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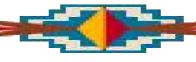




Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council Project Sites for Robert Woods Johnson Building Community Supports for Diabetes Project



Cultural Influences on Intervention Strategies





Introduction

- Three distinct sites in addition to MT-WY TLC office in Billings, MT:
- Ft. Peck 670 miles (RT) from Billings.
- N. Arapaho 600 miles (RT) from Billings.
- E. Shoshone 600 miles (RT) from Billings.





Our Interventions

- Diabetes Self-management Education Classes.
- Talking Circles.
- On-going from Diabetes Program.
- Other Activities.







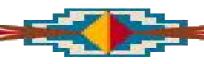
- •Tribal Health Director's, liaisons and diabetes staff help plan and participate in DSME classes.
- •Identify issues with effectiveness of training style.
- •Discuss learning styles of attendees.





Identify Issues

- Attendees require regular physical movement and hands-on learning style.
- Tribal Health Directors suggest incorporating culturally appropriate activities into curriculum.
- Re-emphasize talking circles and encourage storytelling.
- Add educational components to social gatherings.





- Add stress-busters to break up DSME sessions.
- Identify local success stories on a regular basis.
- Provide short demonstration of how to make pemmican at talking circle support group.





Pemmican 1-2-3

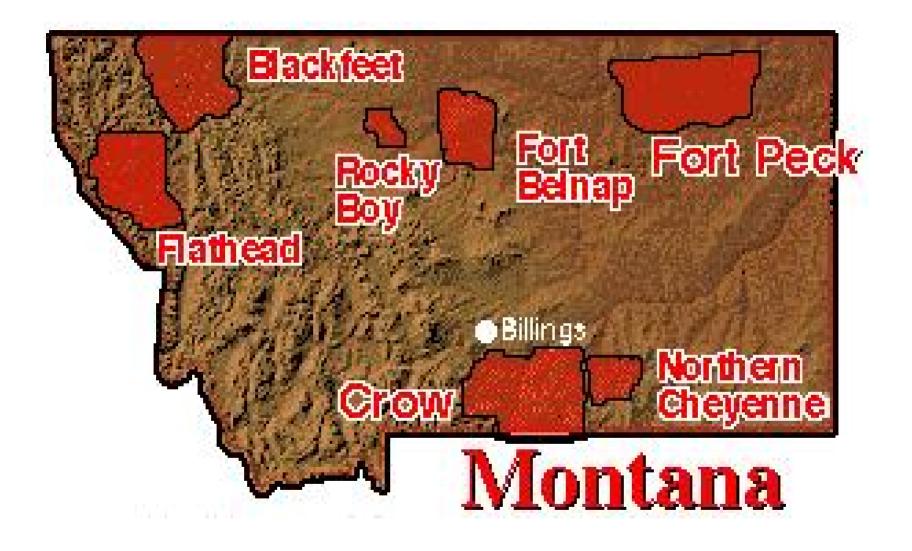
- Ingredients:
- 4-5 ounces dried game, buffalo or beef (no salt or seasoning added)
- 1/3 cup dried chokecherries, June berries, huckleberries, raisins or Cran-raisins (cranberry)
- 2 tablespoons rendered beef lard or fat from kidney or bone marrow. Do **not** use shortening, butter or vegetable oil.
- Directions:
- Break dried meat into 1 inch pieces and grind using blender or meat grinder.
- Add dried berries or fruit to meat and grind again. Consistency should be dry and loose with fruit broken up.
- Add melted fat slowly while mixing. The fat will change consistency and appear semi-moist instead of dry. It improves the flavor and texture.
- Serve loose in a bowl or press into balls. Store in cloth or paper bag – no plastic.

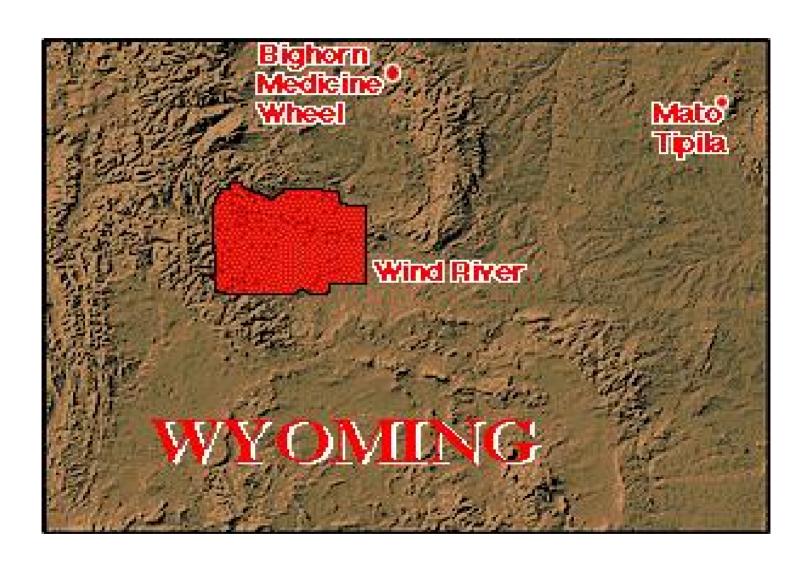


Conclusion

- Continue talking circles and storytelling.
- Plan to incorporate stress-busters and physical activities to each DSME session.
- Set-up educational outreach at community events.
- Encourage prevention interventions utilizing healthy activities of a traditionalcultural nature.







About the Pemmican

- Traditional food
- Kibbe Conti, a nutritionist and tribal member, has information about the benefit of this food (including the protein absorption rates of persons undergoing dialysis).
- Each step of the production can be a cultural component activity.
- Several Tribes have buffalo herds.
- Indigenous Diabetes Education Alliance is a resource to the Tribes.

