



# Tribal Youth Program Vision & Purpose Statements



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# Holding a Vision for Indigenous Youth

## **VISION...**

- Is a mental picture of the future. It is an idea of what the future can hold but has not yet happened.
- Is the thing inside of us that guides and motivates us and creates a desire to grow and improve.
- Embodies our hopes and ideals.
- Gives us a sense of purpose and brings us flashes or glimpses of what is possible.
- Helps to keep us moving forwards and through obstacles.
- Gives us the meaning and purpose in what we provide for Indigenous youth.



# Stating Your Truest Purpose

- A Purpose Statement is a compass to guide our way through the inevitable moments of discomfort and uncertainty, **CREATING** a pathway towards the TYP program vision and goals.
- Beyond Feelings; it Looks at Actions.
- Creates a “place & space” for families and community partners to contribute to the program goals and activities.



# Examples of Vision & Purpose Statements

## **Vision Statement**

*“A unified community that promotes holistic wellness for the future of our people.”*

(Tribal Youth Program example)

## **Purpose Statement**

*“Our purpose is to revitalize and reconnect our Tribal youth to their Culture through activities and support that strengthen their cultural identity.”*

(Tribal Youth Program example)

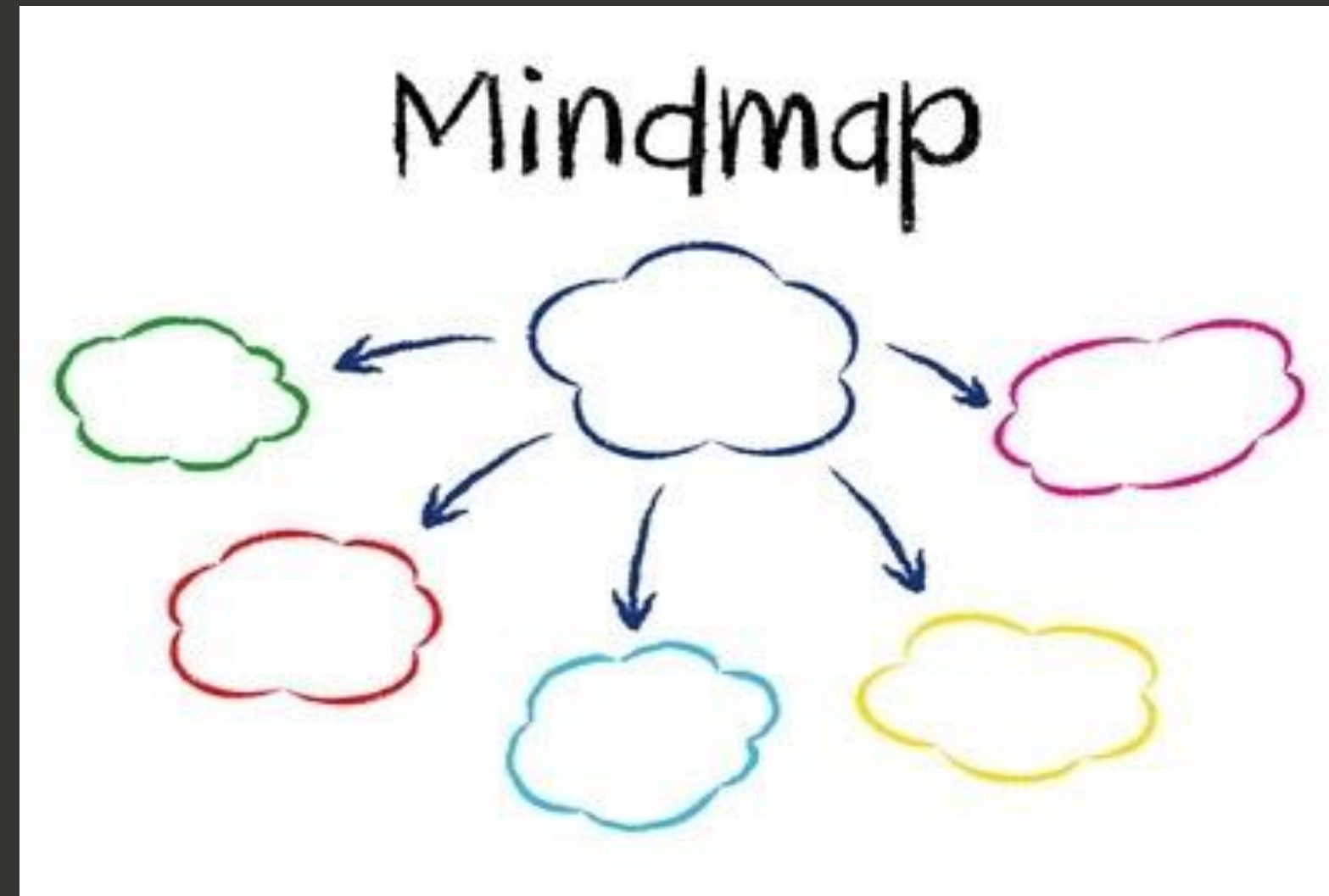
# What is a Mind Map??



- ❖ A mind map is a tool that represents ideas visually, making it easier to structure and link thoughts around a central concept. It starts with a main idea at the center, with branches representing subtopics or related information radiating outward.
- ❖ This format not only simplifies complex data but also improves understanding and memory retention by reflecting the brain's natural cognitive processes. Studies have shown that using mind maps aids in learning, as the visual and structured format helps people retain more information than linear note-taking.
- ❖ Mind maps are a simple yet powerful way to organize thoughts and ideas visually. They help brainstorm, plan, and problem-solve by mapping out information around a central theme.



# Mind Mapping in Real Time





## Time to Mind Map a Draft Vision Statement

Directions:

1. On a blank piece of paper draw a circle and in the center of the circle write “Vision for Our Youth”
2. Now on the outside of the circle add branches
3. Now percolate words that come to your mind in terms of the vision for your youth and the Tribal Youth Program you are a part of.
4. Place each word on a branch.
5. Reflect on the words you percolated and post this session draft a two to three sentence vision statement.



# Time to Mind Map a Draft Purpose Statement



## Directions:

1. On a blank piece of paper draw a circle and in the center of the circle write “Purpose of Our Program”
2. Now on the outside of the circle add branches
3. Now percolate words that come to your mind in terms of the purpose for your youth and the Tribal Youth Program you are a part of .
4. Place each word on a branch
5. Reflect on the words you percolated and post this session draft a two to three sentence purpose statement.





## Closing

*“I think the legacy of the Cherokee people is one of incredible spirit. We are taught to think about the impact of all decisions on the seventh generation — three before us and three after us. That is how we move forward: by remembering where we come from and where we are going.”*

*— Wilma Mankiller*