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The Crafton Bandjalung & Lakota people of the Pine Ridge Reservation have independently taken steps to improve equality & socio-economic status within their countries, by addressing health & education issues.

With Indigenous Australians being 4 times more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes, the ^{Bunbiring} Crafton community has been forced to establish programs to decrease the statistic ~~as well~~ ~~as government aiding effective programs.~~

The Aboriginal Medical Service, although a government program has independently created a "Fruit & Vegie" program to promote the consumption of fresh fruit & vegies to every applied Aboriginal family in the Clarence. This program has significantly decreased Aboriginal illness & even impacted the diagnosis of diabetes, revealing a near 10% drop within the community.

The Pine Ridge Lakota ^{in the US} have established a similar program to address substance abuse within the community which effects over 80% of the community. This program promotes substance abusers to seek help by visiting each household, the program also provide ~~to~~ housing for children who have been affected by substance.

abusers in their household. This program has shown only slight ^{5%} effectiveness, due to the lack of government funding & involvement. The Lakota community also suffers from a "growing epidemic of suicide" revealing 11:60 school students committing suicide & over 40% of the population. These statistics led to the hasty employment of support teachers & counsellors by the govt. however, the turnover rate is significantly higher than anywhere else in the US.

Another glaring issue within the Reservation is school attendance and matriculation. 75% of students drop out by year 10 & only 12% go on to senior years. Although the Govt. has employed more teachers to the Reserve, much like the counsellor rate, the turnover rate of the teachers is 3 times higher, once again forcing the community to provide a compromise. By establishing/including the education about culture into the school, students are more involved & given a further in-depth sense of identity improving the yr 10 matriculation by 17%!

The inclusion of traditional customs within schools has also been adopted into some of the more rural areas of Australia, ~~Programs~~ Programs such as ATASAIANE

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enshrine traditional mentoring teaching techniques, creating connections to the mentors and their school life. ^{AIME} ~~AAT~~ has improved attendance rates by 20% in the effected schools with results improving.

Although the steps commanities have taken toward equality in their countries may be ~~small~~ small, their effects are proving more effective than Govt. initiatives.

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