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The UNITY team
Serving the National Network of Youth Councils

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Inspiring Hope. Changing Lives
• The UNITY Mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth and to help build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.

• UNITY Defined: UNITY is a national network organization promoting personal development, citizenship, and leadership among Native American youth.

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• The heart of UNITY is its affiliated youth councils, which are sponsored by tribes, Alaska Native villages, high schools, colleges, urban centers, and others.

• Youth Councils are engaged in annual projects in four areas – cultural preservation, environmental awareness, healthy lifestyles, and community service.

• UNITY has a growing number of affiliated youth councils, which currently stands at 220 in operation in a total of 36 states.

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UNITY programs:

- UNITY Peer Guides
- National UNITY Council
- UNITY Wellness Warriors
- 25 Under 25 Awards
- Earth Ambassadors
- UNITY Fire
- UNITY News

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UNITY Peer Guides:

Tribal Youth Leadership Development Initiative
This Initiative is supported by a cooperative agreement (2018-TY-FX-K002) between UNITY, Inc. and the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Overview:
The initiative will support and enhance Native youth engagement, coordination, and action related to public safety issues, with a focus on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention in Indian country.

• UNITY will be recruiting a diverse group of youth leaders and mentors, who will design and facilitate intensive training in critical aspects of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention efforts for cohorts of youth throughout the country.
Who can be a Peer Guide??

Are you passionate about making a difference for Native youth?

Have you, a family member or friend been impacted by the juvenile justice system?

Would you like to join a team of peers, like minded, to work together to reach out to advocate for positive change and prevention programming?
Peer Guide Commitments:

- Agree to participate in Peer Guide training sessions, teleconferences, webinars; and provide Peer Guide reports.
- Agree to serve as advisors to the OJJDP and UNITY.
- Agree to serve as peer trainers at two regional gatherings to train Native American and Alaska native youth.
- Age 18 to 24 while applying.
- Two youth will be selected from each of the regions of the country listed below.
- At least Two (2) Native youth/ young adults will be selected from Tribal Youth or Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court programs.
Travel and Incentives
Application Process

STEP #1 APPLICATION PROCESS Applicants must complete and submit the application form prior to the noted deadline. Please note that only online submissions will be accepted for consideration. Application form:
https://goo.gl/forms/ooC6KGTlexYQ2Hcl2

STEP #2 NOMINATION PROCESS A nominator can be a family member, guardian, mentor, teacher, coach, supervisor, counselor or friend. Applicant must find someone willing to complete nomination. Nomination Form:
https://goo.gl/forms/1mXOE5VpLGwnGeam2
UNITY PEER GUIDE PROGRAM

UNITY is seeking 12 Native young adults to apply for this exciting new Peer Guide program, who will work together to create community support for those impacted by the Juvenile Justice system.

TODAY! DEADLINE 4/17/19
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Trainings and Services Available:

Young people will receive training to serve as peer leaders who will provide training, mentoring, support, resources, information, and other assistance for their peers in efforts to increase public safety and creatively prevent and address juvenile delinquency.
UNITY, with its trainers, youth guides, and mentors will offer regional youth leadership development trainings that will enable Native youth, and their adult advisors, to develop and carry out projects, programs, education, awareness campaigns, and other efforts within their communities.
Trainings and Services Available:

The projects will benefit communities while providing valuable real-world leadership experiences that will better prepare the youth to succeed in their leadership roles.
Let’s Collaborate! Reach out to UNITY

Have an idea for upcoming trainings? Reach out to UNITY for ideas on possible webinar topics and collaborations with the Peer Guide Team or Advisory board. Tribal communities may request personalized trainings to be held in their tribal youth.

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National UNITY Council

A major component to the UNITY Network, is the National UNITY Council (NUC), which is comprised of male and female representatives from each of the affiliated youth councils, as well as affiliated individuals. The NUC is the central collective voice of UNITY, where Native Youth have the opportunity to take a stance on issues affecting Indian Country. Presiding over the National UNITY Council is the National UNITY Council Executive Committee (NUCEC), which is comprised of ten Regional Representatives and both the Male and Female Co-Presidents.
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- [Apple App Store](https://appsto.re/us/cwsi8.i)
- [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps)
Earth Ambassadors

An environmental stewardship program was re-established in 2015 with the support of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. UNITY provides trainings to increase their knowledge of environmental issues affecting Native America, learn to serve as an ambassador to increase awareness of the issues affecting the environmental quality on Native lands, and promote the efforts to address environmental concerns within the nation’s Native communities.

Applications open December 2018!

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Wellness Warrior Video Challenge
National Conferences

- UNITY’s signature event.
- For the past two years, UNITY’s national conference had over 2,000 attendees.
- This year’s 2019 National Conference will be in Orlando, FL, July 4-8, 2019 at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center.

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See You In Orlando, Florida!
July 4-8, 2019

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