

# Little Priest Tribal College Winnebago, NE

## Common Ground Gardens Project 2011

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Common Ground Gardens is a garden project at Little Priest Tribal College and is funded through grants (CSED, BRAEHN) from the United States Department of Agriculture and NIFA and is located at Little Priest Tribal College in Winnebago, NE





# Program Goals

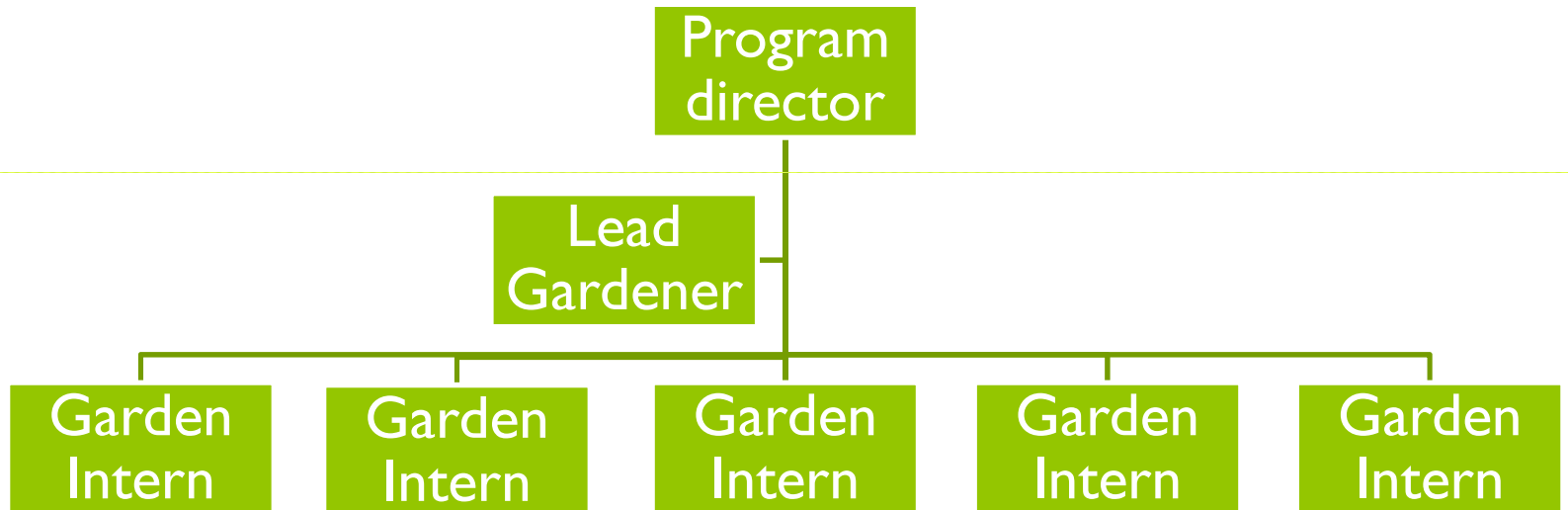
Common Ground Gardens goals include; To grow organic, natural and pesticide free produce 12 months around the year and to provide free healthy food to the local communities around and in Winnebago, NE and help people learn to live a healthier, sustainable lifestyle for today tomorrow and in the future



# Internship Opportunities

- Common Ground Gardens provides Internships at Little Priest Tribal College for College students during the fall and spring semesters and for summer youth during the summers to educate interns in the field of horticulture and the different areas of science and renewable energy that are and can be associated horticulture.

# How program goals are met





# Why we're Important

- Common Ground Gardens we strive to teach the community about healthier food options
- Lethal diabetes on the reservations and other diseases are along with diabetes being tied in with obesity.
- We are involved to better the community through gardening and eating and living healthier for a longer life.



# Community activities we host;

- Free Monthly workshops that are made available to the community that covers horticulture and health and welo related topics
- Lunch and learns
- Summer farmers markets
- Summer youth internships for youth ages 10-18

# Hoop House (Green House) and use of renewable energy at LPTC

- In the cold months we utilize a corn fed stove to keep our hoop house warm above freezing temperatures so we can continue to grow cold crops throughout the winter season.
- Hoop house is connected to a battery which is connected to an inverter to solar panel to charge battery units to power corn stove







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# Benefits of Youth Internship

- Developing Youth's work ethic (being on time, team work, Completing assigned tasks)
- Enhancing gardening skills

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- Beneficial to expose them to an outdoor and college atmosphere
- Life skills development (gaining knowledge in use of tools, leadership and discipline)

# Youth Garden Internship 2011



Learning about vermiculture (worms) and their role in dirt



Building raised garden beds



Learning how, why and when to prune trees

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Summer youth interns watering and providing care over plants in the Hoop House.

