

GOOD MEDICINE PROGRAM update for March 2018:

- The yearly site visit with Mariam Azin the grant evaluator went well and was very beneficial, because it helped us understand what goals could be maintained after the grant is gone and what the Good Medicine Program needs to continue to work on for the next 18 months. Mariam had the pleasure to meet with staff members at Napi Elementary School, Browning Middle School, Browning High School, and Buffalo Hide Academy. From the site visit, it was concluded that we will not be completing the Systematic Screener for Behavior Disorders in the duration of the grant, due to the many flaws in the program. The Good Medicine Program will replace the program with a presentation to each school on what Internalize and Externalizes look like, what to be aware of in students and how to advocate for them.
- The next scheduled Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be March 7, 2018, located at the Browning Elementary School in room 125. We have trained 44 of the 55 individuals required for the grant year.
- The Second Step curriculum for K-5th grade is now being implemented in to the schools. The school counselors and Youth Mental Health Specialist report that the program has relevant, age appropriate materials that they will be using for social/emotional learning, bullying prevention, and child protection lesson plans.
- Dr. Karla Bird's first scheduled CONNECT presentation will be March 7, 2018, for the Blackfeet Community College Health Advisory Board. The board is planning for their new health facility in the spring and wants to use the CONNECT system to send referrals to other agencies in the community for their clients.
- We have had to cancel and reschedule the Signs of Suicide prevention training to the 6th grade twice, due to the weather. We have rescheduled the next date for March 16, 2018.
6th grade will be March 16, 2018,
7th & 8th will be March 15, 2018,
Freshman will be March 19, 2018,
Sophomores will be March 12, 2018,
Juniors will be March 5, 2018: Completed training and depression/suicide screening.
Seniors will be March 6, 2018.
- The Good Medicine Program staff members are busy with individual services, providing 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.
- The Good Medicine Program will be continuing to partnership with outside community agencies to better serve and advocate for our youth.