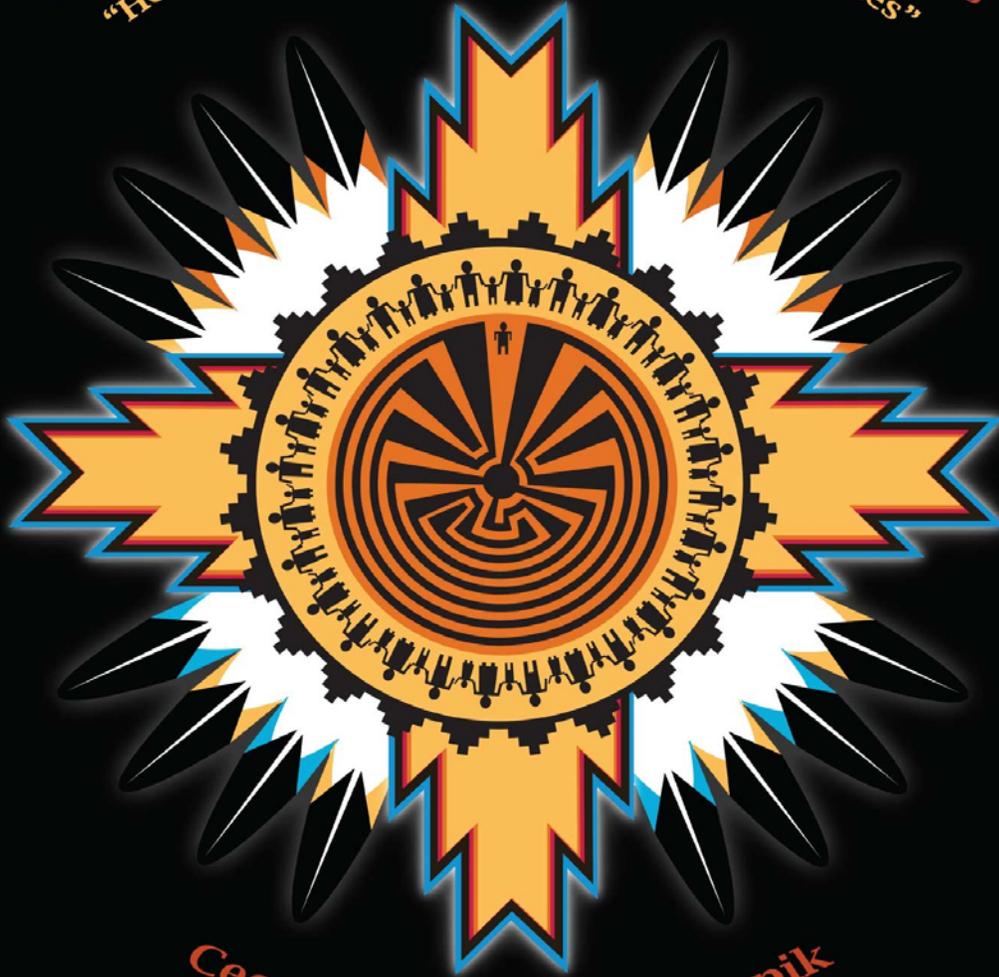


3rd Annual Men and Women's Gathering
"Healing and Strengthening Our Native Families"



Cecej c U'uvı ha Hemapik
"Ske:g Ki:dag Vehejed"



August 29-31, 2012
Talking Stick Resort
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(Men and Women's Gathering)

Ske:g Ki:dag Vehejeḍ

(For the Essence of a Healthy Relationship)

Notes:

Cecej (pl) – male / men

U'uvĩ (pl) – female/ women

“Ske:g Ki:dag Vehejeḍ” was added because the title by itself in O'odham just says:

(Cecej) (c) (U'uvĩ) (Hemapik)

Males and Females Gathering

When you add something else to it then it becomes:

(Cecej) (c) (U'uvĩ) (ha) (Hemapik)

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WELCOME

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) O'odham Piipaash Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Program and Life Enhancement and Resource Network welcome to the 3rd Annual Men and Women's Gathering.

