SD DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL RELATIONS

Newsletter

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OUR DEPARTMENT'S MISSION IS TO:

- Recognize the nine sovereign tribes who share our geographical borders as distinct political entities
- Support their self-governance efforts
- Work with their chosen leaders in a cooperative government to government relationship in order to improve the quality of life for all South Dakota citizens
- Identify, develop and/or coordinate federal state and local resources to increase partnerships between state and tribal agencies
- Introduce and/or support any legislation that would improve the quality of life for the Native American population in the state

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LETTER FROM SECRETARY FLUTE

Mitakuyapi ka Mitakodapi,

As the Summer months end and we enter the Fall season, I reflect on how much I miss the dance celebrations, Indian horse relays, moccasin games, and other social events that bring us together. Although this pandemic has been challenging to all people, it is teaching us about ourselves and our communities. However, I sincerely hope this subsides so we can bring our drums together, sing together, and dance together again soon.

The South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations would like to thank the tribal leaders and tribal emergency managers that have participated in weekly calls with our agency and our SD Department of Health. These calls allow us to answer questions from tribal leaders and result in leaders receiving current and crucial information to share with their tribes and tribal communities.

I would also like to thank our SD Department of Health for cooperating with our tribes, assisting with PPE, Mass Testing Kits, Social Media Tool Kits, contributing to the tribes, and addressing their individual needs during this pandemic. It is commendable. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Department of Health and assisting tribes.

We value all the presenters that shared their work and perspectives on Indian education at the first virtual Indian Education Summit in August. A special wopida to the Master of Ceremonies Whitney Rencountre II; we certainly look forward to seeing you again next year!

We would like to recognize Juliana White Bull - Taken Alive for her service as the SD Office of Indian Education Director. Juliana has chosen a new career path; we wish her the best of luck and anticipate working with her in the future. Juliana has made impactful contributions to the Office of Indian Education including the enhancement of the Wookiye Project, coordination of the annual Indian Education Summit, and recently the facilitation of the first virtual Indian Education Summit.

The position of the Director of the Office of Indian Education is open; for those interested you may apply online on South Dakota's BHR website. **Click Here** to view details and/or apply.

We also say Wopida to Senior Policy Analyst, Alli Moran for all her dedication and deeds during her time with our department. Alli will be missed and we wish her the best of luck with continuing her education and the work she does for her tribe.

Congratulations and best wishes for Chairman Delbert Hopkins who won the special election for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe. We look forward to working with him.

Prior to the pandemic, our agency hosted monthly calls for tribes to share concerns and offer updates on the relevant issues of each respective government. The Department of Tribal Relations will resume an open conference call line once a month for our tribes beginning in October 2020.

Thank you.

David Flute - Cabinet Secretary

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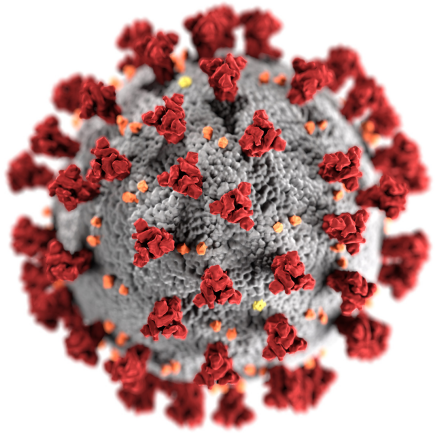
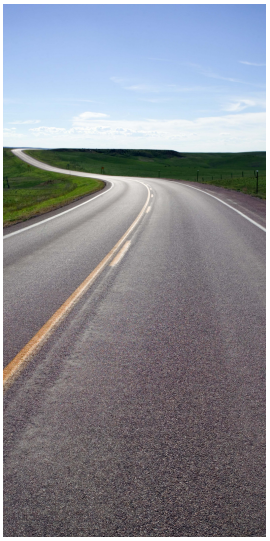


COVID-19 MATERIALS DEVELOPED FOR TRIBAL USE

Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health is producing materials related to COVID-19 for tribes to distribute. The following materials were produced and approved by CDC:

- What Tribal Members Need to Know about COVID-19 (pdf)
- Tips for Elders and their Caregivers during COVID-19 (pdf)
- Elder Mental Health During COVID-19 - for Care Providers (pdf)
- How to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in the Home (pdf)
- Caring For Yourself at Home During COVID-19 (pdf)

MORE FEDERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S INDIAN AFFAIRS



TRIBAL CHECKPOINTS

COVID-19 Travel Restrictions on Tribal Lands in South Dakota

Information from SDDOT Safe Travel USA Call 511 or visit safetravelusa.com/sd for up to date location information.

For up to date information from the Office of the Governor on this matter please visit: https://covid.sd.gov/tribal-checkpoints.aspx

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Stay Updated with Daily Coronavirus Developments in SD
DOH.SD.GOV

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CDC

National Information from the Center for Disease Control
CDC.GOV

Indian Health Services Federal Response to COVID-19
IHS.GOV

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OR CALL 2-1-1
Available 24/7

Free Crisis Counseling Program dedicated to helping people with COVID-19 resources and support.

