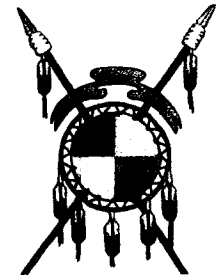




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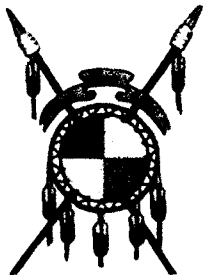
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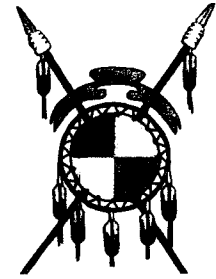
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- Browning Middle school, Browning High school officials and Blackfeet Tribal juvenile court will refer candidates into the group based on their high needs, which may be as a result of behavioral issues within the schools and/or home and community environments.
- Each program in collaboration will sponsor a group as they see fit for their program throughout the duration of 12-months.
- Honor Your Life will do intake interviews with parents to assure that a positive, healthy support system can be established.
- Facilitators for the group will correspond directly with the Honor Your Life program and implement the appropriate topics, curriculum, and surveys during each group.
- Resiliency will be monitored throughout the course of the 12-month period and Honor Your Life's designated staff member/coordinator will do follow-up with Browning Public schools and/or Blackfeet Tribal courts.

II) Collaboration between partners

- The Blackfeet 'Honor Your Life' program and Browning Public schools will collaborate in the following manner:
 - Ensure that Honor Your Life coordinator can proceed with follow-up to each school in regards to the resources available to the referred student and their individual progress.
 - Contact Honor Your Life program for any additional information in regards to the support group.
 - Provide new referrals as openings are available into the group.
- The Blackfeet 'Honor Your Life' program and the Blackfeet Tribal Health program will collaborate in the following manner:
 - The Honor Your Life designated coordinator will conduct updates with Tribal Health and the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council as it is deemed necessary.
 - Honor Your Life will review goals and obstacles of the support group and make appropriate adjustments as long as they are not counterproductive to the growth and development of the youth who are participating.
 - Honor Your Life will provide appropriate data trends as it corresponds to this support group.

III) Collaboration between Programs and Facilitators

- Each facilitator will be required to attain a background check and a drug test as it is an already established requirement to work with youth from the public school system.

- Each facilitator will be paid a stipend for each group they facilitate, in the amount of \$50.00 and this will be paid by the program who is sponsoring the group that week.
- Facilitators will provide youth with appropriate materials and/or surveys during the group session in order to support resiliency and the development of coping skills and life skills.

IV) Materials provided:

- Each program will provide the materials, resources, surveys, and any other additional supplies that may be required to be utilized during that group session that they are sponsoring.

V) Community Trainings

- Monthly trainings will be implemented for the community, specifically for the parents and/or guardians of the youth enrolled in the facilitated groups.
- This training will focus on the holistic healing approach for all participants associated with the group and under a separate agreement of support from parents/guardians they will be obligated to attend.
- The cost of these trainings will be divided amongst ALL programs associated with the memorandum (exception for exclusion is the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council and Browning Public Schools).
- Each program will be required to implement a monthly training sometime during the year and complete all prior trainings necessary in order to be capable and/or certified to implement within the community.

Agreed upon by:

Timothy Davis, Health & Social Services (HSS) Committee Chairman

Rosemary Cree Medicine, Tribal Health Director/Administrator


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