Extension Service Program, in partnership with Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC).

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Impacts on Apsaalooke/Crow:

- Substance Abuse
- Deprivation from the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Crow Language, Cultural and Tradition Loss
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Epidemic
- Poverty Rate
- Unemployment Rate
- Housing Shortage
Culture is Prevention
Provide cultural, spiritual and traditional education to preserve culture and protect against substance abuse.

A Cutting-Edge Therapeutic Group Work Process
A systemic perspective in a multicultural context

Four stages of group work:
- Forming and Orienting
- Transition
- Working
- Termination

Saving Apsaalooke/Crow Culture
Preserve the Apsaalooke/Crow culture, language, and traditions for future generations

*Results from Survey: 409 Apsaalooke/Crow youth between October 2021 and September 2022 (All Nations Youth Partnerships for Success, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council)
Wild IMPACT

18 youth prepared themselves to facilitate the systemic group process through the following cultural events:

- **Vision Quest: Heart Mountain**
  Cody, Wyoming
  Overnight camping trip with an endurance incline hike to summit Heart Mountain

- **Vision Quest: Cloud Peak**
  Big Horn Mountains, Wyoming
  An extensive outdoor youth camping event in the Cloud Peak Wilderness area

- **Unity Conference 2023**
  Washington, D.C.
  A networking event to instill youth leadership and cultural education

- **Outdoor Safety & Recreation Trainings**
  Montana State University, Billings; Little Big Horn College
  Day packs, water reservoirs, hiking boots, and water bottles furnished.

- **Buffalo Harvest + Fall Gathering**
  Crow Agency, Montana; Big Horn Mountains
  Experiencing the process of a buffalo hunt and buffalo processing

- **Moccasin Making Class**
  Hands-on cultural enrichment seminar
YOUTH PARTICIPATION

74% attended Indigenous games

63% participated in sessions to preserve the language

65% participated in drum making

56% participated in lodge teachings, teepee set up and take down

69% visited historical sites

72% attended tribal celebrations

74% learned about their language
Beginning discussions with 60+ institutions across the U.S. about pilot programs to help other tribes reinvigorate cultural enrichment among their youth.
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