

## »» **Our Mission**

For the Great Plains Indians Youth and Family Engagement Center is to intervene and prevent racial disparities amongst Native American youth and their families involved or at-risk of being involved with the justice system through college and career readiness educational opportunities, culturally relevant parenting curriculums, and life skills and cultural identity development.

## »» **About GPIs YFEC**

The Great Plains Indians Youth and Family Engagement Center (GPIs YFEC) is partially funded by the North Dakota Division of Juvenile Justice, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and fully funded by NATIVE, Inc., and the Native American Development Center. The programs held through this engagement center serve Native American youth and families living in the Bismarck urban area, and it is currently expanding into the Fargo urban area.

We provide a community space for Native Americans to engage in and access culturally responsive programs and cultural connections to ensure their sense of belonging within mainstream communities. A culturally relevant environment with mentors and role models fosters a culture of resiliency and perseverance necessary for the development of self-efficacy amongst a population facing similar societal struggles. Culture is a protective factor to prevent suicide, anti-social and unruly behaviors, behavioral health, and health disparities. This is a safe community space for surrounding students and citizens within urban areas to access human, employment, transportation, housing, and financial services to meet the basic needs of their lives, to access educational and career opportunities, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and leadership to improve their lives, and tribal cultural programs to develop self-esteem and cultural identities, to access Tribal, State, and local resources to supplement barriers caused by poverty and access referrals to case management services to prevent behavioral health, criminal behaviors, and homelessness.



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**NATIVE INC.**



Community Development Corporation



NATIVE, Inc.'s GPIs YFEC strives to **IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OUTCOMES** through the following strategies:

1. To increase high school **GRADUATION** and choice readiness through our "after-school" tutoring program.
2. To prevent and **REDUCE SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES** and truancy through our "out-of-school" programs focused on recreation, wellness, and life skills and cultural identity development.
3. To increase mental, social, emotional, and **CULTURAL LEARNING** and the opportunity to develop **POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS** with our mentors and support staff for our youth through our "out-of-school" programs focused on recreation, wellness, and life skills and cultural identity development.
4. To increase a sense of **BELONGING** and **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS** through multi-tiered care coordination of resources and services offered to the youth and families through our "out-of-school family wellness, parenting and cultural programs.

NADC'S role in the GPIs YFEC is to **INCREASE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** outcomes through the following strategies:

1. To **INCREASE** high school **GRADUATION** and choice **READINESS** through our tutoring, college and career readiness programs held during "afterschool" programs.



### >> About NATIVE, Inc.

**NATIVE, INC.** is a Native American-led community-based organization designed to meet holistic needs of youth, families and communities living within urban areas of North Dakota. NATIVE, Inc. provides many services to individuals and families, i.e., housing, employment, transportation, behavioral health, prison recidivism and juvenile delinquency prevention.

To learn more: [www.ndnadc.org](http://www.ndnadc.org)

### >> About NADC

**NATIVE AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER** is Native Community Development Financial Institution providing finance, economic and workforce development services involving access to micro business and credit builder loans, a start-up business incubator, financial education and coaching and college and career readiness. NADC partners with the Bismarck State College, Bank of North Dakota.

NADC is funded by foundations, and ND Department of Commerce's Economic and Financial and Workforce Development Divisions.

## >> YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

### Workforce Development Programs

- **College and Career Readiness for high schoolers and adults** (partnership w-BSC)
- **Law Externship Program** (partnership with UND Law Program)
- **Internship Programs** (partnerships w-UTTC, Minot State, U of Mary, BSC)

### Out-of-School Youth & Family Programs and Events

- **After-School Tutoring** with transportation services to/from schools and home
- **Positive Action Program** (evidence-based juvenile delinquency prevention for 6th-12th graders and their parents)
- **Community-based Indian Education** for youth and families
- **NEXT GEN Red Road Program** for youth and parents. (Native American curriculum to address intergenerational trauma)
- **Youth Social Nights**
- **Peer and Family Supports**
- **Motherhood and Fatherhood is Sacred Programs for Parents**
- **Cultural Identity Development**

- **Cultural Activities** (Indian Dancing Classes, Drum Singing Classes, Drum Making Class, Regalia Making Classes involves beading, sewing, leathermaking, etc.)
- **Spiritual Activities** (Talking Circles, Traditional Prayer Teachings and Protocols, Sweat Lodge and Sundance opportunities, Honoring Ceremonies for graduates and other achievement recognition)
- **Life Skills Development** (Boundary setting, emotional intelligence, positive thinking, anger management, self-efficacy, etc.)
- **Healthy Relationship Building** (Youth Talking Circles and other various curriculums)
- **Basketball Skills Camp** (Mini-Scholarships for sportswear on need-basis)
- **ND Indian Youth Leadership Academy** (Summer & Out-of-School Engagements)
- **Powwows**
- **Community Gatherings and Holiday Events**
- **Housing Supports**
- **Case Management, Transportation, Essential Resources for families.**
- **Programs held through youth group settings, family settings, one-on-one case management, in-home check-ups and youth camps and trips.**

