Mitzi Racine – About

**Mitzi Racine** is a seasoned consultant and development strategist with over **19 years of experience** supporting Tribal Nations, rural communities, local governments, and nonprofits across the United States. She brings an exceptional depth of knowledge in **grant writing, project management, tribal government partnerships, and intergovernmental collaboration**. Mitzi has served in diverse leadership roles including **Contracts Manager, Project Manager, Executive Director, Development Director, and Business Owner**, demonstrating her versatility and commitment to advancing sustainable community development.

Mitzi holds a **Bachelor’s degree from Montana State University Billings**, a **Master’s degree from the University of Mary**, and a **Ph.D. from Grand Canyon University**. Her academic work has focused on public service, behavioral health, and systems-level change, which she integrates into every aspect of her work with tribal and underserved populations.

Throughout her career, Mitzi has led and supported successful proposals across a wide spectrum of federal programs, including but not limited to: the **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)**, **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**, **Indian Health Service (IHS)**, **Economic Development Administration (EDA)**, **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, and **Department of Transportation (DOT)**. Her projects range from **infrastructure development and broadband expansion** to **law enforcement enhancement, tribal justice systems, cultural preservation, transitional housing, and mental health initiatives**.

As the **owner and lead strategist of Hutzen and Associates, LLC**, based in Billings, Montana, Mitzi specializes in empowering clients through capacity building, policy research, budget development, and high-impact grant writing. She is especially committed to supporting **tribal sovereignty**, **Native language revitalization**, **human rights**, and **anti-colonial approaches** to funding and service delivery.

Mitzi’s lived experience in tribal communities—paired with nearly two decades of professional service—gives her a deep understanding of the unique challenges and strengths within Indian Country. Her work is guided by a profound respect for cultural integrity, relationship-building, and systems transformation.