

Wahzhazhe Youth Council

2026 Highlights

Youth Events & Activities

Opportunities organized and hosted by the Prevention Department and partners.

- Monthly Business Meetings & Officer Elections
- UNITY Southern Plains Regional Meet Up
- UNITY Mid-Year Conference - Phoenix, AZ
- UNITY National Conference - OKC
- Open Studio Cultural Crafts (5 Sessions)
- Men's Shirt Regalia Making Classes (7 Sessions)
- Strike Out Teen Dating Violence Bowling Event - Collab w/ONHS Family Violence Prevention
- Graduation Stoles for WYC High School Seniors - Designed by WYC Members

Impact

Through WYC involvement, youth are developing skills, building connections, and strengthening cultural identity, all of which support their well-being and success now and throughout their lives.

Mind
- Mental & Emotional Well-being | Hope | Resilience | Life Skills

Body
- Physical Well-being | Healthy Habits | Positive Activities

Spirit
- Cultural Identity | Cultural Foundations | Gratitude | Purpose

Community
- Belonging| Connection | Relationships | Leadership | Service

Engagement

A structured approach through an Engagement & Rewards Model that encourages and recognizes ongoing youth participation, cultural connection, leadership, positive contributions to the community, and personal growth.

Youth earned **379** engagement points by participating in these activities:

- Monthly Business Meeting Attendance | 167 points
- Volunteered at Prevention/ONHS/ON Event | 39 points
- Osage Language Introduction | 28 points
- Cultural Activity or Gathering | 28 points
- WYC Cultural Activity | 27 points
- School Sports | 27 points
- Exercise | 20 points
- UNITY Regional Meet Up | 9 points
- As & Bs for Semester/Scholastic Achievement | 9 points
- Community Service | 8 points
- Employed for 3 months or Employee Award | 6 points
- Other Indigenous Language Introduction | 5 points
- Cultural Craft | 4 points
- Learn Osage Culture | 1 point
- SAT, ACT, College Placement Test | 1 point

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HONORING TRADITION, LEADING TODAY, BUILDING TOMORROW