

Family Unity



Empowering the family by defining their strengths, thus, creating a support system that promotes self-sufficiency for the family and leads to positive healthy life style choices. The family's needs are identified with all the supporting family members and all the service providers together and everyone is clear about what needs to be done to meet the strengths and needs of the family.

TARGET POPULATION: Anybody

RISK FACTORS ADDRESSED:

FAMILY DOMAIN

- ❖ Family conflict
- ❖ Family history of the problem behavior.
- ❖ Family management problems
- ❖ Favorable parental attitudes in involvement in the behavior

PROTECTIVE FACTORS ADDRESSED:

- ❖ Bonding
- ❖ Healthy beliefs and clear standards
- ❖ Individual characteristics

IOM Strategies

- ❖ Prevention
- ❖ Treatment
- ❖ Aftercare

KEY ELEMENTS:

Historical Longevity

- Based on Aboriginal approaches to family resolution
- Talking circle format
- Inclusive of extended and family members

Process

- Trained and experienced facilitator in model
- Use of a circular approach when appropriate
- Pro-active approach that empowers the family
- Solution oriented
- Strength based
- Clarification for all
- Empower families to bring self-identified support person(s)
- Meet mandatory requirements pro-actively.
- Honor differences

Materials Needed

- Coordination of services
- Organizational support for paid time to attend
- Childcare & Transportation

OPTIONAL ELEMENTS:

- ❖ Food
- ❖ Utilize cultural approaches; smudging, talking circles, Indian Doctors, Spiritual Leaders, etc...

Resources and/or Examples: Grand Ronde Tribe, Ron Hudson, C.S. (In'it)
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EXAMPLE OUTCOMES:

EDUCATIONAL:	Increase knowledge of family management
ATTITUDINAL:	Families will feel more identified to their culture.
BEHAVIORAL:	Reunification of family