

# Resolution CS-51-21

**NAVAJO NATION**

The purpose of the Navajo Nation Diné Action Plan (DAP) is to provide a roadmap for all entities and partners to address public safety and social program needs in order to address the issues plaguing the Navajo Nation, which include violence, substance use disorder, suicide, and our missing and murdered Diné Relatives, by working together toward shared goals and objectives. The DAP will also be used as a data resource and used to support future grant applications.

The underlying foundation of the DAP incorporates the historical Diné teachings and the Diné Planning Model in order to think, plan, carry out, and reflect on the goals, plans, and anticipated accomplishments.

**IINÁ**  
(LIFE)

**NAHAT'Á**  
(PLANNING)



**SIIHASIN**  
(EVALUATION)

**NITSÁHÁKEES**  
(THINKING)

## Advisory Group

The DAP Advisory Group is established to develop and oversee implementation of the goals and objectives of the DAP. The Advisory Group will also create a network of tribal and non-tribal advocates and will reevaluate and amend the DAP whenever necessary or at least every five (5) years.

- Navajo Nation Office of President and Vice President
- Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation
- Speaker of the Navajo Nation
- Health, Education, & Human Services Committee member or designee
- Naa'bik'iyati' Committee member or designee
- Law and Order Committee member or designee
- Director of Office of the Public Defender
- Director of Navajo Department of Public Safety
- Chiefs of Police, including Ramah
- Chief Prosecutor
- Director of Criminal Investigations
- Director of Division of Behavioral & Mental Health Services
- Director of Division of Social Service
- Superintendent of Department of Diné Education
- Representative of the Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program
- Navajo Nation Youth Council Member
- Navajo Nation Women's Commission member
- Navajo Nation Aging Council Member
- Navajo Nation Government Development representative.



# Diné Action Plan

**DINÉ BINAHAT'Á BEE AS'AH  
ODÁÁŁ**

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## Naayéé' NAVAJO CULTURAL CONTEXT

### “SLAYING OF THE MONSTERS”

As it is told by our elders and medicine people, there was a time when the women had been separated from men and some children were conceived in the Third World which is also referred to as the Yellow World or Ałnaashjii' Adeezdéél. These children were unnatural and became evil monsters and are also known as Naayéé' to our Diné People. These monsters made the People unsafe, killed and injured them, and caused disharmony and loss.

In contemporary society, our People face monsters of the modern world such as substance abuse, suicide, and the various forms of violence that has come onto our People.



## Vision

*Empowering and Strengthening Healthier Generations through Diné planning.*

## Mission

*DINÉ BINAHAT'Á BEE AS'AH ODÁÁŁ  
Empowering, Strengthening and Leading the People to Prosperity.*

With substance abuse, our People are attacked by the monster of addiction and lose their lives to chemicals that draw them into a trap of irresistible cravings where they are poisoned and die. With suicide, our Diné face the evil of hopelessness which results in the taking of one's own life. With violence, there are monsters of frustration and pain causing them to lash out on others. Finally, there are monsters outside Navajo land and within who take our People away from our families.

The teachings of the Holy People are embedded in our culture and traditions and the teachings provide us with the tools we need to defeat our modern monsters. The teachings have been given to us by Diyin Diné'é (The Holy People).

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# Leadership



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