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TEDNA – NYCP Hosts Personal Competency Training

Oklahoma City, OK

A two day professional development training at the Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC) was filled with engaging activities centered around the framework of Personal Competencies. A personal competency is an ever-evolving accumulation of related capabilities that facilitate learning and other forms of goal attainment that ranging anywhere from learning habits to mastery of knowledge skills. Altogether, personal competencies help students understand how they learn and engage in the form of shared knowledge while persisting throughout their educational experience.

Activities at this training facilitated by the Academic Development Institute (ADI) engaged all participants to start thinking about how to integrate personal competency into the overall program design. The Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) partners with ADI to enhance student engagement for the purpose of quality early college and career readiness service delivery.

These activities ranged from learning about student tasks that promote a growth mindset to helping students “find the fun” in learning, rather than simply making tasks fun. All four tribal partnerships were engaged throughout the overall training schedule with guests from the Oklahoma Education Association, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes State-Tribal Education Partnership (STEP), and the Osage County Inter-local Cooperative NYCP. The majority of the training has been recorded and will be available for viewing this late September 2016 at <http://www.tedna.org/nycp>.



TEDNA NYCP Student “Engage”ment and “Me” Posters

El Reno & Concho, OK

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes is one of four tribal partnerships involved in the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) Native Youth Community Project (NYCP). Headquartered with many communities in west and northwest Oklahoma, the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes are no stranger to investing in their youth. As TEDNA NYCP welcomed the new school year, the program hosted a series of Back-To-School: College and Career Readiness nights inviting both students and parents to a fun and information filled community event.

Tashina Tahdoahnippah, Cheyenne & Arapaho NYCP Indian Education Specialist, introduced the program to the students and their parents. With help of school administration, staff, and parents the program was able to host successful back to school nights. Students participated in two activities each night: the first being college & career exploration by creating a “ME” poster where the student expresses their already known college and career interests. The second was to complete an ACT Engage online survey to assess their needs for the upcoming school year. Parents were introduced to TEDNA NYCP’s mission, goals, and objectives. Each community event was filled with fun, educational activities, along with cultural short films about the history of the Cheyenne & Arapaho people.

The food was sponsored by the Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC) who has been a strong partner since the early development of TEDNA NYCP. Parents were asked to fill out surveys to gauge perspectives about their student’s needs in addition to being briefed about upcoming TEDNA NYCP. The program is thankful to the cooperative gestures by all entities involved from the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Education Department, Darlington Public School, El Reno Public Schools, and the El Reno Title VII program. To follow the growth in partnership with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes, visit us at <http://www.tedna.org/nycp>.



Upcoming Events:

Tribal Charter School Summit

Location: Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC)

309 NW 13th St., Suite 103

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Date: September 22-23, 2016

Time: All Day

NYCP Training

Location: Reno, NV

Date: October 4, 2016

Time: 11 am- 3 pm

TEDNA Annual Meeting

Location: Reno, Nevada

Date: October 5, 2016

Time: All Day

NIEA Conference

Location: Reno, NV

Date: October 6-8, 2016

Time: All Day

Announcements:

- ❖ Due to the decision by our Executive Council, TEDNA will reschedule the scholarship essay until the following school year. Withholding the scholarship will allow for (two) scholarships to be given out for the winners for the following school year.

- ❖ TEDNA will begin to renew the 2017 Membership and Contribution form. The application will be posted on TEDNA's website at tedna.org and will be mailed out to each Tribe and representative in September. If you are attending the TEDNA Annual Meeting or NYCP Training, Chloe Roughface will be able to take membership dues, donations, or answer any questions from October 3-5, 2016 in Reno, NV. If you will not be attending any of the conferences above, you are more than welcome to mail your check to TEDNA.

If you have any comments, questions, or would like to have an item posted in the newsletter. Please email Sydney Wahkinney at sydney.wahkinney@tedna.org.