



Native Connections Mission

Collaborate with other agencies in order to provide the best possible services for Native Youth.

Native Connections Vision

A community that supports youth and encourages them to obtain a healthy mind, body, and spirit. The community will promote mental wellness in youth by encouraging protective factors including cultural traditions and addressing risk factors that contribute to issues like suicide, substance abuse, and trauma.

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About Native Connections

Native Connections has three main focuses:

1. Reduce suicidal thoughts and behaviors amongst Native youth,
2. Reduce substance abuse,
3. Promote mental health amongst native youth,

Our target age range is 0-24.

2024 QPR Suicide Intervention Training Dates

February 22, 2024

May 23, 2024

August 22, 2024

November 14, 2024

Time: 10:00-12:00

Location: YN Behavioral Health

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Accomplishments:

- Native Connections worked with the Zero Suicide Grant to develop program policies on Postvention.
- Native Connections worked with the Yakama Nation Tribal School to develop policies and protocols for responding to suicide.
- Native Connections facilitated a Parenting class with the Healthy Transitions Grant in collaboration with the White Swan Coalition. 12 adults completed the class.
- Native Connections assisted YN Youth Council with elected a new cabinet, revised position descriptions and is supporting the Youth Council members in fulfilling the responsibilities of their role.



What We Do:

- Annual Suicide Prevention Walk
- Community Outreach
- QPR Suicide Intervention Training
- Partnerships with youth serving agencies
- Gathering of Native Americans (GONA)
- Understanding Behavioral Health Podcast
- Support Policy Development
- Native Flute Class
- Behavioral Health Coalition
- Support Yakama Nation Youth Council
- Parenting Classes (*in collaboration with the White Swan Coalition*)