



# CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH

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## AT THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

## Dirk's 262 Mile Run to Support Native Youth

The Center for Native American Youth and Dirk Whitebreast are working together to raise awareness and prevent youth suicide in Indian Country.



Dirk Whitebreast

**Dirk Whitebreast**, a 31-year-old member of *Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa*, is taking on the challenge of running **10 marathons in 30 days** in an effort to raise awareness of the challenges facing Native youth and address the tragic level of suicide in Indian Country.

For a full list of Dirk's marathons and to support **Dirk's 262 Mile Run** by donating to the Center for Native American Youth please visit [www.aspeninstitute.org/dirksrun](http://www.aspeninstitute.org/dirksrun).

### Why Dirk is running:

- First and foremost, to honor the life and share the story of his 18 year old sister, **Darcy Jo Keahna**, who took her own life in 2003.
- Promote healthy living in Indian Country.
- Set an example of commitment, motivation, hard work and leadership for all Native youth.



Darcy Jo Keahna

**"It is people like Dirk that can give Native American youth hope. Through Dirk's challenge and the Center, we will reach out to youth and give them hope,"** says Center's founder, **former US Senator Byron Dorgan**.