COVID-19 Related Depression Resources
SDSUICIDEPREVENTION.ORG

SDSP SOUTH DAKOTA SUICIDE PREVENTION

You Are Not Alone

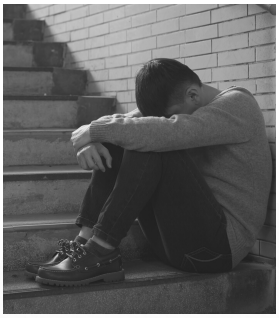
22% of Native women and 12% of men reported to have attempted suicide.

WARNING SIGNS

- Threatening to hurt or kill self, or talking of wanting to hurt or kill self
- Looking for ways to kill self by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means
- Talking or writing about death, dying or suicide, when these actions are out of the ordinary
- Increased substance (alcohol or drug) use
- No reason for living; no sense of purpose in life
- Anxiety, agitation, unable to sleep or sleeping all the time
- Feeling trapped – like there's no way out
- Hopelessness
- Withdrawal from friends, family and society
- Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge
- Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities, seemingly without thinking
- Dramatic mood changes

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Just ask: It's okay to ask, "Are you thinking about suicide?" Asking in this direct, non-judgmental manner can open the door for effective conversation.
- Keep them safe: If they are thinking about suicide, ask if they've though about how they would do it.
- Help them connect: Rally support. Contact family, friends, teachers, coaches, church members and help them build a network. Share this number: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text Connect to 741741
- Listen: Don't dismiss or judge. You don't have to offer advice.
- Be there: Be there physically or by phone. Don't commit to anything you're not willing or able to accomplish. If you are unable to be present, talk with them to develop some ideas for others who might be able to help as well.
- Follow up: Check in on a regular basis. Continue to show you care. Have a plan in place if you can't reach them.



Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death, and 2.5 times the national rate, for Indigenous youth ages 15-24.

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SOUTH DAKOTA
SUICIDE PREVENTION

24/7 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

FROM THE OFFICE OF

INDIAN EDUCATION

2020 INDIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE: PUTTING OUR MINDS TOGETHER

Master of Ceremonies Whitney Rencountre II

Thank you to all who attended the via Zoom!
And a special thank you to our Keynote Speakers and pre-recorded Breakout Session Instructors!

Keynote Speakers. Top, Left to Right: Dr. Manulani Meyer, Tamera Miyasato, Dr. Pōhai Kūkea Shultz. Bottom, Left to Right: Mandy Smoker Broaddus, Eldon Marshall, Twyla Baker

This conference was coordinated by the DTR Office of Indian Education, under the direction of Director Juliana White Bull-Taken Alive. Technology & Innovation in Education (TIE) handled the technical details of this virtual event and sent conference email updates on behalf of the conference conveners.

THANK YOU, WÓOKIYE TEACHERS!

Twenty teachers and three pilot schools from across South Dakota participated in the 2020 Wóokiye Project this Summer.
The goal of Wóokiye Project is to create and implement a network of support that will help, aid, and assist teachers as they become proficient in using the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings (OSEU), to provide additional support in creating resources that support OSEU standards, and to seek out schools and teachers that are currently implementing OSEU standards.

More About the Wóokiye Project

STARTING WELL 2020

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Learning. Leadership. Service.

The challenge of reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year will require extensive preparation, coordination and communication. The Department of Education has created a webpage to house resources designed to inform school leaders as they make decisions about this process. School leaders should work in concert with local government and health officials and make decisions based on current conditions, considering the various aspects of student and staff well-being, including physical, academic and social-emotional.

Click Here for More Information

IN THE NEWS

Operation Lady Justice Task Force Opens Second Cold Case Office in Rapid City

August 4, 2020

Officials from the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Health and Human Services announced the opening of the second of seven cold case offices established through an initiative of Operation Lady Justice to investigate cold cases involving missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"Today, our shared presence, especially during these difficult times, is a demonstration of our commitment to keeping the national crisis of missing and murdered Native Americans a top priority," said Commissioner Hovland. "We must move upstream to improve prevention, intervene for those in crisis, and support individuals, families, and communities in need of healing."

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Attorney General's Office Adds to Resources for Missing People in SD

July 1, 2020

The South Dakota Attorney General's office is hoping to streamline the process by which missing people are found in the state.

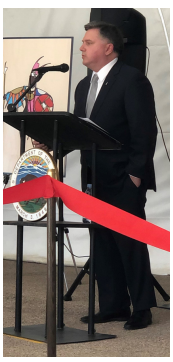
The new clearinghouse stems from SB 27, which passed both houses of the South Dakota State Legislature unanimously. The bill went into effect officially on July 1st.

SD MISSING PERSONS DATABASE

MISSING PERSON MONDAYS

Photos from Cold Case Task Force Opening

Left to Right: Administration for Native Americans, Commissioner Jeannie Hoveland, US Department of the Interior, Deputy Secretary Mark Cruz, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Office of Justice Services, Regional Officer Bill McClure, SD Department of Tribal Relations, Secretary David Flute, ND Indian Affairs Commission Kyle Iron Lightening, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Regional Director Tim Lapointe.



