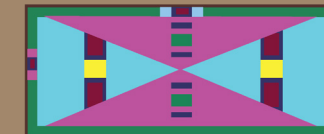


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Revitalizing Cultural Enrichment to Reduce High Risk Behaviors

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CROW TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL



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).

All Nations Youth Partnerships for Success (ANYPS) is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrative (SAMHSA) funded grant awarded to the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC).

OUR *Tribe*



Apsaalooke:
Children of the
Large Beaked Bird



Crow Country, Montana

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

OUR *Why*

Saving Apsaalooke/Crow Youth

**12-13
YEARS OLD**

Most youth reported they were 12-13 years old when they first tried marijuana and alcohol*

**30%
OF YOUTH**

30% of youth used marijuana in the past 30 days*

**25%
OF YOUTH**

25% of youth used alcohol in the past 30 days*

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)

OUR *How*

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:



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



Expanding **IMPACT**

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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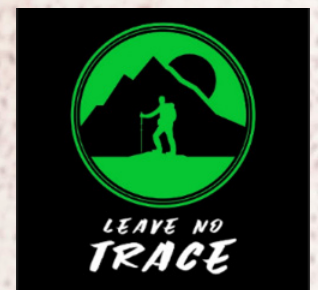


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