



TRIBAL TRIBULATION

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INTRODUCTION

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TRIBAL CUSTOMS

➤ HISTORY

➤ LIFE OF A KICKAPOO



HISTORY

- ▶ Kickapoo comes from Kiwigapaw, meaning he stands about, Or he moves about, standing now here, now there.
- ▶ Generally a tribe that had more people called “Algonquian” but was soon divided into “Foxes”, “Sauks”, and “Kickapoo”.
- ▶ The Kickapoo’s are located in Kansas, Oklahoma, South Texas/Mexico
- ▶ Legally held title to land in 1985 in Texas
 - ▶ Prior to 1985, camped underneath the Texas/Mexico International Bridge
 - ▶ Hold dual citizenship



HISTORY

- ▶ Kickapoo continues to be the most traditional tribe
- ▶ Kickapoo population in Texas 625 – 650
- ▶ Texas/Mexico Kickapoo lead by Spiritual Leaders not Chief and Tribal Council



KICKAPOO LIFE

- ▶ Leave 2 – 3 months out of the year to Nacimiento for Spiritual Rituals
- ▶ Tribal members do not speak about rituals and religion
- ▶ Language: English/Kickapoo/Spanish
 - ▶ Past: Spanish/Kickapoo/English



KICKAPOO LIFE

- ▶ Male can marry outside of tribe
 - ▶ Female marry within the tribe
- ▶ Parents responsibility to teach Kickapoo traditions to children
- ▶ Discipline children by parents siblings



STRUGGLES WHEN IMMERSED INTO PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ▶ Tri-cultural Lifestyle
- ▶ Tribal Members Identified as Bilingual Students
- ▶ Attendance Problem
- ▶ Minimal Differences When Compared to Hispanic Population



STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVELY COUNSELING KICKAPOO YOUTH

- ▶ Avoid Spiritual Guidance
- ▶ Respect religion/culture/ritual are sacred



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➤ AREAS OF IMPORTANCE:

- SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- HEALTHY LIFESTYLES (EATING HABITS)
- LIFE SKILLS
- RELIGION
- BALANCING THE TRI-CULTURAL LIFE AND RESPONSIBILITIES



COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES

- BUSINESS ENTITY
 - CASINO
 - RESTAURANTS
 - HOTEL
 - GAS STATION
 - CLINIC



COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES

- ▶ EMPLOY NON TRIBAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
- ▶ HELP WITH BENEFIT FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY
- ▶ DONATE TO COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS