

**Youth Initiatives Committee (YIC)**  
**Native Financial Education Coalition**  
Minutes of Teleconference, 31, May 2005

The Youth Initiative Subcommittee of the Native Financial Education Coalition (NFEC) met via teleconference call on May 31st. Participants in the call were Joanna Donohoe (Coalition Coordinator for the NFEC) Diane Riggs (Junior Achievement) Carol Quiller (Internal Revenue Service) Clinton Waara (Wells Fargo), JoAnn DePenning (J DePenning Consulting)

**Pilot Projects Updates:**

- 1) **Beim Foundation Funded - The Heart of the Earth Charter School in Minneapolis Pilot Project Update** – Financial Fitness for Life curriculum project completed with the end of the school year, project results forthcoming.
- 2) **Beim Foundation Funded - Saint Paul American Indian Magnet School Pilot Project Update**– Began January 2005 as a new program of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students being instructed using the Financial Fitness for Life Curriculum. This pilot will continue in the fall.
- 3) **Wells Fargo Foundation Funded - Twin Cities Pilot Project Update** – Working to begin another Twin Cities project to start a Wells Fargo Hands on Banking program this summer.
- 4) **Wells Fargo Foundation Funded - South Dakota Rosebud Reservation School Pilot Project Update** – Momentum has been an issue but currently there is an effort in place to put together a meeting with Elsie and Dr. Bordeaux to move the program forward as the funding is in place to start.
- 5) **Boys and Girls Club** – Boys and Girls Club Money Matters in Indian Country – Schwab Foundation funded. Funding was received in January 2005 to pilot four Native American Boys and Girls Clubs using the *Money Matters: Make It Count*, financial curriculum developed in collaboration with the Charles Schwab Foundation and made possible through the Foundation's funding. The clubs, two in Arizona and two in Nevada include: B &GC of East Valley, Inc – Gila River Branch (Gila River Pima & Maricopa Indian Community); B& GC of Scottsdale – Red Mountain Branch (Salt River Pima & Maricopa Indian) B&GC of Mason Valley – Schruz Unit (Walker River Paiute); and the B&GC of Las Vegas – (Moapa Band of Paiutes Unit). Site representatives attended a 1 ½ day implementation training in Nevada in February 2005, hosted by B&GC and FirstPic, Inc. At the training the site representatives received information about the curriculum implementation and evaluation process. Sites will conduct several rounds of the curriculum throughout the grant year and will provide feedback about their activities including successes and challenges regarding the adaptation process. Additional sites will be sought as funding is secured.

### **New Initiatives and New Ideas:**

1. The National Indian School Board Association Summer Institute is July 17 – 20<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Dick Todd will participate on behalf of the YIC.
2. The NFEC is planning a meeting in D.C. on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss strategies for institutionalizing financial education in schools that serve Native communities. Also to seek information about how schools on reservations are organized. JoAnn is coordinating.

### **Open Discussion:**

J.A. is currently working with BIA and some of their schools. In South Dakota at Pine Ridge and in New Mexico near Albuquerque, for middle school grades using JA Economics for Success. A plan is in place but the program has not yet started. Diane Riggs will send additional information to JoAnn about this project – contact is at the Office of Indian Education Programs in Albuquerque, New Mexico - Lynn Lafferty.

Clint Waara shared information about the “Teach for America” program and will forward contact information to Diane Riggs as it may benefit their BIA project.

Joanna was recently in Minneapolis at a Tribal College meeting and discussed with Dick the concept of producing a story or literature based financial literacy lesson. Diane Riggs mentioned their examples. She also shared information about the Kellogg Foundation’s Learning to Give [www.learningtogive.com](http://www.learningtogive.com) site as a resource.