

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
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The Native Youth Sexual Health Network
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National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Council Application

The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) is a national, Native-specific organization working to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians through culturally appropriate advocacy, research, education, and policy development in support of healthy Indigenous people.

As a national organization, we work in fifty states with tribes, tribal organizations, community-based groups, villages, corporations, and health departments. We also work directly with community members and create forums where community members can voice their concerns about HIV prevention and treatment in their community and in their lives.

NNAAPC is working in partnership with The Native Youth Sexual Health Network, an organization by and for Indigenous youth that works within the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health across North America, to develop a new and exciting opportunity for Native youth! NNAAPC and NYSHN are assembling a National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Council which will provide opportunities for youth to offer insight and guidance on NNAAPC's national programming and advocacy work, as well as the national Indigenous HIV/AIDS movement

This is an excellent opportunity for Native youth to make an impact on HIV/AIDS prevention efforts for themselves, their networks and community!

The objectives of the National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Council are to:

- 1.) Create a national forum where youth can speak about the current state of HIV prevention in Native communities
- 2.) Create opportunities for meaningful engagement of youth in national prevention and advocacy efforts
- 3.) Establish courses of action and primary activities that are in line with the missions of NNAAPC and NYSHN

Additional Activities:

- 1) We are asking for a 1 year commitment
- 2) Participate on monthly conference calls
- 3) Attend 1 face-to-face meeting (travel, lodging, per diem, and ground transportation provided by NNAAPC); future travel opportunities may be possible with potential funding

Eligible applicants are youth of American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian ancestry between the ages of 18 and 25, who have a commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of their communities and combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

NNAAPC with the support of NYSHN will accept completed applications until April 20th, 2012. Completed applications can be scanned and e-mailed to: mignacio@nnaapc.org (with National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Council in the subject line), or faxed to (720) 382-2248, or returned via mail to:

Matt Ignacio
National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
Re: National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Council
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Phone interviews will also be conducted and final selection of members will be notified by April 30th, 2012. All received applications will be treated as confidential. If you have any questions regarding the application or the regional training program, please direct your questions to Matt Ignacio, at mignacio@nnaapc.org.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Current school (if any): _____ Grade (if applicable): _____

Birthdate: _____

Race/Ethnicity (please check one):

- American Indian (tribal affiliation: _____)
- Alaska Native (tribal affiliation: _____)
- Native Hawaiian
- Other Pacific Islander
- Other (please explain: _____)

Gender Identity (please check all that apply):

- Man
- Woman
- Two Spirit
- Transgender
- Gender Queer
- Intersexed
- None of the above. I identify as: _____

The following two questions are optional. NNAAPC and NYSHN support youth regardless of their identity and HIV status and we would like to ensure representation for people of varying sexual identities and those living with HIV.

Sexual Identity (please check all that apply):

- Straight/Heterosexual
- Gay/Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Do not know for sure
- None of the above. I identify as: _____

HIV status

- Living with HIV
- Do not have HIV
- Do not know for sure

Please respond to the following questions as best you can. Feel free to attach additional pages if you need more space.

1. What do you know about the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center and/or the Native Youth Sexual Health Network?

2. Why do you want to be a part of the National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Council?

3. What qualities, skills and experiences would you bring to the National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Youth Council?

4. What would you like to gain by participating in the Youth Council?

5. What can we do to increase awareness for HIV and AIDS?

6. Are you willing/able to:
- a) Attend regularly scheduled teleconference meetings? ___ Yes ___ No
 - b) Communicate regularly through Facebook and email? ___ Yes ___ No
 - c) Occasionally travel within the US for a meeting/conference? ___ Yes ___ No
7. Please provide two references (one youth and one adult) that can speak to your character and have knowledge of your involvement in the community.

Youth Reference:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail address: _____
Relationship to you: _____

Adult Reference:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail address: _____
Relationship to you: _____

8. Both references have been informed of my application and are comfortable being contacted to provide additional information? ___ Yes ___ No
9. Is there anything else about you that you would like NNAAPC and NYSHN to know?

Declaration

I understand that if I am selected as a National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Council member of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, in partnership with the Native Youth Sexual Health Network, I will need to attend meetings and participate in teleconference calls. I will always conduct myself in a manner that brings honor and respect to me, my community, the National Native American Youth HIV/AIDS Council, the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, and the Native Youth Sexual Health Network.

Signature

Date