

## Who is conducting the survey?

This study is being conducted by Colorado State University's Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research and is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). NIDA supports research across a broad range of disciplines and supports the rapid dissemination and use of the results of that research to improve prevention and treatment and to inform policy as it relates to drug use.



“Because national surveys fail to fully capture drug use patterns on or near reservations, the true scope of the problem has been elusive... **[The Colorado State University] findings alert us to the urgency of implementing prevention programs in these communities.**”

Nora D. Volkow, M.D.,  
Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse

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The Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research at Colorado State University has been monitoring American Indian youth substance use behaviors and their correlates for over 40 years. They have surveyed thousands of Native American youth since 1976 and have the largest database in the nation of its type.



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## Our Youth... Our Future



Your school could be part of one of the most significant studies being done today on substance use among youth living on or near American Indian reservations.



American Indian youth consistently report high levels of substance use. However, prevention efforts and resources dedicated to reducing substance use have not been forthcoming, due, in part, to a lack of information about the issue. This study represents an on-going effort to provide better data to tribes, schools, funders, and other decision makers because it focuses exclusively on youth who live on or near reservations.



## How it works

Your students would participate in an online survey lasting 20-45 minutes, in a supervised classroom, at times of your choosing. The survey asks about drug and alcohol use and reasons for using, with additional questions about school engagement, educational plans, perceived school safety, and media use.

## How can this benefit your school and Native youth?

- ▲ Your school will receive a confidential report containing comprehensive survey results for your school. This data can help you:
  - ▷ identify appropriate resources and programs tailored for your students.
  - ▷ raise decision-maker, funder, and/or community awareness of the nature and extent of youth drug and alcohol use.
- ▲ Your school will receive between \$500 and \$3,500 per year for participating, depending on the size of your school.
- ▲ Your school will play a key role in understanding this issue so that appropriate resources are made available for prevention and treatment.



## What is required of you?

Our staff will work with your school to fulfill the following requirements:

- ▲ Notification of parents about the survey.
- ▲ Approvals as required by your school board, tribal council, and/or tribal Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- ▲ A staff member from your school who can supervise the online survey administration.

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