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Shikéédéé' Hózhqo Naasháadoo
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Shinaa T'áa'altso Hózhqo Naasháadoo
Shizadéé' Hahoozhqod doo
Hózhó náhásdlíí,
Hózhó náhásdlíí,
Hózhó náhásdlíí,
Nizhóní náhásdlíí.*



PEACEMAKING PROGRAM

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*Hooghan dóó naanish haz'áá dóó K'é bee
Hózhó Náhoodleelgo bee hahodít'éhígíí
biyijí' dóó binahjí'' nihidine'é yee
ádaa'á kondzín, yee na' ahinitín dóó ında
yíhool'aahgo be'iina' yíi' yislaago yee
hináa dooleel.*

Peacemaking is the Diné traditional method for solving problems between people. It uses the core principles of Traditional Diné Teachings as they were practiced long before the Long Walk - *Hweeldi*.

The Peacemaking Program is an alternative to Anglo-American judicial court procedures.

Peacemaking principles are the living culture of the Diné Life Way.

The goal of Peacemaking is returning to Hózhó.

When there is disharmony or Anáhoodít'í with our children and families, among adults, or in our community, it is our personal responsibility to restore harmony and balance. We must learn to resolve our own problems and teach our children Traditional Diné values that will be a positive influence in their lives.

Peacemaking emphasizes that our Diné people solve their own problems by talking it out and finding justice, rather than depending on the courts. This concept is based on the Traditional teaching: "T'áá hó ájit'éego".

Teaching traditional Dine values to our younger generation is vital to the well-being of the Diné. Youth engagement in Peacemaking is a high priority

PRIORTIES

- Restorative Justice
- Traditional Teachings – Language & Culture
- Inclusiveness of all Faiths / Faith-Based
- Children & Family Hózhó
- Status Accorded to Elders
- Vulnerable Adults
- Extreme Family Discord

PEACEMAKING PROCESS

Navajo Fundamental Law, traditions, and culture are all brought into Peacemaking. The participants work with a Peacemaker or Traditional Program Specialist to discuss the problems or events.

Participants restore Hózhó through talking it out and using traditional values, thinking about the impacts of the events on everyone involved, seeking forgiveness, and focusing on the well-being of their families, Clan, and the Diné community.

PROGRAM SERVICES

- Hózhó Jí Naat'aah
(*Diné Traditional Peacemaking*)
- Áłchíní BáNdazhnit'á
(*Diné Family Group Conferencing*)
- Nábináhaazláago Áłch'i'Yáti'
(*Life Value Engagement*)
- PYEAP—Peacemaking Youth Education Apprentice Program
- Teaching the Traditional Dispute Resolution Curriculum
- School Presentations & Community Outreach

PROCEDURES FOR SERVICES

- Referrals by Courts, Schools & Agencies
- Division of Social Services
- Office of the Prosecutors
- Probation Services
- Schools
- Other Agencies & Professionals

Requests for services by individuals must be made in person, telephone inquiries are allowed.

SELECTION OF THE PEACEMAKER

- By Traditional Program Specialist at each District
- Chapter-Certified Peacemakers
- Peacemakers may be selected by *Naat'chid'*
- Peacemakers in schools have additional requirements

FEES-FOR-SERVICES, YEEL

Predetermined Rate of \$80.00, or as negotiated by *Naat'chid'* and Peacemaker.

WHY PEACEMAKING?

Peacemaking is a traditional approach to resolving disputes that seeks Diné justice and restoration of Hózhó.

Peacemaking Resolution minimizes the time associated with the courts system and attorneys. It also eliminates court and attorney fees.

Peacemaking is faster than court procedures and allows participation of all concerned.

Peacemaking can be used for most issues; those requiring court orders must also be filed in court, but are resolved through Peacemaking.

Peacemaking encourages people to work together to resolve their conflicts amicably in a non-threatening environment and seek win-win solutions.

Peacemaking can be done in the home, chapter-house, or at court facility.

IF YOU NEED TO USE PEACEMAKING:

Call the nearest Peacemaking Program Office for information.



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