

Dreamcatcher News

CDR/Native American Center Project

FM First Nations Journey-Walking with our Youth

FM First Nations Journey Walking with our Youth will be held on **September 18th, 2010 from 8am to 5:30pm at the Minnesota State University Moorhead-Comstock Memorial Union in Moorhead, Minnesota.** This one day seminar will focus on: Leadership, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Suicide/Self inflicting harm, Racism and high mobility for students. Topics will relate to the Native American culture and values, along with education and

information that can help families and educators. This event is free and open to 350 families and students. Please **RSVP with Melody Staebner at 701-446-3641 or email her at staebnm@fargo.k12.nd.us.**


We are asking Native American Families and youth that are middle/high school aged to attend this event. This event is geared to give a learning experience to all the families, friends and educators that are working with Native American youth.

This event will focus on problems that are affecting Native youth and hope to give a better understanding to all involved to what a parent/educator can do to help the child succeed during their educational experience. We are asking parents to become more aware of what could be affecting our youth

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F-M First Nation's Journey
"Walking With Our Youth"
September 18, 2010
MSUM- Comstock Memorial Union
Moorhead, MN
8:00-5:30 pm
Providing tools for families and educators to help the success of our youth.

This one-day seminar, will focus on students and families: Leadership, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Suicide/Self-Inflicting Harm, Racism, Mobility. Topics will relate to the Native American culture and values, along with education and information that can help families and educators.

This event is free and open to 350 families and students.
RSVP is needed for accommodations,
call 701-446-3641 or email- staebnm@fargo.k12.nd.us

This event is sponsored by various community agencies, businesses and members.
(FPS employees can register for CEU credits on Teach2Learn)
"Let us put our minds together to see what life we can make for our children."
*Sitting Bull

Native American Center Project Open House

Date: September 22, 2010

Time: 10am to 2pm

Who: You're invited to attend this event.

We are open to the public to come and visit with staff about the center. We have been working hard the last year to assist Native Americans with referrals, job and apartment search, school/college, trainings and even with cultural information. Please come spend the afternoon with us, snacks will be provided.

Native American Community Potluck Picnic

The Native American Community Picnic was held on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at Oak Grove Park in Fargo, ND. The drum group was Buffalo River and many local area Native American organizations contributed their time to the event.

Games Galore was available with a bouncy house for the kids and prizes were given away to picnic attendees. This picnic is held annually for

the Native American Community. This picnic brings all the many tribal nations that are living here a chance to spend time together and get to know one another.

We are seeing a rise in Natives that are moving to this area to work and attend school. Look for upcoming events this fall such as a Potluck Dinner that we will sponsor in November for Native American Heritage month and many other

events throughout the year.



Diversity Mural by MSUM Students and Faron Blakely

Local Native American Artist, Faron Blakely and MSUM students painted a mural at the Livingston Lord Library that will be permanently displayed at Minnesota State University Moorhead. The mural represents the diversity of our growing population and the students helped in the design of the mural.

Faron Blakely, Native American Artist (White Earth Band of Ojibwe) is known for his great artwork and dedication to

his people. He lives with his wife, Laretta and kids in Fargo, ND. Faron has known his hardships but thrives now to make a difference for his family.

Please take the time to stop by the Livingston Lord Library on MSUM campus to view the diversity mural. This is a great conversational piece for everyone.

MURAL DISPLAYED AT:
Minnesota State University Moorhead-
Livingston Lord Library
(3rd floor of library)

Native American Center Project- Educational Program

We are excited to announce a great program offered by Master Paul Dyer from Dakota Dragon Defense.

This program will help students develop strong mind, strong spirit, strong body through the arts.

Dakota Dragon Defense

One-time fee includes every Wednesday for 4 weeks (at a time)

4:00-6:00pm

411 11St. N. Fargo, ND 58102

To commit to this a 10.00 per student fee is required this will be good for **4 weeks of classes.**

*****You must RSVP** your start date also, for more information call **Amber Mattson at 701-365-0832 ext. 209** or amattson@culturaldiversityresources.org fee also must be paid to hold your spots, space is limited.

