

Engaging and partnering with Boys and Men of Color

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

**Fatherhood Outreach: Implications of Men's Health and
Community Engagement in Pregnancy Outcomes**

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La Cultura Cura



National Compadres Network

501.c.3 established in 1988

Mission:

To strengthen, rebalance, and/or redevelop the traditional "Compadre" extended family system, based on the principles of "Un Hombre Noble" (A Noble Man).

Cadre of Experts:

NCN brings together culturally competent nationally recognized leaders in the fields of fatherhood, rites of passage, health, education, family violence, teen pregnancy prevention, cultural competence, juvenile justice, social services, advocacy, trauma, healing and evidence based.

What We Do:

NCN works in partnership with community leaders and decision makers to create strategic and sustainable systems of change and provides support in the areas of training, technical assistance, collective impact building, research, leadership development, and resource and material development.

El Circulo

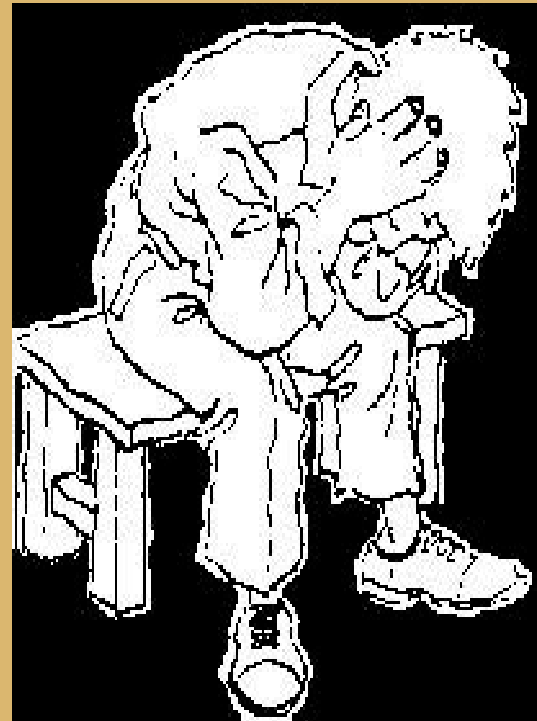


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"La Cultura Cura"

A Young Man's Reality

- ❖ Violence at home and the street
- ❖ Teen Pregnancy
- ❖ Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- ❖ Single Parent Families
- ❖ Gangs
- ❖ Foster care placements
- ❖ No Positive adult Role models
- ❖ Lack of personal Connection
- ❖ Dysfunctional Homes and Institutions



LA CULTURA CURA



“Within the collective Dignity, Respect, Trust, and Love, of all people, exists the wisdom, practices, and resources, for a healthy and harmonious wellbeing.”

Jerry Tello

-FOUR SACRED TEACHINGS-

- ❖ You are **WANTED**... You are **SACRED**
- ❖ You have a **SACRED PURPOSE**
- ❖ You have **TEACHINGS** (*VALUES*) and **TEACHERS** to guide
- ❖ You are **PROTECTED – SAFETY and SECURITY**

Activities that Honor Dignity, Respect, Love, and Trust

- ❖ Talking Circles (Circulos)
- ❖ Fatherhood Circles
- ❖ Leadership Development- Peer Education
- ❖ Community Leaderships Projects
- ❖ Expression through Art and Culture
- ❖ Late Night Gyms
- ❖ One on One Mentoring
- ❖ Employment Training
- ❖ Promote Higher Education
- ❖ Re-entry Services



Programmatic Recommendations

- ❖ Increase programmatic support for integrating a healing-informed framework that focuses on fostering natural opportunity factors and building resilience,
- ❖ Develop pathways to health and well-being for Latino and Native males through culturally grounded and responsive physical, emotional, mental and spiritual development,
- ❖ Support NLFFI and other community-acknowledged Latino and indigenous organizations to develop and evaluate best practices, comprehensive community strategies, and program models that directly address “Chronic Traumatic Stress Disorder (CTSD),” while encircling the individual, families, and entire community in healing, restorative, and development processes.

Programmatic Recommendations Continued...

- ❖ Train all personnel working in all levels of educational, criminal justice, mental health, health and social services in the culturally based healing-informed approach for serving Latino and Native men and boys, so those systems can recognize and adapt their efforts to be more responsive to the Latino and Native males they are charged to serve.
- ❖ Support programs which promote the involvement Latino and Native mothers and fathers in the schools. Education is the foundation for economic mobility in the U.S. and an important and healthy pathway for the integration of immigrants into society.

Programmatic

Recommendations Continued...

- ❖ Support the development of NLFFI's generational "Compadre" extended kinship networks and "Circulo" healing, support groups to provide positive indigenous male support for young men in all communities.
- ❖ Inform mental-health and social-service providers including practitioners, supervisors, agencies and funding sources of the benefits of utilizing this framework to better serve the needs of their clientele, through the utilization of cultural assets that Latino and Native families and communities possess.



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KEEPING ONE'S WORD

Principles of “An Honorable Man”

- Is a man of his word
- Has a sense of responsibility for his own well-being and that of others in his circle
- Rejects any form of abuse; physical, emotional, mental or spiritual... to himself or others
- Takes time to reflect, pray, and include ceremony in his life
- Is sensitive and understanding
- Is like a mirror, reflecting support and clarity to one another
- Lives these values honestly, and with love





Further assistance:



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