

United American Indian Involvement, Inc.

The SAIF Project

introducing:
A Fatherhood Program



Funded by:



History

- ✿ Strengthening American Indian Families was implemented in 2006.
- ✿ Our funding source wanted us to target American Indian Families to educate Healthy Marriage.

Learned over the years

- ✿ Educating Healthy Relationships instead of Healthy Marriage.
- ✿ Provide education workshops to anyone influencing the lives of American Indian Children.
- ✿ Provide education to youth about Healthy Relationships.
- ✿ Fathers had a huge voice but we lacked participation.

Adding the Fatherhood Component

- ✿ January 2010, UAll received a capacity-building award from the National Fatherhood Initiative and were one of the 25 recipients out of 616 applications.

Since Receiving the Fatherhood Grant

- ✿ Since we received the fatherhood grant, the SAIF staff, mentors, and volunteers attended father specific trainings and conferences.
- ✿ A Fatherhood Planning Committee was formed.
- ✿ A Fatherhood Resource Library was established
- ✿ And curriculums were added.

Native Wellness Institute: Leading the Next Generations Healthy Relationships Curriculum

(James, P. and James, G. - Native Wellness Institute, 2008)

- Historical Trauma, Drama and Wellness
- Hunters & Gatherers - Gender Differences
- Healthy Conflict Resolution
- Healthy Communication
- Coming Together as a Couple
- Better Sex
- Living in Balance - Creating the Relationship You Want

24/7 Dad A.M. Curriculum

(Chacon, J., Patterson, K., and Brown, C. - National Fatherhood Initiative, 2003)

- ✿ Family of Origin
- ✿ Masculinity
- ✿ Understanding Your Self
- ✿ Handling and Expressing Emotions
- ✿ Spirituality
- ✿ Physical and Mental Health

24/7 Dad A.M. Curriculum

(Chacon, J., Patterson, K., and Brown, C. - National Fatherhood Initiative, 2003)

- ✿ Fathering and Family Roles
- ✿ Fathering and Culture
- ✿ Discipline, Rewards and Punishment
- ✿ Expectations and Children's Development
- ✿ Balancing Work and Family
- ✿ Getting Involved With Your Children

Boot Camp For New Dads

(Bishop, G., date unknown)

- Caring For New Moms
- Importance of Teamwork
- Dad's Role as Protector
- Baby Care and Dad's Bag of Tricks
- Crying Babies
- Preparing for the New Mom/ Postpartum Adjustment
- Rookie Concerns
- Safety