Fancy Shawl Classes in October

The Fancy Shawl Making class will start on October 14 from 5-7pm. These classes will be for the shawl only to get you started. We will be offering these classes on Thursdays throughout October and one Thursday in November.

We will start taking names and limiting the spots for the class. We are gearing this class for the youth in K-12 from Cass and Clay County. Please call **Elverna Vilas at 701-365-0832 ext. 209** if you have any

questions or would like to **RSVP your spot in the class. The class is free!**



Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Training Coming Soon....

The Native American Center Project is working on a training for community members to become more informed of Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) and why that law exists. We are still seeing a high percentage of Native American Children in the foster care system in North Dakota and Minnesota.

The Indian Child Welfare Act was created in 1978 and became federal law to ensure that Native American Children are being placed with Native American families. In 1978, the federal government saw an increasing number of Native American youth being placed in foster care and Congress passed ICWA to ensure the stability of Native American youth, families and tribes. ICWA sets federal standards to state child custody proceedings involving a Native American child that is a member of federally recognized tribe or is eligible for enrollment.

We would like to educate the community on this act and how it affects our children. Indian Child Welfare Act is crucial to our American Indian Community and we need to increase the numbers of Native American Foster Parents for the children in this urban community. If you would like to be on our email list for this event or any other, please email nac@culturaldiversityresources.org.

Cultural and Educational Committees Established.

The Native American Center Project established Cultural and Educational Committees to work on the growing needs of Native American youth and families. We have two separate committees that have area community members and professionals that serve on each. We are always looking for more committee members and volunteers that would be interested in serving on either committees or helping during our events. We are looking for individuals that have the time and knowledge to address the needs from education to culture.

Please feel free to contact **Amber Mattson** (Educational Committee) or **Elverna Vilas** (Cultural Committee) at **701-365-0832 ext. 209** if you have any questions or would like to attend a meeting.

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*Serving the Native American
Community in Cass County, ND and
Clay County, MN*

PLEASE DONATE TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER:

- Coffee
- Sugar or Splenda
- Cream
- Fabric (Colorful for fancy shawls/grass dance outfits)
- 1" Ribbon (Many different colors for shawls and grass dance outfits-geared for youth)
- Office Supplies (Tape, Pens, Paper, Paperclips)
- DVD's (Native American Culture)
- Leather for crafts
- Thread

We're on the Web!

www.culturaldiversityresources.org

Three Affiliated Tribes-Hidatsu, Mandan and Arikara

The Mandan, Hidatsu and Arikara (Sahnish) tribes are all part of the Three Affiliated tribes. The tribal headquarters is located in New Town, ND and they consist of three tribes that reside in that area. The reservation is located in western North Dakota and 322-358 miles from Fargo, ND depending on what way you take. Many tribal members reference the tribe as "Fort Berthold" when they are talking about home.

The Mandan refer to themselves as the "people of the first man". The Hidatsu were referred to as the minnetaree and were named Hidatsu after their village which means "willows". The Arikara (Sahnish) were named after the Pawnee and this refers to how they used to wear their hair. Sahnish is another name of the people and this name means "the original people that all the tribes came from". These three tribes have lived in harmony for some time now and continue to preserve their traditions through tribal relationships.

The Three Affiliated Tribes is proud to announce the opening of their satellite office in Fargo, ND. It is located at 3525 38th Street SW Fargo, ND 58104 and please contact Jolene Gonzales-Coordinator or Crystal Gonzales-Office Assistant at 701-356-2024 if you have any questions about their services offered at the TAT Office.

There is also another TAT satellite office located in Bismarck, North Dakota at 109 North 4th Street and please contact Sharissa Wells, Office Coordinator at 701-421-1020 if you need their assistance.
