

Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project

Approach to Suicide Prevention:
One Native American Community's Experience

FEATURING:

Coalition Building

in Rural and Native American Communities

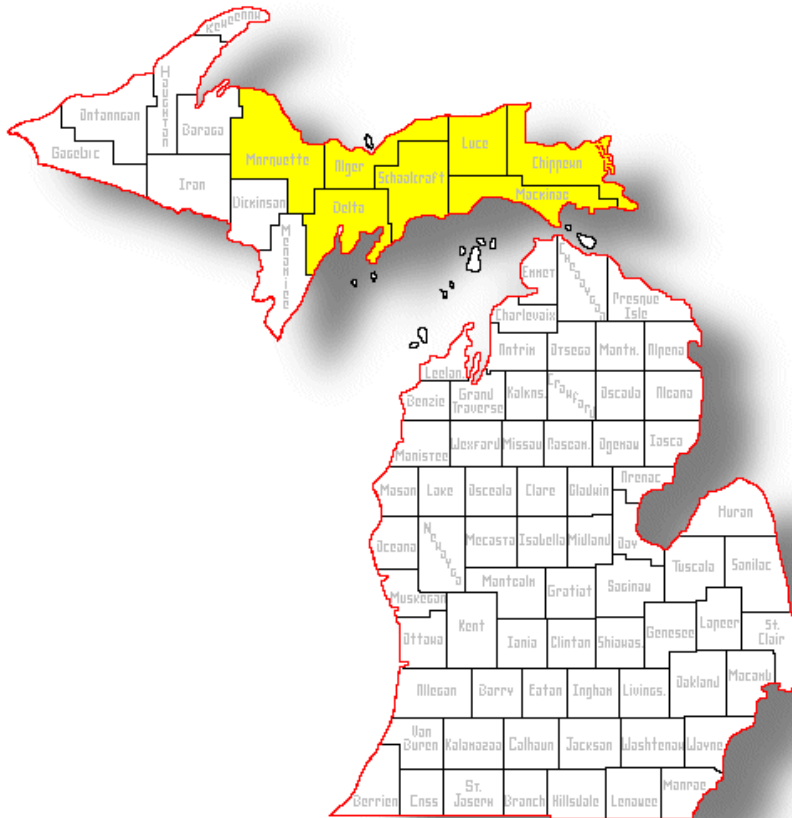
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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe
of Chippewa Indians



38,000 Members
Seven-County
Service Area:

Upper Peninsula of MI

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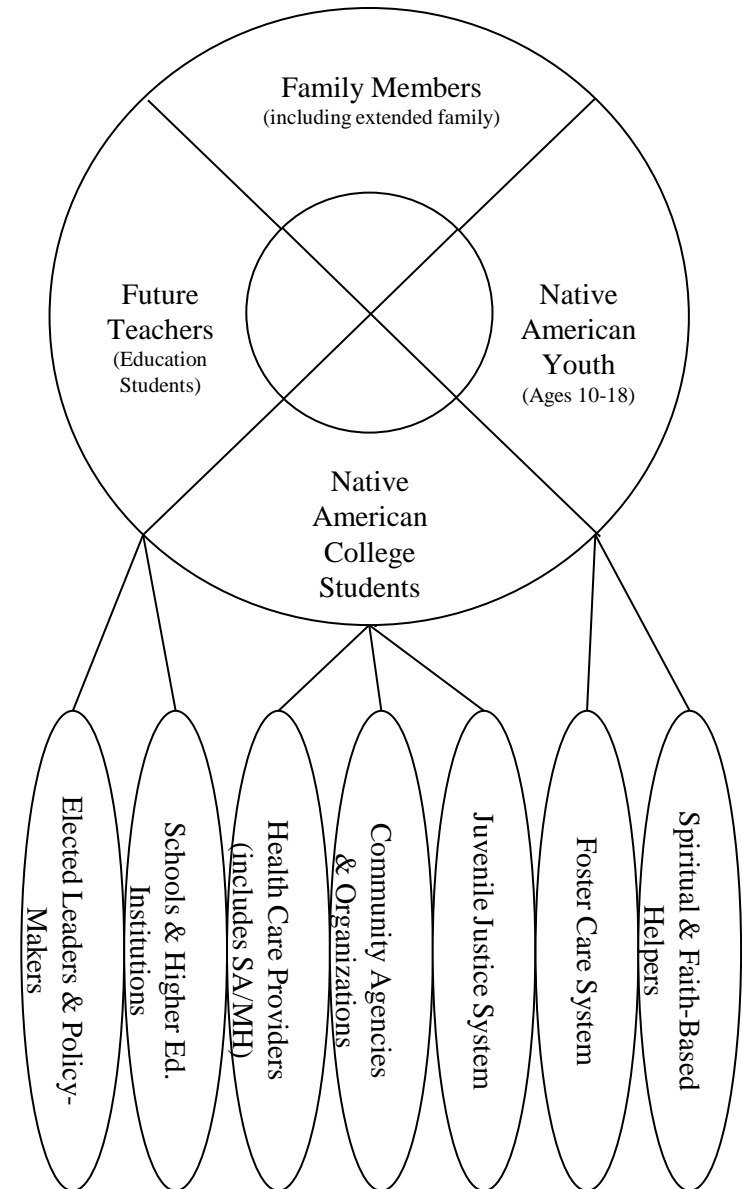
Project Goals & Objectives

- Engaging Our Communities in Prevention
- Drawing on Our Community Strengths and Protective Factors
- Developing a Partnership with Stakeholders
- Developing an Effective Prevention Program Model
- Finding Sustainable Methods that Work in Our Communities

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Visual Depiction: STAY Project Concepts

- Medicine Wheel
- Target Audience
- Seven Key Stakeholder Groups



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Seven Feathers Partnership Board

INCLUDES

NON-TRIBAL PARTNERS:

- Elected Leaders
- School Personnel
- Juvenile Justice: Including Law Enforcement
- Foster Care Staff



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Seven Feathers Partnership Board

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INCLUDES

NON-TRIBAL PARTNERS:

- Health Care Providers: Including Substance Abuse and Mental Health Professionals
- Spiritual and Faith-Based Helpers
- Community Agencies & Organizations



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Importance of Community Coalition Building:

- Vital component in realizing and completing STAY goals.
- Networking with existing community agencies to empower them and increase services.
- Increase awareness of resources in local communities.
- Coordinate regional networking across seven counties.

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Innovative Aspects of Collaboration:

In Addition to Involvement of Seven Stakeholder Groups:

- Traditional Native American Talking Circles
- Youth Partnerships
- Monthly Meetings
- Grassroots Gatherings
- Training Opportunities

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SPRC Tools & Services Utilized:

- Monthly Calls & Site Visits
- Listserv, E-mails, and Newsletters
- Access to Other Programs & Resources
- Wealth of Information on Qualified Trainers and Training Curricula
- Information for Coalition Building & Evaluation, and Action Planning

Island Activity Overview:

Each “Island” represents a goal/objective that your group needs to meet by the given deadline.

All of the following questions and scenarios are authentic and were based on actual events that occurred during our grant.

Directions:

- 1) Visit each “Island” and complete the questions and objectives. (7 minutes per Island)
- 2) Record all answers for the Q&A Session following the activity.

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