

GOOD MEDICINE PROGRAM update for May 2018

The next scheduled Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be on May 14, 2018, located at the Browning Elementary School in room 125. We have trained 70 individuals to date, which is over the required number for the grant year period. We will continue to offer the training every month of the school year for staff, families, community members, and students in their Junior and Senior years at the BHS. We will not be scheduling a YMHFA training in the month of June, July, or August, unless they are requested.

The CONNECT-Browning Electronic Referral System is continuing to reach out to current participants and programs to retrain them on how to use the program when sending referrals. We are also visiting and presenting to other agencies that would benefit from the system. We will be setting up a meeting with the director of IHS Garland Magee to see if the program will fit their needs.

The next PAX Good Behavior Game training will be on May 3-4, 2018, for Browning Public-School teachers, Blackfeet Community College students, and Heart Butte Public Schools. We are hoping to get as many teachers in the community trained in the program, so we can have a community wide effort. We will set up another training for August 2018 and invite all schools on the reservation and Head Start.

We are currently waiting for a rescheduled date for the Signs of Suicide prevention training for the Browning Middle School. In the next three months, the GMP staff members will be going over what went well and what did not, after the two suicide prevention programs were implemented. We are hoping to collaborate with more agencies in the community in order to get more feedback on what we could change next year.

The Good Medicine Program staff members are busy with providing individual services, delivering group education in each building and giving supports to families. The Youth Mental Health Specialist will continue to work with students, families, and creating identified groups and gathering referrals for students in all buildings.

Staff members are working with Tamarack Grief Resource Center to implement grief camps for students who may benefit from the groups in the month of June and August, 2018. We are also working on what activities we will be incorporating with the students that we work with in our buildings. The Good Medicine Program will be continuing to partnership with outside community agencies to better serve and advocate for our youth.