

NATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Youth Department Changes

At PITU's Youth Program, we offer our kids incredible opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive. They not only build lifelong friendships and connect with their cultural traditions, but also take part in meaningful community events. On top of that, they get to travel to some truly breathtaking places.

We firmly believe that PITU's youth hold the keys to a bright future, and through this program, we provide them with valuable learning experiences that will last a lifetime.

We're excited to share that the program is now part of the Puow'wan Program, which allows us to work even more closely with the Education Department and Family Services.

This collaboration strengthens our efforts to support and empower our youth in new and meaningful ways. Through the Youth Program, our participants engage in community events, share cultural knowledge, and gain confidence in public speaking—experiences that help them grow both personally and professionally. It's incredibly rewarding to see them flourish in these spaces. We're also thrilled to announce a new addition to the program: We've recently taken on the responsibility of overseeing the Johnson O'Malley program, Title VI Indian Education, and staying engaged with school board meetings—basically, everything related to K-12 education.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Theme:
Laugh- Kiya
(Pron. Kee-yah)

- **Feb. 12:** St. George Title VI, 6–8pm, Coral Cliffs
- **Feb. 17:** Presidents' Day, Buildings closed
- **Feb. 20:** Lava Ridge Intermediate School Visit
- **Feb. 21:** Round Dance, 6pm, PITU Gym
- **Feb. 26:** Fillmore High School Visit

See full calendar of events at
PITU.gov/Native-Youth/

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This expansion helps us ensure our youth are supported, empowered, and prepared for success in their academic journeys.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about our Youth Program, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can find our contact information here:
<https://pitu.gov/native-youth/>

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Concern

We understand that recent ICE activity may be causing concern, and we want to ensure that you have information and recourse to support and protect your youth. Steps you can take include: obtaining minor identification cards, enrolling your youth in their tribe (if not already), requesting a letter stating your child is a descendant of a federally recognized tribe, or securing a passport to provide extra identification. Additionally, you can write a letter requesting that you be contacted immediately if ICE attempts to speak to your child at school. You can also inquire about the school's policy should ICE come to the school. Below are some resources. You can find the PITU Tribal Council statement on the matter at [PITU.gov](https://pitu.gov).

- **Minor Identification Cards:**
<https://dld.utah.gov/minor-id-us-citizen/>
- **Passport Info:**
<https://passportinfo.com/location/utah/>
- **Tribal Enrollment:** Rebecca Hill
rhill@pitu.gov or 435-586-1112



Registration

Please ensure that all Native youth are registered, as it is required for participation in the activities. To register, visit our website at <https://PITU.gov/Native-Youth> or use the QR code below.

