



Peaceful Means Newsletter

July 2024

Peaceful Means works to eliminate sexual violence in Indian Country beginning on the Pine Ridge Reservation. We are proud to report the progress we have made with the help of our dedicated staff and community partners.

Progress Report

Programming & Research

- We taught almost 1,000 K-8 students during the 2023-2024 school year.
- The research team surveyed 494 youth since Sept 2023. Stay tuned for findings!
- Summer 2024 Goal: Teach another 150+ students.
- During the next academic year, we plan to teach over 1500 students!



Dr. Katie Edwards (left) thanks Peaceful Means Advisory Board member, Maxine Broken Nose, for her advocacy and service.



IMpower programming team: (from left to right) Top row: Jaylin Garnette, Orin Morrison, Jeremiah Braveheart, Sharay Brewer, Darrell Quintina, and Tokataki Win Under Baggage. Front Row: Lee Paiva, Steven Wilson, Adena Two Eagle and Alex Swalley. (Not Pictured- Esty Pittman)

“ I will use what I learned to teach my children when I get old.
 -Lakota Boy ”

“ I learned that I am worth defending.
 -Lakota Girl ”

Community Engagement

Since last Fall Peaceful Means has hosted four Advisory Board Meetings and attended 37 Community Events. Interest is growing in our work- 20+ Tribal Nations who have expressed interest in participating in the future.



Cultural and Community Liaisons: (from left to right) Mona Herrington, Precieuse Trujillo, and Emily Bull Bear.

“ The instructors made me feel worthy enough to fight for.
 -Lakota Girl ”



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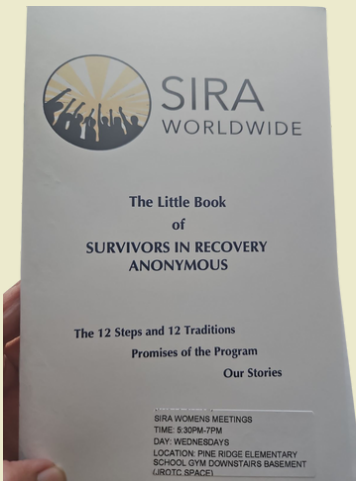
SIRA (Survivors in Recovery Anonymous)

Once a week we gather to provide a weekly support group/talking circle for sexual assault survivors in the community. Come join us every Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm at the Joyner Hall Episcopal Church. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided! Female survivors in the community welcome. Groups for other age groups and genders will be offered soon. Stay tuned!

SSS-I (Supporting Survivors & Self - Indigenized)

Miye na Wicakiya Oyate Wi Okiciyapi Kta

We are going to soon be releasing reading materials and videos that seek to empower the Lakota Oyate to respond in supportive, affirming, and culturally grounded ways when children disclose sexual abuse. More on this soon!



Staff Recognition

Meet Alexandra

Alexandra Swalley was born on the Oglala Lakota Reservation. She is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Alex is the current Female Team Lead at Peaceful Means Sexual Violence Prevention Program. She holds an AA in Lakota Studies and is working towards a BA with an emphasis in Indian Law. Her passions have grown from her most recent occupational experiences and she is committed to continued growth in body, mind, and spirit.



Look Out For Us!

Youth Film Retreat

Local youth aged 12-17 will be invited to attend another Film Retreat August 6-9, 2024. Youth filmmakers will learn how to use video equipment, have access to video equipment to practice their skills, and learn about the basics of telling their video stories from their unique perspective. Interested? Contact PeacefulMeans@unl.edu or call 605-430-9575 for more information!



A 2024-2024 Film Intern: Adrian Rowland