Left to Right: US Department of the Interior, Deputy Secretary Mark Cruz, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Regional Director Tim LaPointe, US Attorney, SD District, Ron Parsons, Administration for Native Americans, Commissioner Jeannie Hoveland, US Attorney Troy Morley

BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED NAME FOR CREEK IN HUGHES COUNTY

June 30, 2020

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) seeks public input on a name for an unnamed creek in Hughes County. There has been one name proposed for the creek: Crone Creek. The creek is located in rural Hughes County north of S.D. Highway 34 between 297th Avenue and 299th Avenue. The board is soliciting public input on the proposed name.

The SDBGN follows the guidance from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. The guidelines state that preferred names be descriptive of topographic forms suggested by local history, folklore, or incident, or by associated natural life or other phenomena, including American Indian or other ethnic names appropriate to the area. If a proposed name duplicates another feature in the state, it should not create confusion by being in close proximity. Also if a personal name is proposed, it must be determined in the public interest to honor the person or family for historical or commemorative reasons, and that person must have been deceased at least five years.

Comments should be submitted no later than September 15, 2020.

Please send comments and recommendations to:

South Dakota Board on Geographic Names
Department of Tribal Relations
302 East Dakota, Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605-773-3415
Fax: 605-773-6592
Email: Nicole.Schneider@state.sd.us

MORE NEWS

Fee Free Day for Public Lands to Commemorate Signing of the Great American Outdoors Act

August 4, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC - "President Trump has just enacted the most consequential dedicated funding for national parks, wildlife refuges, public recreation facilities and American Indian school infrastructure in U.S. history," said Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. "I've designated August 4th as Great American Outdoors Day and waived entrance fees to celebrate the passage of this historic conservation law."

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South Dakota Artists to be Featured on Major National Stage

August 10, 2020

PIERRE, SD - The South Dakota Arts Council partnered with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and an outstanding group of South Dakota artists to produce the live, virtual performance, **Love Fight Pray: Rising Očhéthi Šakówiŋ Voices** on Monday, August 10, as part of Arts Across America.

VIEW ARCHIVED PERFORMANCE

$1.2 Million Invested in Tribal Broadband Grants

August 13, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC – The Trump Administration announced today that the U.S. Department of Interior's Indian Affairs Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) has approved National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG) program grants to 23 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and two Navajo Nation communities to study the feasibility of developing or extending broadband services in their areas.

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From the Department of Veterans Affairs

August 13, 2020

- **Veterans Affairs Newsletter**
- **Job Postings**

Job Openings with the State of South Dakota

News From the USDA

August 19, 2020

Trump Administration Invests $688,000 in South Dakota Ag Operations and Businesses to Make Energy Efficiency Improvements, Adopt Renewable Energy Systems

August 14, 2020

Trump Administration Invests $10,556,000 to Improve Rural Electric Infrastructure in South Dakota and Nebraska

August 11, 2020

Trump Administration Invests $345,995 in South Dakota to Help Rural Businesses Create Jobs and Increase Economic Opportunities

August 3, 2020

Trump Administration Invests $760,000 in Lift Station for Pine Ridge Community

July 30, 2020

Trump Administration Invests $21,400 in Trash Collection Services for Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

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GOODBYE, ALLI & JULIANNA

This Summer, the Department of Tribal Relations said goodbye to two valued employees. Senior Policy Analyst, Alli Moran and Director of Indian Education, Juliana White Bull - Taken Alive.

Alli's kindness, professionalism, and policy knowledge will be missed. The Department of Tribal Relations wishes all the best for Alli as she continues her education and works with her tribe.

Juliana's accomplishments include further establishing the Wóokiye Project and coordinating the first virtual Indian Education Conference. Her passion for Indigenous education will be missed. The Department of Tribal Relations wishes her the best on her new career path.

JOB OPENING

The Department of Tribal Relations is currently taking applications for the following position:

- **Director, Office of Indian Education**

This position enhances opportunities for Native American youth to achieve educational excellence in order to improve academic achievement levels of Native American students in South Dakota.

Click Here for Full Description and to Apply

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT US!

Do you have an upcoming event? Story idea? Art or literary submission? Question? Comment? Suggestion? We want to hear it!

EMAIL ANDREA GAEDE
ANDREA.GAEDE@STATE.SD.US
OR CALL
605.773.5654

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness.

CLICK HERE TO PROMOTE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE™
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

ANYONE. EVERYONE.

I NEED HELP WITH ADDICTION

Whether you're seeking addiction recovery for yourself or for someone you care about, local resources are available. Maybe this is the first time you've turned toward recovery. Maybe you've tried and failed before. But no matter anyone's history, all are welcome here. And the communities of South Dakota are here, too, to root for you.

CALL 1-800-920-4343 FOR HELP NOW OR TEXT "ONMETH" TO 898211

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