Colonization workshop put on for youth by Little Priest Tribal College staff and faculty.



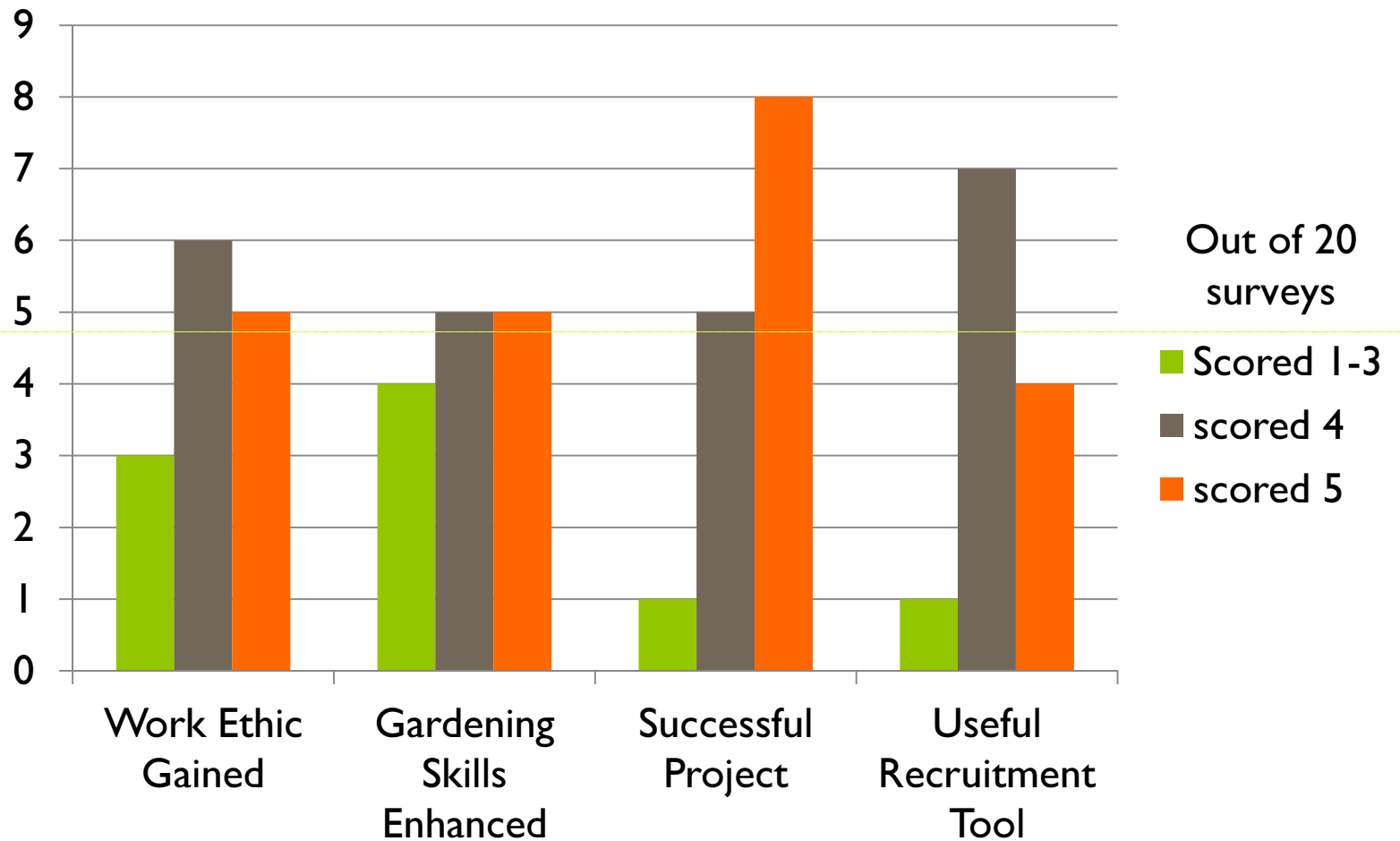


## What we've learned from our project/program

- After the Summer youth internship we handed out evaluations based on the youth internship to the staff at LPTC. using the feed back from the survey we utilize the data to see how can improve the program and internships in the future.
- work ethic enhanced, gardening skills enhanced, beneficial to youth.



# Common Ground Gardens Intern assessment-"2011"





## How we are doing this for the tribal community

- By providing a healthier food alternative for the community and through education
- Hosting free workshops for the community
- And providing our youth and college students the opportunity to learn about horticulture, renewable energy and a healthier more sustainable lifestyle