# **Native Fusion** Mobilizing a Community as a Whole



CoCo Villaluz Hidatsa/Assiniboine/Chamorro ClearWay MinnesotaSM

## A WAY OF LIFE



# Traditions through our children's EYES...



## **Two Tobacco Ways**

#### **CEREMONIAL TOBACCO USE**

Honors the Creator and helps our families. The gift of sacred tobacco was given only to Native people Ceremonial use is our original relationship to sacred tobacco.

#### **TOBACCO FOR PROFIT**

Means chewing or smoking cigarettes that are manufactured to cause addiction and sold for profit. Tobacco for profit products contain poisonous chemicals, carcinogens (cancer causing agents), sugars, salts, nuclear waste and pesticides that cause illnesses, tooth and gum diseases, cancers and deaths in our families.

Adapted from Lori New Breast - Blackfeet Nation

## "What broke apart the Indian World?"

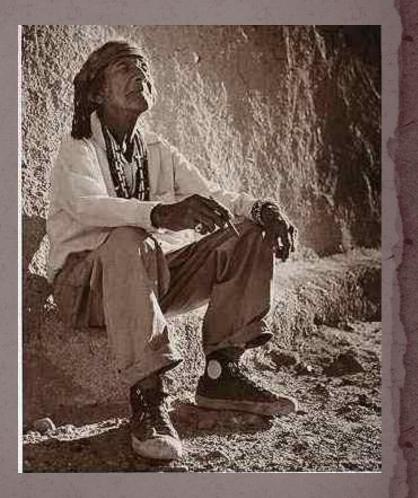
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### We all know the statistics....

AI/AN as a whole, have the highest prevalence rates of any ethnic/racial group

2 out of every 5 deaths related to tobacco use

Indian Health Service Spends \$200 million on Tobacco related illnesses



## **Goals for Communities**



- Build and strengthen our capacity
- Mobilize our communities with our history and knowledge
- Identify culturally appropriate strategies and opportunities
- Initiate and expand efforts to educate about effective tobacco control measures

## Types of Traditional Tobacco

#### **SWEETGRASS**

#### SAGE



## Traditional Tobacco





## Challenges

Tobacco sales are important economic venture

Other issues more important (diabetes, alcoholism, poverty, housing, jobs, etc)

Making the connection

Access and availability of "cheaper" tobacco on tribal lands

Native Imagery



## Exploitation of Imagery



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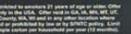
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# **Tradition Killer.**

Spit tobacco use is not traditional. And yet use among American Indian boys is more than *double* the national average. Commercial spit tobacco offers only tooth loss and oral disease. Even cancer.

#### The Truth About Spit Tobacco is Hard to Swallow.



Northern Plains Health Alliance, Native American Partners

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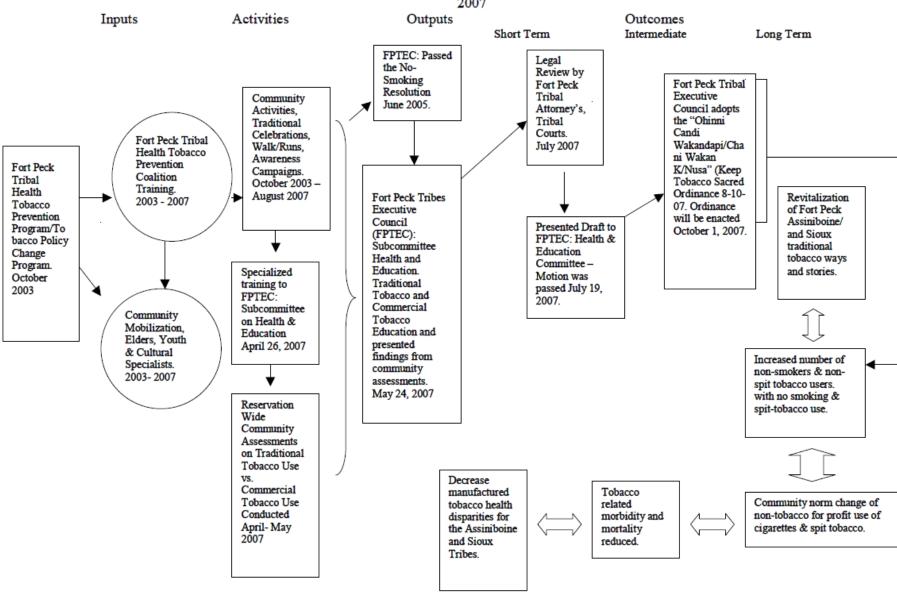
Learn and Live

## Activities/Events

• Walk/Runs Pamper Races Stick Horse Rodeos Commercial Tobacco Free Pow-wows JDC Education Classes • A RiZing Nation Event Native Fusion Collaboration and Connections



#### FORT PECK TRIBES POLICY AND TOBACCO CONTROL ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: 2003-



2007





## "F" Word





## ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE

## **PREAMBLE:**

The passage of the Fort Peck . Ohinni Candi Wakandapi. Act is dedicated to all the Assiniboine and Sioux members who have died and suffer from commercial, manufactured tobacco related cancers and diseases. The Fort Peck Tribes .Ohinni Candi Wakandapi. Act is enacted to protect the public health of the Fort Peck Tribes Nation, now and in the future.

## **Guiding Principles**



**RESPECT**-for the original purposes

•VISION-to see a healthy Native community

•COURAGE-to make the right decisions

•ACTION-to initiate behavior and attitude change

## **Guiding Principles**

•HUMILITY-asking for guidance w/o fear •HOPE-belief that the future will be positive COMPASSIONempathy for the addicted •TRUTH-seek, know

• **IRUTH**-seek, know the facts behind the industry

•GENEROSITY-Share the knowledge



## A RiZing Nation



## Some Minnesota Smoke-free Policies

- 1<sup>st</sup> Statewide Intertribal Commercial Tobacco Free Pow-wow
  Tribal Smoke-free
  - Vehicles, Assisted Living Units, Smoke-free Casino Days, Smoke-free buffer zones, Health Systems Change



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