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*NNEDLearn 2016*

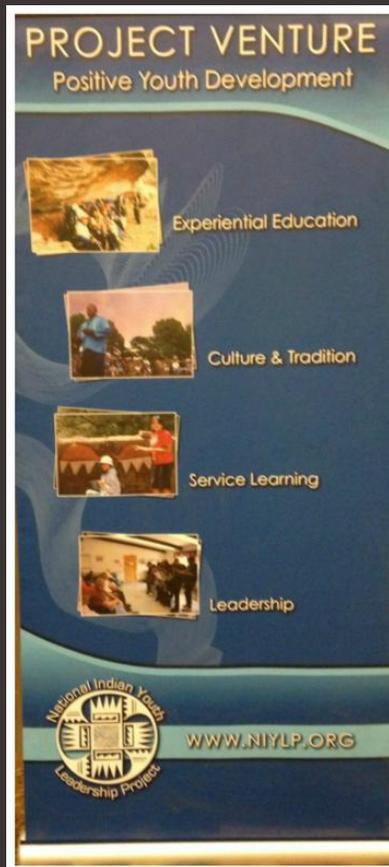
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## NNEDLEARN 2016

The Office of Drug Policy, along with representatives from the Nez Perce and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes attended the National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health (NNED) conference from March 6-9, 2016. They were joined by 114 community-based practitioners from across the nation to receive intensive training in culturally-specific behavioral health practice/intervention and will receive ongoing coaching to support implementation in their agencies.



Team Idaho participated in the specific training track *Project Venture: Positive Prevention for American Indian Youth*. Project Venture is an outdoors experiential youth development program designed for American Indian youth at high risk for substance use and related problems. Project Venture was developed by the National Indian Youth Leadership Project (NIYLP), an American Indian-owned and -operated, community-based, nonprofit organization with nearly 20 years of experience in youth development. NIYLP has conducted summer youth leadership camps since 1986 nationwide, from which grew the year-round Project Venture model.

Project Venture aims to prevent substance use and related problems through:

- \* Classroom-based problem-solving and skill-building activities
- \* Outdoor adventure-based experiential activities
- \* Adventure camps and treks
- \* Community-oriented service learning

The program relies on American Indian traditional values to help youth develop positive self-concept, effective social skills, community service ethic, internal locus of control, and increased decision making and problem solving skills. Amanda Sandoval, of the Shoshone-Paiute tribe

said of the training, "I learned to advocate the importance of empowering our Native youth through mentoring, peer leadership and promoting physical health."

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# Petition Seeking to Legalize "Medical" Marijuana in Idaho Withdrawn

## Petition pulled due to inaccurate information

The initiative seeking to decriminalize three ounces of marijuana and legalize medical marijuana in Idaho has been withdrawn. The petition inaccurately stated that the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "endorsed medical access to marijuana." The AAP in letters to New Approach Idaho, Inc.'s board members, William James Esbensen and Dana Wilson, dated February 19, 2016, states, "This language misrepresents the American Academy of Pediatrics ("AAP") policy statement. The AAP opposes legalization of marijuana because of the potential harms to children and adolescents." They added, "We request that New Approach Idaho, Inc. cease using the American Academy of Pediatrics name in its existing ballot initiative materials immediately."

"I am very pleased that the marijuana legalization petition has been withdrawn. It is well known that marijuana use adversely affects the health and developing brains of children and adolescents and legalization increases access to this harmful drug, so today is a great day for the health and safety of Idaho's children," said Elisha Figueroa, Administrator of the Idaho Office of Drug Policy. "It's unfortunate that pro-marijuana groups such as New Approach Idaho believe they can mislead, manipulate, and outright lie to Idaho voters in an effort to gain signatures on their ballot initiative and I applaud the American Academy of Pediatrics for holding them accountable for their actions."

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# SABG GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

## Applications due March 25th

Grant applications for SFY 2017 Substance Abuse Block Grant Primary Prevention Services are due Friday, March 25 at 5:00 PM MST.

SABG grant information and application are posted on ODP's [Prevention Website](#).

The funding application timeline for SFY 2017 is:

1. Application Released	February 12, 2016
2. Pre-application Teleconferences	February 16, 2016 - 1:00 PM (MST) February 18, 2016 - 4:00 PM (MST)
3. Application Due	March 25, 2016 - 5:00 PM (MST)
4. Application Review	March 26, 2016 - May 20, 2016

