



**IYHUA ACU YOUTH SERVICES**

**TEEN CENTER HANDBOOK**

**IYUHA ACU YOUTH SERVICES MISSION**

To provide the youth on Standing Rock Sioux Tribe a safe place to learn Lakhotia/ Dakhotia culture & language, engage socially, and also a temporary place to reside

**UHA ACU YOUTH SERVICES VISION**

For no youth on Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to be homeless, or to be with-out access to basic hu8man needs and services

## **IYUHA ACU YOUTH SERVICES VALUES**

Iyuha Acu Youth Services grounds itself in the core values of the Lakshota/Dakhota Oyate.

These Values consist of

- Woohola (Respect)
- Wowachantognake (Generosity)
- Wowaunsila (Compassion)
- Woowothanla (Integrity)
- Wowachintanka (Patience)
- Wowichakhe (Honesty)
- Wounsiiciye (Humility)
- Woksape (Wisdom)
- Woohitike (Bravery)
- Wowalitake (Fortitude)

### **IYUHA ACU YOUTH SERVICES STRATEGY**

The Iyuha Acu Youth Services will ensure that all youth utilize the facility has access to:

- A safe place to socialize
- Mental, Physical, and Spiritual health services
- Education Opportunities
- Employment opportunities
- Basic Necessities
- Independent living skills
- Positive role models
- Wifi
- Computer Access

### **IYUHA ACU YOUTH SERVICES BELIEFS**

- To be respected
- To be loved
- Have a safe place to grow & develop
- A chance to learn Lakshota culture and Lakshota language
- A positive support system

## **IYUHA ACU YOUTH SERVICES ORGANIZATIONAL DESCRIPTION**

Iyuha Acu Youth Services is aimed to serve the youth on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe with a safe environment to socialize, learn Lakota culture, language, along with helping young adults get directed with basic human needs services to live a healthy life. The Iyuha Acu Youth Services does this by providing:

- **Drop in resource center for youth 18- 24-** During the hours of 10 a.m. to 3:30p.m. the Iyuha Acu Youth Services Center will help young adults fight the poverty cycle that exists on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. This will be done by helping young adults gain access to social services, education services, mental health services, internet access, laundry services, job resume building, food, shower, mail access, job readiness support, independent living skills and supportive services. Offering positive role models, and access to elders for cultural and life advise.
- **Teen Center-** The Iyuha Acu Youth Services will operate from 4pm to 10pm as a culture based teen center to provide a safe place for youth 13-18 a safe place to socialize, and learn Lakhota Culture and Lakhota Language. The teen center will offer wifi services, food, access to hygiene, telephone services, drop in services listed above, also access to both cultural and non-cultural leisure activities

## **IYUHA ACU YOUTH SERVICES YOUTH HANDBOOK AND EXPECTATIONS**

While utilizing the Iyuha Acu Youth Services youth are expected to conduct themselves in a way that reflects the Lakota values. The Values each youth is expected to follow are:

- Woohola (respect)
  - All youth are expected to first respect themselves. By doing this they set the standard in how people deal with them. Youth are encouraged to exhibit self-respect
  - All youth utilizing the facility are expected to demonstrate respect towards their fellow youth and staff.
  - Respect is also expected to be exhibited towards the facility and property being utilized by youth. This is to ensure property can be used by others.
- Wowachantognake (generosity)
  - Youth should demonstrate generosity by sharing and ensuring all others have equal access to utilize facilities, and equipment at facility
- Wowaunsila (compassion)
  - Youth will demonstrate compassion for others in facility
  - Compassion includes no gossiping and ensuring others feel safe while at the facility
  - Youth will exhibit compassion by also not sharing any personal information about other students without permission
- Woowothanla (Integrity)
  - Youth will exhibit integrity by practicing good personal ethics and self control
  - Being thoughtful of others
  - Be dependable

- Being responsible for self and actions
- Practicing patience
- Being self-aware of personal needs and behaviors
- Being trustworthy
- Keeping confidentiality of others
- Lead by example, showing good leadership skills
- Be accountable for one's self
- Stand up for what is right (Even if it means being ridiculed)
- Wowachinthanka (Patience)
  - Allowing others the space we expect others to give use
  - Not being in a rush
- Wowicakhe (Honesty)
  - always being truthful with others
  - Practicing honest behavior
- Wounsiiciye (Humility)
  - Put others first
  - Admit mistakes
  - Open to others opions
  - Let others work without being disrupted
  - Tend to others needs
  - Self reflect
- Woksape (Wisdom)
  - Practice good decision making skills

- Have forward thinking. Think of consequences of actions
- Woohitike (Bravery)
  - Bravery is not the act of being without fear but rather moving forward while still having fear.
- Wowalitake (Fortitude)
  - exhibiting strength in the face of adversity or difficulty
  - Having emotional power and ability to withstand adversity

These Values were given to the Lakshota Oyate to help guide them how to live their lives in accordance with spiritual law. Through assimilation many families no longer know these values. It is Iyuha Acu Youth Services expectation that all youth utilizing the facility strive to exhibit these values for other youths and the community.

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