

## Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP)



The Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP) is dedicated to protecting children on the Nez Perce Reservation through locating custodial and noncustodial parents, determining paternity, establishing child support orders, and enforcing orders. Their mission is to break the cycle of non-support by assuring financial assistance for children. Sabrina worked as a case manager with the Nez Perce Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program. She collaborated with custodial and non-custodial separated couples, other

tribes, and state agencies across the United States. After attending an Integration Institute, Sabrina had the goal of educating staff on the Institute and brainstorming ways they could utilize the information to integrate relationship education into their services.

Following the Institute, Sabrina brought together the staff and leadership to share what she had learned. One of the challenges Sabrina thought she might face is that people don't always see the connection between child support and healthy relationship education. However, Sabrina found that once she gave her presentation, the connection between the two was clearer and the staffs' perception seemed to change as a result of everything Sabrina had learned at the Institute.

The Institutes provide a unique opportunity for collaboration, and Sabrina had the chance to connect with several community partners throughout the day. As a result of attending the Institute, Sabrina connected with a staff member from the University of Idaho Extension Program. Sabrina has since met with a Coordinator at the Extension program to discuss potential collaborations on healthy relationships!

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