The Tribal Youth Program
Building Brighter Futures
in Indian Country

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
US Department of Justice

TYP Mission

To support and enhance tribal efforts to prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.
Why TYP?

Proportion of non-Hispanic American Indian youth in the juvenile population (ages 0–17) in 2002

Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report (NCJJ/OJJDP)
Between 1981 and 2001, the national juvenile suicide rate was 28 suicides per 1 million juveniles ages 7–17, but the rate varied greatly by state.

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TYP Fiscal Year Appropriations

- **FY 1999**: $10.0 million
- **FY 2000**: $12.5 million
- **FY 2001**: $12.4 million
- **FY 2002**: $12.4 million
- **FY 2003**: $12.3 million
- **FY 2004**: $10.0 million
- **FY 2005**: $10.0 million
- **FY 2006**: $10.0 million

The TYP program provides funds for culturally appropriate, comprehensive delinquency prevention, control, and juvenile justice system improvement for Native American youth.
What is TYP?

- Award 4-year cooperative agreements to federally recognized tribes.
- Tribes with 6,000 or fewer residents on or near the reservation are eligible for awards of up to $300,000.
- Tribes with 6,001 or more residents on or near the reservation are eligible for awards of up to $400,000.
TYP Purpose Areas

I. Provide prevention services to impact risk factors for delinquency
II. Provide interventions for court-involved tribal youth
III. Improve the tribal juvenile justice system
IV. Provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs
V. Provide mental health program services

Where is TYP?
Federally Recognized Tribes

TYP Grantees

Tribal Youth Program Grants 1999-2006 and Federally Recognized Tribal Entities in the 48 Contiguous States and Alaska
How is TYP making a difference?

Success Stories

Family Fun Night in Zuni Pueblo
Friday, July 7, 2006

About 600 people came for the Family Fun Night held Friday, July 7, 2006! The event consisted of an array of activities for the kids, booths by other departments in the village of Zuni, Bingo with great practical prizes, balloon animals, face painting, a magic show, gifts (Disney toys donated by SACC Collectibles) and lots of food for everyone. Joining us in Zuni were David & Jolly Rhodes, ACDD Director, Rocky Mountain Region and Family & Cheryl Bear Barrington and friends. Cheryl danced and sang and then gave out 130 CD's! (Kaden, a member of the Zuni Tribal Council, was one of our popular Bingo callers). We plan on making this an annual event with even more to offer next year!

A very special thanks to Shelly Chimon, her staff and the youth of the Zuni Pueblo. You were awesome!
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Success Stories

Election Results

News

Motivating Our Youth To Live Healthier Lives

The Zuni Nation has developed a youth education program to help Native youths and their communities.

The program, called the “Youth Health and Wellness” program, is designed to provide education and resources on health, wellness, and cultural values. The program includes workshops, seminars, and events that focus on topics such as nutrition, physical activity, and mental health.

The program targets young people between the ages of 13 and 18 who live in rural areas of the Zuni Nation. Participants receive information and resources that help them make healthier lifestyle choices.

The program has been successful in encouraging young people to take an active role in their health and well-being. Many participants have reported feeling more confident and empowered to make positive changes in their lives.

Based on the success of the program, the Zuni Nation is looking to expand its reach and target more communities. The program hopes to continue providing education and support to help young people lead healthier lives.

Hoops for Hearts—
Encouraging Health & Wellness

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NOCKSACK TRIBAL YOUTH

A summary of the accomplishments for the three-year period was as follows:

- Noeksack Tribal Youth Program worked closely with the Elders and the Young People (Young Adult) to provide funding for the Youth to spend time with the Elders on Elders' land during the summer. The objective of this activity was to create a stronger bond between the Elders and the Young People. The Youth were taught the importance of respect, understanding, and compassion towards the Elders.
- The Youth also spent time with the Elders, learning from them about the traditional ways of life.

The Youth spent most of their time at the Youth House, participating in various activities and learning about their culture.

- The Youth were involved in various community events, such as the annual Elders Dinner, where they helped in preparing and serving food.

- The Youth also participated in various competitions, such as the "Young People\'s Dance Off," where they showcased their traditional dancing skills.

- The Youth continued to work on their Eagle Crest project, an initiative to build a new youth center. They raised funds and worked on the construction site during the summer months.

- The Youth were also involved in various community service projects, such as cleaning up the community park and helping with community events.

- The Youth continued to develop their leadership skills, participating in various workshops and seminars.

- The Youth also continued to work on their Native American identity, participating in various cultural activities and learning about their heritage.

Our Mission

To inspire and enable all young people and their families, especially those who need the most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Our Core Beliefs

- Through spirit, mind, and body, we are a positive place for kids by focusing on caring, honesty, responsibility, and respect.

Boys & Girls Club of America National Conference

Over 100 Native American Club professionals attended a reception in honor of Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country on Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

The reception took place the evening before the kickoff of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Conference in Boston, MA.

Later in the evening, a video highlighting the Native American Club Movement from 1992 to today was presented. The Penobscot Singers from the Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club, ME also performed for the group. The crowd enjoyed watching the drummers and dancers and learning more about the history and culture of the Penobscot Nation.

L-R front to back: Kevena Yorke, Malakia Shores, Malakia Vorse, Taylor Littlefield, Foshe Hauger, Eve Dun, Zach Paul, Nick Bear, Gary Forrester, John Neptune-Cultural Coordinator, Gabe Paul.
Who is TYP?

Tribal Youth Program Regional Cluster Workshop
Anchorage, AK
October 2003
Tribal Youth Program
Regional Cluster Workshop
Orlando, FL
April 2005

TYP Pre-conference Session to OJJDP National Conference
Building Brighter Futures in Indian Country
Building on Success
Providing Today’s Youth With Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow

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TYP National Evaluation

Consulting Services & Research, Inc.
(CSR, Inc.)

- Conduct a process evaluation of Tribal Youth Programs beginning from FY2003 to present.

- Collect performance measures data for FY2005 and FY2006 TYP grantees

TYP Additional Research Projects

- American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF)

- National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ)

- National Indian Youth Leadership Development Project

- University of Colorado
### Past TYP Research

- Evaluation Facilitation for the Tribal Youth Program by Michigan Public Health Institute
  
  [http://www.crhop.net/Publications/TYEFP%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf](http://www.crhop.net/Publications/TYEFP%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf)

- Evaluation of the CIRCLE Project

- Field Initiated Research

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OJJDP, through Fox Valley Technical College provides training and technical assistance to Tribal Youth Program grantees as well as all federally recognized tribes.

Visit FVTC at [www.fvtc.edu/typjj](http://www.fvtc.edu/typjj)
OJJDP Resources

- Tribal Juvenile Discretionary Accountability Grant (TJDAG)
  - 2% of OJJDP’s JABG funds (approximately $1.1 million) are allocated to Tribal JADG to be awarded to AI/AN federally recognized tribes.

- Field-Initiated Research & Evaluation

- Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL)

Visit OJJDP at http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/

Additional Resources

- State Juvenile Justice Specialist
  Listing by State:
  ojjdp.ncjrs.org/statecontacts/resourcelist.asp

- American Indian & Alaska Native Affairs at Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
  www.ojp.usdoj.gov/americannative/whats_new.htm

- National Tribal Justice Resource Center
  www.tribalresourcecenter.org
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