In 2008 SRPMIC Tribal Council Representatives hosted a "Gathering of Men" event which provided an opportunity for the men of the community to come together to discuss many of the issues faced by their community. A small group of men from the SRPMIC O'odham Piipaash Fatherhood Program who were in attendance felt this was something that was very important and needed to continue. This small group of men, under the direction of the fatherhood program, moved forward in organizing the 1st Annual Men's Gathering held here in the SRPMIC. This successful event hosted a day of great presenters, including, Kansas City Chief's Hall of Fame kicker Nick Lowery, learning, and most importantly a day of great dialogue between men and sons. Since then this event has grown in to a full three day conference with the inclusion of all Native men and women of Arizona.

We are excited to bring our Native communities together to attend premiere workshops to build partnerships and share ideas that can strengthen our Native Families. Across Indian country we are plagued with the same issues of drugs, alcohol, domestic violence, gangs, child abuse/neglect. We cannot continue to ignore and refuse to talk about these issues in our communities and more importantly, within our homes. As such, these issues cannot be resolved if, at first, their existence is not acknowledged. It is through the connectedness, of which our ancestors understood, that we will be able to help our children and families become healthier and be more successful.

Special events: *this year we are pleased to provide lunch time entertainment on all three day with Acoustic O'odham Vaila – Ron Carlos, Senior Steppers Performance, and a Traditional Attire Fashion Show which participants are encouraged to bring their traditional clothing and participate in. Also, we will host an evening of Cultural Exchange Thursday August 30, 2012 from 6:00-9:00pm in the main ballroom at the Talking Stick Resort. All participants are encouraged to attend and provide a drum/dance group if possible.*

Again, welcome to the 3rd Annual Men and Women's Gathering at Talking Stick Resort. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Poleyumptewa,
Fatherhood and Family Resource Specialist
Life Enhancement and Resource Network*

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Tuesday August 28, 2012

5:00-7:00pm Pre-Registration

Wednesday August 29, 2012

7:30-8:30am Registration

8:30-8:45am Traditional Blessing (Main Ballroom)

8:45-9:00am Welcome-President/Vice President (Main Ballroom)

9:00-11:30am Opening Keynote: Inspire Motivate Lead (Main Ballroom)

11:30-12:30pm Lunch (Main Ballroom)

Entertainment: Acoustic O'odham Vaila – Ron Carlos (SRPMIC)

12:30-2:00pm *Breakout Session I*

Dove G: How to Achieve Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Families and Healthy Communities for Native Americans

Dove H: In Her Shoes: The Experience of a Domestic Violence Victim

Dove I: What is the Matter with the Matter? Insights into the Brain

Red Bird J: LGBTQ Panel

Red Bird K: Gangs In Indian Country

Red Bird L: Inspire Motivate Lead

2:00-2:15pm Break

2:15-3:45pm *Breakout Session II*

Dove G: Goal Setting for Health Wellness & Stress Reduction

Dove H: In Her Shoes: The Experience of a Domestic Violence Victim

Dove I: Boundaries That Respect

Red Bird J: Transitions in Life

Red Bird K: Living with Diabetes/Zumba

Red Bird L: Protecting Our LGBTQ Relatives

3:45-4:00pm Break

4:00-5:30pm *Breakout Session III*

Dove G: How to Achieve Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Families and Healthy Communities for Native Americans

