



# Integrating Native Ways For Foster and Adoptive Children and Healing

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learn from very  
little children for  
the hearts of the  
little children are  
pure.

Therefore, the  
Great Spirit may  
show to them  
many things  
which older  
people miss.

— Black Elk



# Belonging

From Conception through the developmental stages of our lives we are a celebration. Our Native Ways transition us in safety through this physical life.

Native Ways secure us in this beautiful universe. A time when infants and children learn who they are, where they belong, and feel a sense of protection.

Belonging creates and validates a sense of self identity, and my place in my family, and into the community. Shared Cradleboard stories are fun, and have varied and shared origins, and purposes. The safety, and security offered is appreciated long after the child has grown out of the board 😊



CONSOLIDATED CHIPPEWA 5A: A Chippewa baby in the traditional cradle board at an Indian rice camp at Little Rice Lake near Tower, Minnesota. Gordon Summers, 1940.

# Mastery

**The time when adolescents, and young adults learn to understand their gifts, their vision, where they come from and how to master their talents.**

**And how to balance their strength and make it of value in their family, community, schools, and in the world.**



**Mastery:** *“Become the person you hold in high regard.  
Politely emulate the words, gesture...and the walk.”*



# Interdependence

A time for adulthood, responsibility to others, and understanding our interconnectedness with all things.



**Interdependence:** Recognizes the Spirit of all things, we are a energy source in the universe.



# Generosity

This is a time when we give back to our families and community, through sharing of wisdom, teachings, culture, ritual, stories, and song.







# Generosity

**“We come from generous, and gracious people: We have openly shared our homelands, foods, medicines, and songs. It is ours to share, our Earth Mother has taught us much. Thank you for making room for our children. It is our natural duty. Despite the hardships this life is a good.”**

*“Eny pi am Eskaganaa’v” Voice of the  
future- Kwatsaan*



# What will they recall about their childhood?

What do you recall, and...

Does culture matter?



# Culture matters!



# The Spirit never left!



Continue to feed it with your continued love, belief, and humility.



For the generations to come.



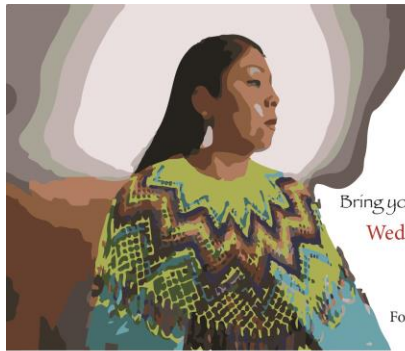


**The evolution of all things in life will always circle back  
to our Native Ways.**

**Our children grow up faster than we realize. We have a  
short time to teach them how to live in this life without  
me. Letting go is part of that evolution.**



# PITU/BC Cultural events



Join us for  
**OPEN BIRD NIGHT**  
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah  
440 N. Paiute Dr. Cedar City, Ut  
\*Held in the Back Conference Room

Bring you songs, gourd, dress, scarfes, & dance!  
Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm (weekly)

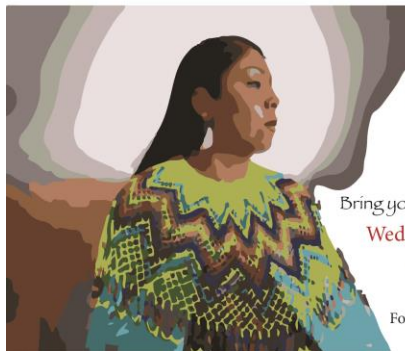
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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit Run “*Moo’koo uv Toho wee*”**  
**September 24, 2016. This is a men’s fasting event. Ages**  
**13 and up.**

# Our Native Ways are preserved through our children



It is our collective duty!

