

*Thank you for your  
interest in the  
PYEAP*

The Peacemaking Youth Education and Apprenticeship Program provides leaders of the next generation with a strong foundation of Diné culture that will strengthen them as individuals and help them serve their communities.

It is the Peacemaking Program's responsibility to provide Peacemaking counseling services as well as education and training on Navajo culture and traditions and other Navajo accepted beliefs, to individuals, families, and communities. This program is part of Peacemaking's focus on youth.

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# PEACEMAKING YOUTH EDUCATION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

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## What is PYEAP?

- In October 2017, USDOJ awarded the Peacemaking Youth Education and Apprenticeship Program a 4-year grant. The purpose is to continue to provide services in the following areas:
  - Youth and adult education in Navajo Culture and traditions
  - Youth Apprentice Peacemaker Training and adult mentorship, to prepare 40 additional youth each year as peer-to-peer youth peacemakers in schools and communities.
  - Peacemaking traditional problem resolution services in schools and for families
  - Prevention and intervention services for troubled youth.There will be an evaluation component to these projects to gauge progress, collect data and provide lessons learned at the end of the 4-year grant.

## Why should I become an apprentice?

The Peacemaking Program is currently recruiting youths between the ages of 11-17 (grades 6 through 12) to participate in our Peacemaker Youth Apprenticeship Program. Recruitment will be on an on-going basis for three years. In this program, youth will have the opportunity to learn techniques of traditional Diné restorative justice, core traditional Diné teachings including k'é, the Diné Journey Stories, sacredness of Diné sacred mountains, and the Diné way of life, among others. These teachings will be provided to the youth by Navajo community-based Peacemakers, who are skilled counselors and teachers in traditional customs and teachings.

From the Peacemaker Youth Apprenticeship Program, youth apprentices will learn self-awareness; self-confidence; responsibilities to self, family, clan, and community; and personal accountability. To achieve the learning goals of the program, the youth apprentice will be mentored by an adult Peacemaker. Youth will observe and assist in peacemaking sessions and life value engagement sessions.

Following a 4-unit curriculum, it is expected that the youth apprentice will have the skills necessary to lead their own peer-to-peer peacemaking sessions in their schools and communities. Peer-to-peer Peacemaking is done with adult mentorship in cooperation with the schools.



## How to Join

The program will be available Navajo Nation-wide and is open all interested individuals. Youth can volunteer or be selected by their teachers, community members, or parents. It is very important that selected youth show an interest in traditional teachings, even if they are lacking this knowledge. We encourage youth to learn to be Diné leaders of the future.

Contact your local Traditional Program Specialist or Cassandra L., [CassandraLittle@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:CassandraLittle@navajo-nsn.gov)



(Pictured above 2016 Tuba City Youth Apprenticeship Group)

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