
INFORMATION DISSIMINATION



Tribal Youth Conference

A forum, which provides an opportunity for young people to come together in an effort to increase positive tribal identity and peer attachment. Further to develop skills and gain knowledge to grow and formulate healthy beliefs and clear standards for behavior.

TARGET POPULATION: 7TH –12TH GRADES

RISK FACTORS ADDRESSED:

COMMUNITY DOMAIN

- ❖ Community Laws and Norms Favorable Toward Drug Use, Firearms, and Crime
- ❖ Low Neighborhood Attachment and Community Disorganization

FAMILY DOMAIN

- ❖ Favorable parental attitudes and involvement in the behavior

INDIVIDUAL/Peer

- ❖ Friends Who Engage in the Problem Behavior
- ❖ Gang Involvement
- ❖ Favorable Attitudes Toward the Problem Behavior
- ❖ Early Initiation of the Problem Behavior

PROTECTIVE FACTORS ADDRESSED:

- Individual Characteristics
- Bonding
- Healthy beliefs and clear standards.

IOM

- Universal
- Indicated

KEY INGREDIENTS:

Historical Recognition

- Gathering of pre and teen youth to encourage positive peer identification within tribe
- Rites of passage
- Parents, Elders, Tribal Council, support

Process

- Community and support for financial needs (fundraising)
- Positive and appropriate support staff to plan and organize event
- Location to support planned activities (Tribal Community Center or facility that has multiple meeting areas within tribal community or lands)
- Programming that supports current preventive practice theories: Risk and Protective factors, 40 developmental factors and Resiliency.
- Activities that encourage team development and increase leadership skills
- Opportunities for positive peer interaction
- Opportunity for active youth involvement; planning for example

- Education of ATOD misuse/abuse being non traditional in regards to Native American populations.

Materials Needed

- Transportation for all attendees both to and from conference
- Culturally specific materials to support cultural, spiritual, social and self identity
- Story tellers
- Youth friendly menu that will support healthy eating
- Evaluation “Oregon Tribal Youth Behavior Evaluation”

OPTIONAL INGREDIENTS:

- Traditional music
- Traditional food
- Basketball tournament
- Entertainment
- Cultural sharing
- Raffle prizes

RESOURCES:

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – Fall “Siletz Tribal Youth Coming Together: Native Style”

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde – Spring “Grand Ronde Youth Conference”

Warm Springs Tribe – Summer “Warm Springs Youth Conference”

Example Outcomes:

EDUCATIONAL	Participants will demonstrate increase knowledge of the dangers of ATOD abuse, healthy choice making and positive behavioral management
ATTITUDINAL:	Participants will say coming to the conference was a positive choice
BEHAVIORAL	Participants will have one positive interaction with another tribal youth attending conference