

## **GOOD MEDICINE PROGRAM - May 2017**

The Youth Mental Health First Aid training occurred on April 25-26, 2017. The next scheduled training will be May 5-6, 2017, located at the Blackfeet Community College. We have a total of 68 individuals who have completed the training since October 2016. Our target goal for the grant year is 125.

The GMP staff members are continuing to work with students, families, and on creating identified groups and gathering referrals for students in all buildings.

A Good Medicine Program staff and a U-of-M practicum student participated in the Special Needs Awareness Health Fair at the Head Start on April 7, 2017.

Four Youth Mental Health Specialists and one School Counselor attended the Grief Institute on April 26-28, 2017, in Missoula, Montana. The training was reported to be very beneficial as all individuals are currently co-facilitating grief groups in their designated schools. All school principals and teachers from k-9<sup>th</sup> grade have accounts set up in the Systematic Screener for Behavior Disorders (SSBD), which will be administered in May 2017.

Montana Behavior Initiative (MBI) emails for registration has been sent out to all school buildings. Each building will send 6 individuals to the training. As an awarded Montana SOARS school the registration fees have been waived and Mt SOARS: Good Medicine Program will be paying for parking fees, travel and pre-diem.

GMP Youth Mental Health Specialists are currently assisting Sienna Speicher from Tamarack Grief Center to build a curriculum for summer grief camps starting in June 2017.