

## Tribal Youth Program

**Project Title:** Mnochege (*Do Right, Act Right*)  
**Grant Period:** 2009 – 2013  
**Requested Amount:** \$249,999  
**Leveraged Amount:** None  
**Funding Agency:** Department of Justice – OJJDP

### Summary and Objectives

The goal of this Project is **to develop Tribal youth who become healthy, caring, and responsible members of their families and community**. Eligible Tribal youth will be 12-17 years old and reside with the Tribe’s seven county service area of: Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent, and Ottawa.

Year 1: Is a grant required “planning” year however, in addition to planning, the Tribe will continue to operate its Tribal Youth Program with a Tribal contribution from other funding sources. Year 1 planning will consist of strategic planning to focus on developing an action plan for the next 4 years of the Program. This planning will be done with youth, staff, and Department of Justice professionals to the extent necessary.

Years 2 – 4 will be implementation years and will initiate the activities as set forth in the year 1 strategic plan. The primary philosophy for these years will be *The Four Directions to Youth Health* in which each direction has a prevention focus. Winter-Spiritual (Substance Abuse Prevention); Spring-Mental (Suicide Prevention); Summer-Physical (Diabetes Prevention); and Fall-Emotional (Healthy Relationships). The curriculum and principles to be used as the basis to implement the activities will be: 40 developmental assets, 7 grandfather teachings, medicine wheel, and the Quality Standards of Care for After School Programs. Partnerships and collaborative activities with local organizations will be initiated to carryout prevention activities described in the above implementation plan.

Examples of activities that will be implemented include, but are not limited to:

- Youth Tribal Council
- Leadership Camp
- Youth, Learn, Work
- Afterschool and Summer Program activities
- Community Service Projects
- Potawatomi Youth Gathering

Grant objectives include:

- Develop and receive approval from OJJDP of a strategic plan that includes, but is not limited to, a logic model, an action plan, and an evaluation plan that will provide for a comprehensive approach to prevention youth activities in years 2–4.

- Provide afterschool and summer-based prevention activities to 40 youth that reduce the number of high-risk behaviors demonstrated by those Tribal youth.
- Provide afterschool and summer-based prevention activities to 40 youth that increase the number of *Developmental Assets* and the *Seven Grandfather Teachings* exhibited by those Tribal youth.
- Increase the level of knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Tribal youth related to developmental Assets, Seven Grandfather Teachings, Native youth health topics of substance abuse, suicide, diabetes/obesity/sedentary lifestyle, and abuse/unhealthy relationships.

### **Budget**

The budget provides for salary costs for Project Leader to implement activities, attend appropriate trainings, and program costs that will help to achieve the objectives above.