



Native American Fatherhood & Families Association

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Family

Family is at the heart of Native American cultures

There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood

Our greatest happiness & greatest sorrows come from our relationships with our family



Purpose-Why?

- Brings direction
- Brings greater meaning to life
- Brings discipline
- Brings self-improvement
- Develops self-worth & self-esteem

Strengthen individuals by laying a strong foundation of a purpose-driven life.

The purpose of life:

- To have a happy and safe family

The purpose of NAFFA:

- To strengthen and keep families together
- To promote responsible fatherhood and motherhood

*Everyone has the power to change their attitude and behavior but **no one** has the power to change anyone else.*



Many programs focus on the needs of women & children

Little attention is paid to the unique needs of men as they struggle to become valuable family participants

Today, Native American men are often viewed as the cause of many family and social problems

NAFFA takes the position that fathers are:

- The solution to address problems
- The greatest untapped resource available to communities

Fathers must take the lead in keeping families together

NAFFA's approach is based on a culturally rich model that inspires and motivates fathers and mothers to devote their best efforts in teaching and raising children.

Self-motivation through natural techniques brings change to a person



NAFFA's Position in Serving

The majority of people are not sick or ill!

- They have been:
 - Misled
 - Misguided
 - Misdirected
 - Misinformed
- Learned a lot of **bad habits**.
- Not right or wrong; good or bad; **HAVE BEEN FOOLED.**

Leadership

Every institution must have a leader

The family is no different

A true leader

- Is truthful
- Motivates
- Prepares the way
- Provides guidance and direction
- Opens up doors of opportunity
- Encourages
- Sets a good example

Fatherhood is Leadership— The most important kind of leadership.

- Leadership does not mean that the father is the boss, in charge, or is more important
- Fathers, lead your families with love, kindness, and gratitude
- **Parenting is a full and equal partnership**

If fatherhood is leadership & the purpose of life is to have happy & safe families:

- It is the father's responsibility is to bring happiness & safety to his family.
- A good starting point is to bring happiness and safety to his wife.

Sacredness is a deep traditional value of Native people

- Native people generally accept symbols of nature to be sacred (i.e. mountains, canyons, rivers, burial grounds, animals, etc.)
- As well as some items and some traditional ceremonies

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NAFFA has found when individuals understand that their role as father or mother is sacred, they:

- Become easier to work with
- Are self-motivated to improve and change their lives
- Involve themselves in the lives of their families and communities
- Develop a stronger commitment to becoming a blessing to their families, not a burden



Foundational Principals

Rules or codes of conduct to guide your life

Good and true principals:

- Never change
- Apply to all our needs
- Give us confidence to deal with life's problems

“ When a man values his privileges more than his principals, he soon loses both.”

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower ~



**Native American men make great husbands,
fathers & leaders**

**Native American women make great wives,
mothers & leaders**

**To honor the past, we must improve upon
the present. This is accomplished through
strong fathers and mothers who are devoted
to their families.**



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