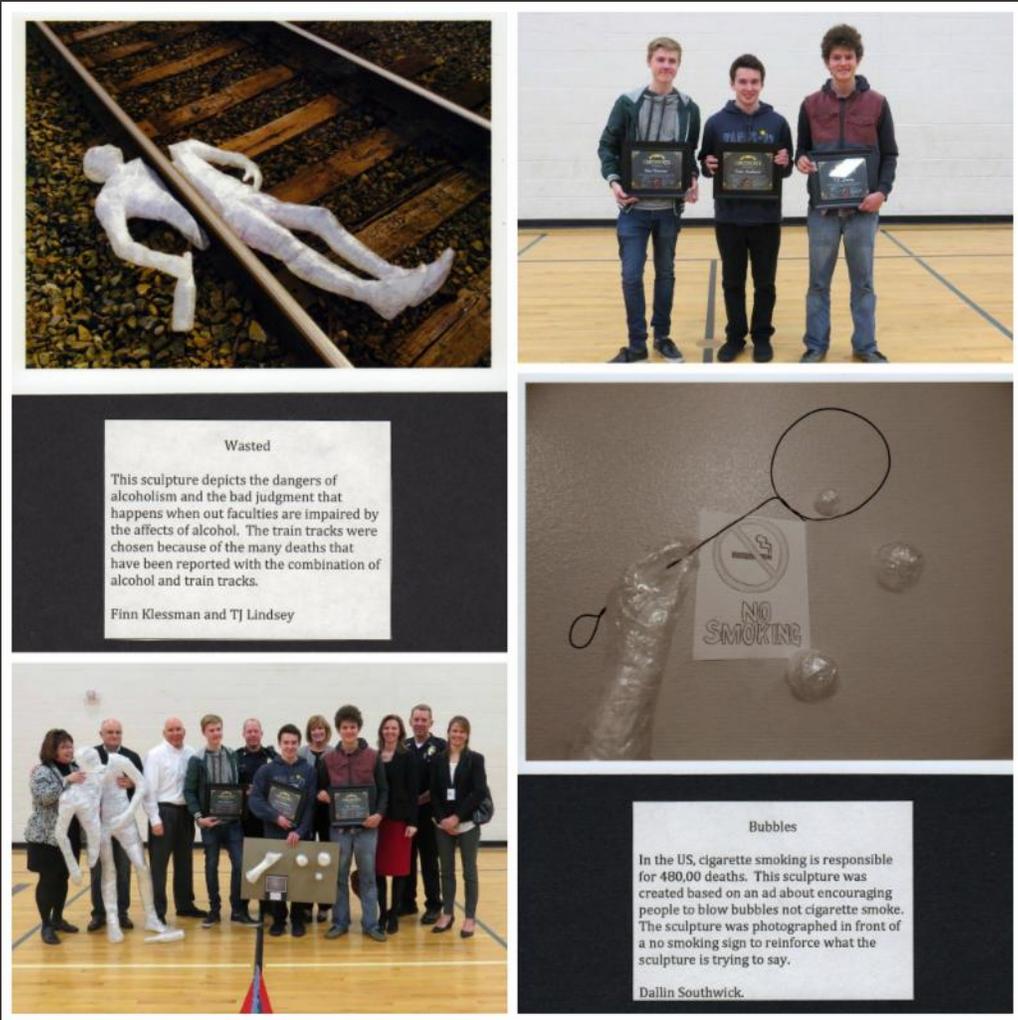
5. Grant Recipients Notified	May 31, 2016
6. Grant Awards Finalized	July 1, 2016
7. Grant Award Period	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

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# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

## Liberty Charter School Student Recognition



Drug Free Idaho (DFI) proudly recognized three outstanding students of Liberty Charter School in Nampa for their artwork that contained prevention messaging regarding the dangers of tobacco and alcohol use at a school assembly on March 15th. DFI was joined by Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition, Nampa Police and Fire Departments, Idaho State Liquor Division, and ODP in presenting the students with certificates for their projects.

Rob Stevenson, Executive Director of DFI, explains "I was made aware of a couple art projects competed by some 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at Liberty Charter in Nampa. The project and message were really well done so I felt strongly that the prevention community needed to recognize these students and thank them for choosing to use this assignment as a chance to bring awareness to the dangers of alcohol as well as the harmful effects of smoking. It was very easy to get members of law enforcement and others in prevention to participate and add their voices in recognizing these awesome students. This provided a great opportunity to use these two art projects as the catalyst for a much broader message about the importance of good choices and living a positive, healthy lifestyle which was heard by the entire school and throughout the community."

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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### [H0331](#), [H0481](#), [H0498](#), [H0521](#), [H0374](#), [H0494](#), [H0495](#)

ODP has been watching several bills that are before the legislature this session. Both the House and Senate have been holding twice-daily floor sessions to hear the many bills before them. Their goal is to adjourn before April. Because of the activity, bill movement is very fluid, often changing each day.

- [H0331](#) - Powdered Alcohol - this bill would prohibit the possession, use, sale, or purchase of powdered alcohol, otherwise known as Palcohol. It passed the House and is filed for a second reading in the Senate.
- [H0481](#) - Right to Try - this bill would allow patients diagnosed with terminal illnesses, the right to try investigational drugs that have completed basic safety testing through the FDA, but which are not currently approved for treating their illness. It passed the House and Senate and is now awaiting consideration by the Governor.
- [H0498](#) - E-Cigarettes- this bill would require those who sell E-Cigarettes or vaping liquid to register and be licensed with the Department of Health and Welfare. It recently passed the House and is waiting for a hearing in Senate State Affairs.
- [H0521](#) - Criminal immunity for intoxicated minors who seek medical help for themselves or another - this bill passed the House with strong support. It awaiting its third reading and vote in the Senate.
- [H0374](#) - Prescription Monitoring Program delegates - this bill would permit controlled substance prescribers in Idaho to designate a specific delegate to check the PMP for them. It has passed both the House and Senate and was recently signed into law by the Governor.
- [H0494](#) - This bill would reclassify the first offense for alcohol possession/consumption by a minor to an infraction. It has passed the House with strong support, and is now waiting for a hearing in Senate Judiciary and Rules committee.
- [H0495](#) - This bill would both vacate and seal the court records of those who were convicted only once for being a minor in possession or a minor consuming alcohol if that minor had no further convictions for 5 years. It recently passed the House and Senate and

will soon be transmitted to the Governor for his consideration.

The Idaho Office of Drug Policy leads Idaho's substance abuse policy and prevention efforts by developing and implementing strategic action plans and collaborative partnerships to reduce drug use and related crime, thereby improving the health and safety of all Idahoans.



*We envision an Idaho free from the devastating social, health,  
and economic consequences of substance abuse.*



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