Dove H: Gangs In Indian Country

Dove I: Domestic Violence 101

Red Bird J: It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Kid

Red Bird K: Talking with Your Teens

Red Bird L: Parenting Children with Autism

Conclude Day 1

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Thursday August 30, 2012

7:30-5:00pm	Registration
8:00-8:15am	Opening Remarks (Main Ballroom)
8:15-9:45am	Day 2 Keynote: Inspire & Empower Panel (Main Ballroom)
9:45-10:00am	Break
10:00-11:30am	<i>Breakout Session I</i>
	Dove G: Male Victimization
	Dove H: The Sacred Me
	Dove I: Motivational Interviewing 101
	Red Bird J: Suicidal Brain
	Red Bird K: Make Room for Dad
	Red Bird L: The Impact of Meth on our Communities' Well-being and Needs for Human Services
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch (Main Ballroom) <i>Entertainment: Senior Steppers Performance (SRPMIC)</i>
12:30-2:00pm	<i>Breakout Session II</i>
	Dove G: Male Victimization
	Dove H: Safe TALK/Living Works I
	Dove I: Developing An Emotional Relationship With Your Child
	Red Bird J: Wiring Healthy Brains With The ABC's Of Early Learning: Attention, Bonding, Communication
	Red Bird K: Circle of Experience
	Red Bird L: Tohono O'odham Salt Pilgrimage
2:00-2:15pm	Break
2:15-3:45pm	<i>Breakout Session III</i>
	Dove G: Life is Like a Box of Chocolates
	Dove H: Safe TALK/Livingworks II
	Dove I: Make Room for Dad
	Red Bird J: The Blame Game
	Red Bird K: Circle of Experience
	Red Bird L: How To Talk To A Brick Wall
4:00-6:00pm	Dinner - On your own
6:00pm-9:00pm	Evening Session: Cultural Exchange (Main Ballroom)

Conclude Day 2

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 30, 2012

6:00 pm	Conference Participants
6:15 pm	Dine Urban Voice
6:30 pm	Conference Participants
6:45 pm	Xalychidom Piipaash Vospo Dancers
7:15 pm	SRPMIC Traditional Dancers
7:40 pm	Bird Signing & Dancing by the River
8:00 pm	Social Singing & Dancing (O'odham/Piipaash)

Groups/Individuals may share between performances as well

Traditional O'odham Giveaway

Friday August 31, 2012

8:00-8:15am	Opening remarks
8:15-11:30am	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council Panel (Main Ballroom)
8:15-9:45am	<i>Concurrent Session I</i>
	Dove G: Bullied But Not Broken
	Dove H: The Impact of Meth on our Communities' Well-being and Needs for Human Services
	Dove I: Men's Health
9:45-10:00am	Break
10:00-11:30am	<i>Concurrent Session II</i>
	Dove G: Family Preservation
	Dove H: Smart Money Management
	Dove I: Women's Health
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch (Main Ballroom) <i>Entertainment: Traditional Dress Fashion Show</i>
12:30-2:00pm	Inter-Tribal Cultural Panel (Main Ballroom)
2:00-2:15pm	Break
2:15-3:45pm	Inter-Tribal Cultural Panel cont'd (Main Ballroom)
3:45-4:15pm	Conclusion
4:15-4:30pm	Closing Blessing

Workshop Descriptions

Boundaries That Respect

This presentation will focus on review definition of boundaries, purpose, types, and styles of boundaries. Presenter will briefly discuss examples of types of boundaries existing in within traditional Native Americans. Finally, we will review various steps to continue to develop boundaries that respect oneself and others.

Bullied but Not Broken

Bullying can be prevented, especially when the power of a community is brought together. Community-wide strategies can help identify and support children who are bullied, redirect the behavior of children who bully, and change the attitudes of adults and youth who tolerate bullying behaviors in peer groups, schools and communities. Aggressive behavior may be bullying, depending on what happened, how often it happens and who it happens to. Find out what bullying is and what the different types are. You can also learn about other topics related to bullying.

Circle of Experience: Gaining Personal Insight through Experiential Adventure Activities

This session will incorporate experiential learning (learning through knowledge "Thinking", reflection "Feeling", and action "Doing"), which promotes communication, trust and creates an opportunity for challenge that is guided through facilitators and participants. Circle of experience hopes to empower participants to capture their skills, strengths and apply the lessons learned in participants' future life experiences.

