

Economic Development In Tribal Communities



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Rural Dynamics

**Non-profit organization doing business
in Montana, North Dakota, South
Dakota and Wyoming**

**We provide programs and develop
partnerships to help youth, individuals,
and families achieve economic
independence.**



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Micro to Macro

- ***Direct Program Work***

Working with individuals and families directly

- ***Systemic Change***

Policy work building capacity through civic engagement

Develop organizational capacity for policy work

- ***Grassroots Change***

Working with communities to affect change through philanthropic investment and program initiatives



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Continuum of Economic Independence

**Economic
Dependence**



**Economic
Independence**

EARN

IT

KEEP

IT

GROW

IT

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**ACCESS
OPPORTUNITIES**

EARN IT

These initiatives assist families in building their capacity for additional wealth accumulation. *Programs include:*

- Benefits Bridge is a simple web tool that assesses need and eligibility for social services
- Family Economic Security Program is a program that assists former TANF recipients with a career or housing IDA program, financial education, and a prosperity club
- EITC out reach through Tax Help Montana
- Youth Leadership camp to assist in developing young entrepreneurs
- Self-Employment Tax Initiative



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KEEP IT

These initiatives assist families in building their security through programs that assist them in keeping their assets.

Programs include:

- IDA's
- Financial Education and Counseling – Building Native Communities
- Native American Credit Counseling
- CDFI
- Policy Initiatives



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GROW IT

These initiatives assist families in building their security through asset development.

Programs include:

- Financial Education – Building Native Communities
- FINRA (formerly NASD) Native American Investor Education for Junior High and High School Students
- Policy work – L3C Example
- Economic Development Partnership Work



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Building Capacity

- Partnership Development Initiatives
 - Partner with local organization to provide Organizational Learning and Systemic Thinking Training to Partners
- Leverage Partner/Organizational Investment in Capacity Building Activities
 - Montana Indian Business Alliance
 - Montana Credit Union Network Alternatives to Deferred Deposit Loans
 - Indian Nonprofit Association



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Building Capacity

- Cultivating Investments of Time and Money from Community Partners
 - Volunteers
 - Capital Fundraising
 - Educators and Industry Resources
 - Economic Development
- Identifying and Developing Catalyst Communities and Organizations/Associations
- Grassroots Advocacy at a Regional Level to Strengthen the Rural Voice – State Asset Building Organizations
- Developing Philanthropic Partners Who Share Our Vision



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