

Thriving youth and adults are steadily growing towards and becoming . . .

People with a positive sense of self

Nurturing and responsible family members

Caring and ethical individuals

Effective communicators

Exemplary workers and lifelong learners

People who make healthy life choices

Innovative problem solvers & appliers of a creative process

Involved community members and responsible global citizens



To ensure that ALL of the county's children, youth and families are moving towards the above thriving indicators, the municipalities, Southern Ute Tribe, schools systems, neighborhoods, not-for-profits, for-profits, places of worship, civic clubs, businesses, funding sources, and any other entity with whom children, youth and families interact will need to become more developmentally attentive. Developmentally attentive systems and organizations (DAS/O) are intentionally structured to increase the likelihood that the children, youth and families they serve are being empowered to thrive, while working with others to ensure that the community itself is striving to be developmentally attentive.