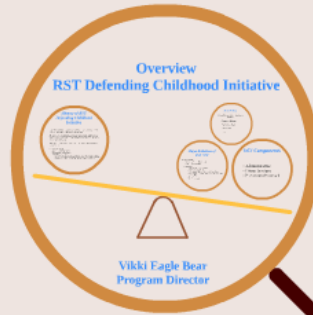




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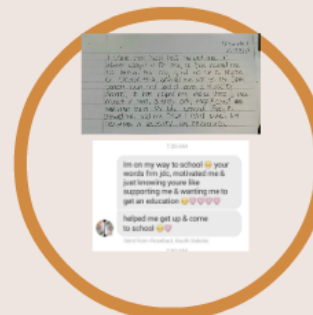
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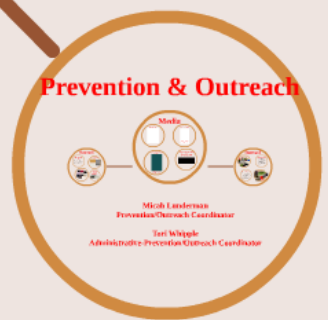
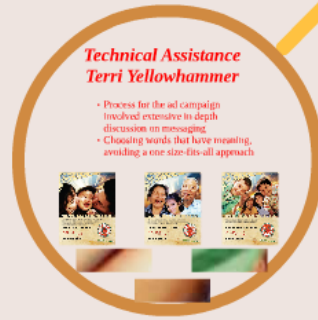
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 - 46,425 Enrolled Members
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 - 2013 Needs Assessment
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 - Title Purpose: SAFE to ensure ALL ADJUVANT CHILDREN are engaged

Our Belief

Every Child needs love in order to flourish:

- Positive Self-Identity
- Positive Role Model
- Goal/Purpose
- Love

Major Initiatives of RST DCI

Collaborative Body

- Title, State, and Federal entities
- Title 44-Regimentation

Collaboration

- Domestic Violence Case Trainings
- Evidence-Based Trainings
- Development of Universal Intake & Referral Form
- Development and Adoption of a Criminal Molestation of Underage Child
- Support of Care
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DCI Components

- Administrative
- Direct Services
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Vikki Eagle Bear
Program Director

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- 35+ Tribal, State, and Federal entities
- Up to 84 Representatives

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Mitakuye Oyasin

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- Equine Therapy- serves over 100 children per week, DCI Staff Micah L. is a horse handler
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**Sunrise Black Bull
Lead Case Coordinator**

**Marcella Medicine Blanket
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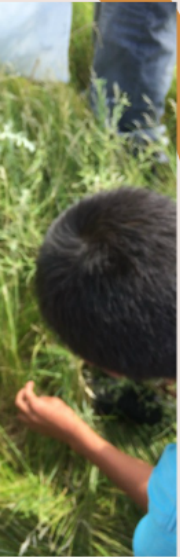
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Administrative-Prevention/Outreach Coordinator

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Call us today at 856-2016!

Lakota Language Challenge

English	Lakota Sioux
One	Wanji
Two	Nunpa
Three	Yámní
Four	Iópa
Five	Záptan
Man	Wíka
Woman	Wínyan
Sun	Anpetu wí
Moon	Hanhepi wí
Water	Mní

Strive to become a beautiful person

Live with kindness, integrity and spirituality.
 Comport yourself with grace under pressure.
 Don't hurt people!
 Be an asset in the lives of others.
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 Be a peacemaker who values peace and takes peace everywhere you go.

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Facebook Page



The screenshot shows the top portion of a Facebook page. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the Facebook logo, a back arrow, the page name 'Rosebud Sioux Tribe Defen...', and a search icon. Below this is a large profile picture of five women standing in front of a building. To the right of the profile picture, the page name 'Rosebud Sioux Tribe Defending Childhood...' is displayed, with 'Government Organization' underneath. Below the profile picture and name are four interactive icons: 'Liked' (with a thumbs-up icon), 'Save' (with a bookmark icon), 'Message' (with a speech bubble icon), and 'More' (with three dots). Below these icons, it says '791 people like this' followed by 'Paula Leader Charge and 127 other friends'. There is also an 'Invite friends to like this Page' button. At the bottom, there is an 'About' section with a right-pointing arrow. The 'About' section contains a red URL: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rosebud-Sioux-Tribe-Defending-Childhood-Initiative/584809931548573?ref=hl>. Below the URL is a small map showing the location of Rosebud, South Dakota, with a red pin. Below the map, it says 'PO Box 397, Rosebud, South Dakota' and 'Get Directions'.

DCI Google Site

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Defending Childhood Initiative website. At the top, there is a green header with the text "DEFENDING CHILDHOOD" in large white letters, "PROTECT HEAL THRIVE" in smaller green letters, and "Defending Childhood Initiative" in white. Below the header is a search bar. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with links: "WELCOME", "SERVICES PROVIDED", "HISTORY OF DCI", "RESOURCES", "ANNOUNCEMENTS", "TRIBAL CODE REVISIONS", and "CONTACT". The main content area features a red-bordered box with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe logo. Below this is the title "Information Site for Rosebud Sioux Tribe Defending Childhood Initiative" and a welcome message: "Welcome to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Defending Childhood Initiative Information site! Here you will find information on all the services that we provide, both internally and externally, as well as upcoming activities, resources, and the latest announcements so you always know what's on offer. You can call us at anytime to ask questions, see if you qualify for services, and ask questions. Happy browsing!!". The page is organized into a grid of six content blocks, each with a small image and a "MORE" button: "SERVICES DCI PROVIDES" (with an image of two people), "HISTORY OF DCI" (with an image of flowers), "RESOURCES" (with an image of a child), "ANNOUNCEMENTS" (with an image of a person), "TRIBAL CODE REVISIONS" (with an image of a child), and "CONTACT" (with an image of a person). At the bottom of the page, there is a "VISION STATEMENT: * A VIOLENCE FREE LAKOTA WAY OF LIFE*".

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thursday
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I think this class has helped me in MANY ways! :) For one, it has helped me to strive for my goal to be a Nurse or Doctor, they showed me NOT to let ONE person ruin my goal of being a Nurse/Dr. Second, it has helped me realize that I put myself in here, & that only myself could ~~be~~ ~~reverse~~ turn My life around. Third, it showed me/told me ONLY I CAN MAKE MY DREAMS A REALITY... My REALITY ♡.

7:39 AM

Im on my way to school 😊 your words frm jdc, motivated me & just knowing youre like supporting me & wanting me to get an education 😊💕💕💕💕



helped me get up & come to school 😊💕

Sent from Rosebud, South Dakota

7:53 AM

Silent Victims

The Defending Childhood Initiative honors the spirit of those children who lost their lives due to violence.



Technical Assistance

Terri Yellowhammer

- Process for the ad campaign involved extensive in depth discussion on messaging
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