

The Indian Health Service in partnership with MADD is recruiting for a team (3 member team) to participate as a pilot site for the Youth In Action (YIA) Program. One of the team members must be law enforcement. Training will be provided for team members. Technical assistance in program planning, implementation and evaluation will be provided for the pilot sites.

Background:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) began as a grassroots organization in 1980 to address the dangerous behavior of driving while under the influence of alcohol and to prevent needless deaths and injuries due to drunk driving. Initially, MADD focused solely on stopping drunk driving and supporting the victims of this violent crime; however in the mid-1990s, MADD started working on the prevention of underage drinking. In 1999, MADD changed its mission statement to reflect its work to protect youth. MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, to support the victims of this violent crime and to prevent underage drinking.

Youth In Action (YIA), which began in 1996, is one of MADD's underage drinking prevention programs. Youth assume the role as agents of change to prevent underage drinking and as a result learn leadership and professional development skills.

The Youth In Action initiative:

MADD has collaborated with IHS to produce a culturally tailored version of the YIA manual. The purpose of the YIA project is to assist native communities in mobilizing their communities to reduce the access and availability of alcohol to minors, while raising community awareness of the significant dangers in tribal youth substance use.

YIA seeks to reduce the social and retail availability of alcohol of those under 21 and to support the enforcement of underage drinking laws.

The goals of YIA are to reduce underage drinking by limiting social and retail availability of alcohol for anyone under the age of 21 and to support the enforcement of underage drinking laws. By partnering youth with law enforcement, targeting adults in the communities and focusing on alcohol sales to minors, YIA aims to change community members' perceptions of underage drinking.

5 components of YIA:

- Alcohol Compliance Checks
- Alcohol purchase Survey
- Roll call briefings
- Shoulder tap survey
- Law Enforcement recognition event

The YIA pilot sites will assist to set a framework to address issues specific to AI/AN communities. Injury Prevention programs are viewed as a great fit to participate in this exciting new initiative.

Deadline for applications is **September 24, 2008**

To volunteer as a team or for more information contact Alberta Becenti at 301-443-4305 or email Alberta.becenti@ihs.gov

Training:

- Once the pilot sites and core team (adult coordinators) are selected, the teams will then attend the 2 day training at MADD HQ in Dallas, TX in the 1st week of December, 2008 (probably Dec, 3-4).
- The pilot sites team should comprise of a core team of one law enforcement worker and one person who works with youth programs. A possible 3rd person can be someone who works in the BH field.
- Travel and lodging for the training will be paid for.
- The adult coordinators should be able to show proof (ex. letter from tribe or law enforcement agency) of having had and cleared a background check.

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