

NATIVE CONNECTIONS AT FORT BELKNAP

Serving Lodgepole, Hays, Dodson, Harlem Areas

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- **Native Connections**

- A program that helps American Indian and Alaska Native communities identify and address the behavioral health needs of Native youth.
- The Native Connections grant program supports grantees in:
 - Reducing suicidal behavior and substance use among Native youth up to age 24
 - Easing the impacts of substance use, mental illness, and trauma in tribal communities
 - Supporting youth as they transition into adulthood



- A SAMHSA funded project
- Aims to plan and implement culturally competent activities
- Substance abuse and suicide prevention awareness
- Trauma reduction and mental health promotion services directed toward Native American Youth





How long has it been implemented and how is it implemented?



What is the effectiveness of the program?
(successes, challenges)



Is it considered evidence-based?



What is the cost of this programming?

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TALKING CIRCLES...

NATIVE CONNECTIONS



THURSDAY
EVENING
TALKING
STICK

March 3, 2022

ID: 860-4962-2037

password: 230583

ZOOM ZOOM

6PM



JOIN IN / VISIT OR JUST LISTEN /
SHARE YOUR STORY

SEASONAL EVENTS...



ST. PATRICK'S BINGO


zoom zoom
864-8138-8917
334448

March 15, 2022 @ 6pm

sponsored by native connections/ pfd block grant
/ zero suicide

**contact hannah 399-0140
jeremy 390-4153**

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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NAEDC
NATIVE CONNECTIONS
& BLUE HEAVEN HARNESSING HOPE
INVITE EVERYONE TO
RIBBON SKIRT / SHIRT MAKING

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2021

1PM



Materials will be provided for
Ribbon skirt Making Please come
and visit and learn to make a skirt
bring your own sewing machine

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Parish Church, Dodson Mt

HEALTHY LIVING...

NATIVE CONNECTIONS

**FAMILY
HEALTHY SNACK
ON
ZOOM**

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

@ 6PM

ID: 884-8781-3575

PASSWORD: 812793

**BUILDING CAESAR
CHICKEN WRAPS**

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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES...



SUICIDE PREVENTION...

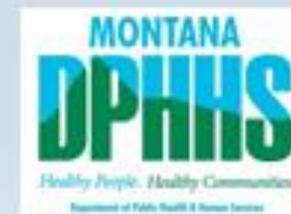
You are invited to a prevention workshop.

Wednesday, July 21, 8:30 – 12:30
RED WHIP GYM

Recognizing & Responding to Signs of Risk

Presented by the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education on behalf of Fort Belknap Tribal Health.

Questions call or email: Dr. June Ellestad June.Ellestad @ftbelknap.org 406.207.6111



YOUTH LEADERSHIP...

NATIVE CONNECTIONS INVITES YOU

2 WILLFUL
SMARTWATCH

Youth Leadership

TENT &
SLEEPING BAG

GONA

Gathering of Native American

Sat. 5/1/21

Sun. 5/2/21

14-25 YEAR OLD

20 YOUTH

RECRUITMENT

10 A.M

Via ZOOM

Meeting ID:

868 3167 1601

Passcode: 588548

RAFT &
FISHING POLE



Microsoft
Surface GO 2
W/ACCESSORIES

10
\$50 GIFT CARDS

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CREATIVITY...





PARTNERSHIPS...

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NAKODA AAAHNIIH CREDIT DEPARTMENT

FORT BELKNAP TERO

FORT BELKNAP CASINO



SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES...

ADAPTING TO THE PANDEMIC

- ◉ Zoom Workshops
- ◉ Virtual Talking Circle
- ◉ **Motivational Monday On FaceBook page**
- ◉ As the pandemic led up and We then started to adapt back to meeting in person
- ◉ Belt making workshops
- ◉ Cultural activities in the school



**EVIDENCED-
BASED?**

MENTAL HEALTH

SEEING BOTH SIDES OF THE PANDEMIC

VIRTUAL

IN PERSON

FACEBOOK ACTIVITIES WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL

QUESTIONS?