"You have to make your own legends now."

~ Mary Brave Bird Crow Dog, Sicangu

Wayne Weston at the USD Symposium Sioux Falls



Catch the Wave at Rosebud



The USD Oyate` Circle Culture and Disability Services and Training

The Oyate' Circle is a resource, education, outreach and training program that serves tribal members in South Dakota. Named in Lakota for "the people" the Oyate' Circle focuses on the needs of tribal members with disabilities. We also provide technical support and training for tribal communities and inform them about programs and opportunities available through the center and other agencies.

"We will be known forever by the tracks we leave."

~ Dakota Quote



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Welcome to the Oyate` Circle at the USD Center for Disabilities

The Oyate` Circle sub-center at the USD Center for Disabilities is a new focus for disability related trainings, workshops, webinars and events for Indian Country in South Dakota. Oyate` Circle developed new partnerships with tribal organizations and other partner organizations to better serve tribal members with disabilities.

Create your future through our culture and empowerment.

"Find your dream. It's the pursuit of the dream that heals you."

 \sim Billy Mills, Oglala Lakota, Olympic Gold Medalist



South Dakota DHS Diversity Training at Lower Brule

New online courses available: SPED 491 and SPED 593 Native Culture and Disability

"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."

~ Sitting Bull, Hunkpapa

Disability Awareness Training at Pine Ridge



Native American Series, USD Symposium Sioux Falls



Oyate` Circle Programs Grants and Partnerships

The Disability Awareness Training (DAT) grant provides disability related workshops for tribal communities and reservations throughout South Dakota. Oyate` Circle has many partners, including Sinte` Gleska Disability Center and the University of South Dakota, that offer courses in human services with a disability focus. DAT is funded through the Administration of Community Living and Department of Health and Human Services.

"Turn what has been done into a better path."

~ Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation

Oyate` Circle provides cultural applications for disability and Indian Country.

Wayne Westin and Jim Warne at NACC, USD Vermillion, SD



"The power of a thing or an act is in the meaning and the understanding."

~ Black Elk, Oglala Lakota

Oyate` Circle Services

- We provide disability awareness trainings for tribal communities, tribal colleges and other organizations that serve tribal members with disabilities.
- The Oyate` Circle is staffed by tribal members that have years of experience in disability services and advocacy.
- Contact Oyate` Circle to request disability related trainings and support services for your community and programs.
- Please go to our website to see upcoming webinars, trainings and events near or in your community.

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