

The Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative Newsletter

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The HOYI Mission

*The Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative (HOYI) is a **community wide** collaboration of youth, parents, service providers, and community leaders engaged in research and development to **improve the educational, career, and cultural attainment** of all Hopi and Tewa youth and young adults.*

Our target is to connect the youth whom are not actively engaged in school or in the workforce between the ages of 14-26. The goal of the Initiative is to **bring together** community members and organizations to build a common understanding about the needs of our youth in order to **promote positive change** and **explore opportunities** to help strengthen support for future generations living on and off the reservation. HOYI also strives to build a **safe** and **supportive** space for youth to share their stories, their insight, and voice as we **explore** new pathways and **expand** existing programs for their **success**.

Sustaining the HOYI Team



As a fully staffed team, HOYI has been very proactive! Despite no longer receiving funding from the Aspen Institute, the HOYI team along with our partner Marshall Masayesva and Andrew Lewis (consultant), traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the Spring Convening. We were presented with valuable information around justice reform, the LGBTQ+ community and data equity. We are fortunate that the Aspen Institute has kept HOYI in the conversation and continues to be invited to these convening as a representative of a Native Rural community.

HOYI's Program Associate, Aeon Albert, and Youth Liaison, Lexie James, were invited to take part in the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, (ASIST). The ASIST was a two-day training where they explored the areas of intervening when a person is contemplating suicide. Although a heavy topics to address, the outcome is very rewarding and a great asset to have in the community. Next month our Youth Liaison, Lexie James, will be receiving training as a Safe Talk trainer. We are thankful for this opportunity and would like to thank our partner, the Hopi Behavioral Health Department for this opportunity!



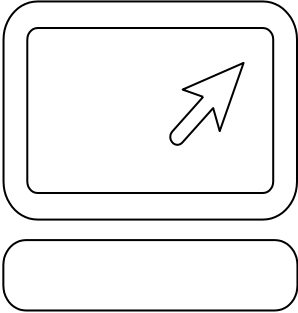
Cultural Well-Being

This quarter the HOYI team focused on piloting a five part Cultural Well-Being survey to the public at the events where HOYI held information booths. The five components to this survey include, Ceremony, Culture, Emotional/Mental, Experiential and Technical.

As we pilot this survey we are asking the community for their notes, input and suggestions. So far we have received good comments from the community members taking the survey.

Askwali! Kwa'Kway! To everyone who has taken the survey and given us feedback.

Using Data to Guide Decisions



We look to significant progress that will address the need and education around data. We will continue to focus on reaching out to those partners that have not come to the table. Our data associate, Mr. Cody, will be tasked with coordinating our next data gathering where we share data collected to date and best practices around partnerships and data collection in the future.

Data

Community of Practice— Data Working Group

New Developments for HOYI's Data Pathway

In the last newsletter, HOYI explained how we are embarking on a new journey to establish a data sharing culture between organizations that serve Hopi and Tewa youths. Supported by a small capacity building grant from the Aspen Institute's Opportunity Youth Fund, HOYI, in collaboration with its Partners, created a Data Action Plan that aims to support individual partner's data collection efforts. The collaboration, known as the Hopi Data Working Group (DWG), came up with 7 projects and initiatives that would benefit each organization to improve their data collection capabilities.

While most projects and initiatives will improve the internal process for the organizations, one project in particular is bringing excitement to the DWG: Youth Data Corps. This project will attempt to utilize the collaborative by pooling together the resources each organization has to offer so that Hopi & Tewa youths can be exposed to the STEM/STEAM fields ("A" for art). We hope to work together to establish a calendar of STEM events to motivate youth interest into the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and art. Planning for this project will begin this quarter and hopefully will come to fruition in the fall.

Advisory Boards

Community Advisory Board

HOYI would like to welcome and thank the new Community Advisory Board (CAB) members for becoming apart of the team. CAB members will be able to provide community insight and input into HOYI's future projects.

Please join us in welcoming:

*Dina Pongyesva,
Cara Dukepoo,
Dione Naha,
Mackenzie Navenma, and
Carmen Honyouti*

Youth Advisory Board

This quarter we welcomed two members to the Youth Advisory Board.
Please join us in welcoming,



Boisiu Dewangumtewa
20
Iswungwa
Hotevilla



Cianna Sakeva
22
Tsuwungwa
Sitsom'ovi

If you're interested in becoming a YAB member, stop by the Hopi Foundation office to pick up an application!

Financial Sustainability

HOYI continues to work hard toward a fundraising plan to sustain the work we are doing. We have currently phased out of our initial funder, Aspen Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund, as well as Partnerships with Native Americans, however, HOYI remains hopeful and motivated to continue it's grant seeking.

We participated in the annual AZ Gives Day 2019, that occurred April 2, 2019. AZ Gives Day is a state-wide online giving campaign that supports all Arizona non-profits. As a project of The Hopi Foundation, HOYI along with the other programs under The Hopi Foundation, helped to raise a total of \$26,740.56 with 27 donors specifically for HOYI. As an organization, we also won two prizes, one for "Gives Day Leaders Most Dollars for Rural," and we were pulled for a "Golden Ticket,".

ASKWALI and KWAH-KWAY TO OUR DONORS!



Collaborative Efforts

HOYI continues to create collaborative partnership among our local programs, community and youth to bring awareness of issues that youth face. This quarter we've partnered with the Hopi Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse (HTWCEA). The HOYI team partnered with HTWCEA in their efforts to bring awareness to sexual abuse. The HTWCEA hosted several family workshops throughout Hopi as well a conference to tie it all together in the end. The HOYI team assisted with volunteering, hosting information booths and facilitating sessions. The HOYI team was happy to be a part of the efforts to bring awareness to the issues around sexual abuse and we look forward to continued partnership with the HTWCEA.

Another great partnership was with Hopi Resource Enforcement Services. We joined them for their Annual Breakfast with a Cop event in an effort to bring the community together and get to know all the programs that serve the Hopi/Tewa community. The HOYI team hosted an informational booth with surveys for participants to fill out. This was a great event and HOYI is excited for next year's event.

