Boys & Girls Clubs: Community Wellness Programs for Children & Youth

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Experiences in Indian Country
FirstPic, Inc.

- Consulting firm
- Offices located in Crofton, MD and Washington, DC
- Staff experienced in crime prevention; Native American issues; youth development; missing children; conference and meeting planning and support; Public and Indian Housing issues

Select Projects and Special Initiatives Focused on Native American Issues
**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

**Office of Native American Programs**

**Crime Prevention Initiative**

- Develop and implement crime and gang prevention workshops
- Conduct Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country Implementation Trainings
- Implement youth development camps in Indian Country
- Provide TA in Indian Country to prevent crime and promote community safety
- Develop and distribute ONAP’s *Planet Youth* website and quarterly newsletter, *Club Notes*, which targets Native youth.

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**BGCA National Native American Initiative**

- Serve as the BGCA Native American Support Center for Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country
- Leading provider of youth services in Indian Country
- Provide T&TA focused on growth & sustainability of Native Clubs
Growth of Clubs in Indian Country

- 1996  12
- 1997  28
- 1998  51
- 1999  77
- 2000  87
- 2001  110
- 2002  135
- 2003  146
- 2004  184
- 2005  200
- 2006  207
- 2007  210 (projected)

Boys & Girls Clubs in Native Country, 1992
Native American Club Support

BGCA Native American One-Day Symposium
BGCA Native American Summit
Native American Club Technical Assistance
Federal and Private Partnership Development
Native American Club Website (www.NACLUBS.org)

Club Notes Publication
Native American Club Exhibiting
Native American National Advisory Committee (NANAC) Support
Native American Sustainability
Special Initiatives

MethSMART (OJP, BJA)

Diabetes Prevention Program (IHS, NCAI, Nike)

Navajo Nation Mentoring Program (HHS)

G.R.E.A.T. Program (OJP, BJA)

MethSMART

Funded by Office of Justice Program, Bureau of Justice Program (BJA)

Partner
• Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs

2007 Pilot Program
• 20 Clubs (9 Native American)
National Methamphetamine Awareness Day
November 30, 2006

Diabetes Prevention Program

Funded by Indian Health Service (IHS)

Partners:
National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
Nike, Inc.

2003 Pilot Program
6 Clubs

2004-05 Program Expanded
25 Clubs

2005-06 Program Expanded
28 Clubs

2006-2007 Program Expanded
40 Clubs
Navajo Nation Mentoring Program

3 Year Grant Administered by the Navajo Nation

Funded by Health and Human Services (HHS) ACF

Targets Children of Prisoners

16 Club Organizations in 6 States awarded funding to implement Mentoring Programs
G.R.E.A.T. Program
(Gang Resistance Education and Training)

Collaborative Effort – BGCA, ATF, USDOJ and local tribal law enforcement

- An increase in life skills that empower Club members to avoid violent behavior
- Greater community involvement by Club members
- Development of new and improved relationships between Club members and law enforcement officers, community leaders, parents and Club staff.

2007 Expansion of Program in Native communities

Professional Partnerships

Federal Partnerships
- Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Private Organization Partnerships
- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
- Nike, Inc.
- America’s Second Harvest – Kids Cafe
- National Financial Education Coalition
Upcoming Conferences & Trainings

- Boys & Girls Clubs of America
  National Native American Workshop, May 16, 2007
  Orlando, Florida
- OJP BJA
  Law Enforcement and Youth Partnerships for Crime Prevention Conference, October 2007
- HUD/ONAP Continuation

Financial Commitments and Opportunities

- Office of Justice Programs
- Indian Health Service
- Health and Human Services
- Office of Native American Programs
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- NAHASDA
- OJJDP
  - Tribal Youth Program (TYP)
  - Targeted Community Action Planning (TCAP)
    - Provides TA to 3 tribal communities
    - Address juvenile justice issues threatening public safety
Goals and Objectives

Increase the number of Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country from 200 (serving over 140,000 youth) to 210 by the end of 2007.

Ensure Sustainability of new and existing Clubs (NAHASDA)

Build the Native American Sustainability Fund

Native American Publications
**Tribal Relationships**

- 80+ Tribal Communities
- Tribal Councils
- Tribal Leaders/Elders
- Tribal Law Enforcement
- Tribal Governments

**Sustainability Fund**

- Establishment of Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country, Inc. in 2002
- Goal: $100 million to be used to sustain Native Clubs in Indian Country for the next seven generations
- Current Status: $10 million
Sustainability Fund

Major Contributors:

- BGCA Board Reserves
- National Indian Gaming Association (Pledge)
- Individual donors including members of the BGCA Board of Governors

NI GA Challenge

- In April 2006, NIGA announced Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country, Inc. as a beneficiary of their charitable fundraising campaign
- $5 million will be donated to the Fund
- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community announced a $1 million match/pledge
- Other tribes challenged to donate to the fund
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