

## GOOD MEDICINE PROGRAM update for September 2016:

- The Good Medicine Program has hired for their open position for a Youth Mental Health Specialist. Ashton Smith will start on October 1, 2016 and she will be placed at the Browning Middle School.
- The Good Medicine program staff and a few others have attended the Trauma Informed Care training in Helena, Montana, on August 2-3, 2016. There were great conversations regarding how to create a trauma informed school and how to get staff in the Browning Public Schools working from a trauma informed lens.
- A YMHFA training occurred on August 9-10, 2016 at the Blackfeet Community College. Then on August 18, 2016, there was a one day YMHFA training for 32 new teachers. The second day of the training will occur in the near future.
- On August 22, 2016, the Good Medicine Program paid for Dr. Chris Blodgett to present for all staff members. The training had plenty of great information on the ACE study, working from a trauma informed approach and classroom techniques. A great way to start the school year.
- On August 24, 2016, The Good Medicine Program staff completed the self study course for the Question Pursue Refer (QPR) a suicide prevention trainers training. All material was sent back to the QPR facility for scoring. The staff is patiently waiting to receive work if they passed and are certified trainers for the QPR training. When certifications are received they will work with the Browning Middle School staff to schedule trainings for students and parents.
- In August the GMP staff members had several meetings with the four BSW practicum students from the U of M, regarding expectations, learning agreements and available time to complete hours.
- The GMP staff are back in their buildings, working on creating groups, and adding to their list of students. We are all very excited to get this year started.
- The next available Youth Mental Health First Aid Training is scheduled for September 28-29, 2016, located at Administration Board room. The participants are being recruited from the school system, community and students.