



The Pawnee Nation REACH US Program is dedicated to improving the lives of the local Native American community by supporting nutritional education, encouraging physical activity, and preventing/ceasing commercial tobacco use.



The REACH US staff has initiated meetings with the Pawnee High School staff and the Cleveland High School Superintendent regarding the implementation of Tobacco-free (24/7) campuses. Local coalition members have generously volunteered to help present commercial tobacco control issues with the schools and the community.



*Make it Your Business Symposium* plans have continued. Invitations have been made for local businesses to attend the presentation. Uncommitted attendance has slowed the planning of the symposium, however, please contact Pawnee Nation REACH US if you are interested in attending the Symposium.

The Division of Health & Community Services will formalize a Drug, Alcohol, and Commercial Tobacco-free Activities Policy. All programs in the division have informally conveyed this support for substance abuse prevention while developing and implementing all activities, events, and community presentations.

The Division of Conservation has agreed to work with the REACH US program to develop a sidewalk so that walking the distance between the Fitness Center and the Substance Abuse Building is safe, enjoyable, and practical.

The Pawnee Nation REACH US Program collaborated with the Health Nations Program to present commercial tobacco information to the children at the Spring Break Camp. All of the children went home with good sources of information about the dangers of smoking and information about cessation help.



This advertisement has appeared in every Chaticks si Chaticks this year. Information about healthy living for the Native American community appears in the newsletter also. The PN REACH US Program continues to collaborate with the Pawnee Indian Health Services to provide commercial tobacco cessation classes.

Healthy Nations and REACH US has initiated meetings to establish an employee worksite health program. Surveys will determine the needs and desires of the employees; future activities and projects will stem from the results of this assessment. The survey is in process.