

Good Medicine Program October 2016

The Good Medicine Program's fifth Youth Mental Health Specialist Ashton Smith has started her first day on October 3, 2016, she is placed at the Browning Middle School. Ashton will shadow each staff member of the Good Medicine Program through out the week. Aston has received potential clients that she will assess their needs and create a plan to address those needs.

On September 13, 2016, the Good Medicine program staff, school counselors, and administrative staff has attended the Interconnected System Framework training provided by the IT center for the Montana SOARS program. The training provided a great framework for a referral system that provides services to students that are identified as needing extra assistances. A group of these participants are working to create the system, so each school can implement the referral system for their students in their buildings.

A YMHFA training occurred on September 28-29, 2016 at the BPS Administration board room.

On September 26, 2016, the Good Medicine Program staff received the Question Pursue Refer QPR certification. We will be working with the Browning Middle School administrative staff to schedule times to provide the training to students. We will also start to create a schedule to educate parents and community members.

On September 27, 2016, two of the GMP staff members, a few school counselors and a couple of administrators have participated in the Safe Dates training. The curriculum will be implemented into the Napi, High School and the Alternative schools.

We currently have three BSW practicum students and they are actively involved in creating and facilitating groups with supervision.

The GMP staff members are continuing to work on creating identified groups and gathering referrals for students.

The next available Youth Mental Health First Aid Training is scheduled for October 25-26, 2016, located at Administration Board room. The participants are being recruited from the school system, community and students.

The 2016-2017 budget, narrative, implementation plan, and the C&I plan was sent into OPI in September 2016 for approval.

The Good Medicine Program Director is continuing to get buy in for the Noble Referral System. So far the program will be implemented the program into the Browning Public School, Good Medicine Program, and Tamarack Grief Center. We are waiting for replies from Alta-care and Behavioral Health regarding if they are willing to use the program.