Developing an Emotional Relationship with your Child

What do parents W.I.S.H. for their child? In order to develop an emotional relationship with their child, a parent needs to know what they ultimately want for their child's future. In this workshop, attendees will be given the opportunity to ponder this question through hands on activities and reflection. They will see the connection between an emotional relationship and all types of learning. Social, emotional, and intellectual learning are all interconnected. Without an emotional relationship, learning cannot take place. Participants will leave with strategies that will improve their emotional relationship with their child.

Domestic Violence 101

Target audience: professionals (Social Workers, Law Enforcement, Therapists, Advocates, Medical Professionals, Faith-Base Community, Victims and Survivors)

This presentation will provide a multi-disciplinary approach toward understanding the dynamics of domestic violence. With this presentation participants will be able to recognize signs of domestic violence, learn what indicators will be present when dealing with someone capable of physical abuse, and gain knowledge about resource for victims (survivors) of domestic violence.

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Family Reunification/Preservation Program

The Family Reunification and Preservation Program services are provided to community families by the Social Services Division. The goals are to preserve Native American families by assisting parents in identifying their family strengths, to build upon that base in the client's own home and to seek and utilize resources within and outside of the Community. This workshop gives an in-depth description and discussion on the program.

Gangs in Indian Country

This presentation is delivered by a Native American Law Enforcement Officer with 18.5 years of experience dealing with gangs. This dynamic presentation into today's Gangs in Indian Country will cover the following topics that include the history of gangs in Indian Country, the current trends, gang mentality, gang prevention, and gang intervention.

Goal Setting for Health, Wellness, and Stress Reduction:

Health is a precious resource. Take time to set goals for you and your families' health! Setting realistic Goals helps us to achieve what is important, as well as to identify barriers and resources needed to get us where we want to be. This fun session will include gentle exercise to reduce stress. Join us to have fun and improve the health of you and your family!

Health and Wellness for Women

The focus of this presentation is on the preventative aspect of a woman's health. The objective thereof is increasing awareness of the screening for various diseases, and diagnostic procedures available to women of the SRPMIC. It is hoped that the women can be motivated through this presentation to dedicate a few minutes to an hour of their time to yearly women's examination/screening.

How to Achieve Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Families and Healthy Communities for Native Americans

The purpose of this workshop is to disseminate information on how to reduce health risks, health disparities and to improve the overall health of Native Americans. This presentation will also explore nutritional guidelines, physical activities and fitness, workplace health, balanced living techniques and in home practices that enhance individuals, families and communities. Increased rates of obesity and diabetes are at the heart of the most pressing issues facing Native Americans today. Healthy family practices are key steps in increasing our nation's commitment to the future generations.

How to Talk to a Brick Wall

Adults who care for teens have a responsibility to create and maintain positive and healthy relationships with them. One of the most practical and mutually rewarding ways to achieve this goal is through positive communication. There is an old saying that says we are all given two ears and one mouth, to remind us that we should spend twice as much time listening as talking. This is especially important when communicating with teenagers. You and your teen: two

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different worlds, two different perspectives and a giant disconnect that can make communicating a real mystery.

In Her Shoes: The Experience of a Domestic Violence Victim

"In Her Shoes" was developed by the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and is based on the real-life experiences of women with abusive partners. This interactive simulation fosters empathy with victims of domestic violence and allows participants to gain insight regarding the severe challenges faced by abused women and to answer for themselves that enduring question: Why doesn't she just leave?

It Shouldn't Hurt Being a Kid

Through peer interaction, participants will learn how domestic abuse affects children of all ages. Looking at family system roles and relationship, participants will identify ways to increase health and wellness to help our children heal.

"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get"

Through peer interaction, participants will learn to define dating and recognize healthy relationships.

Living with Diabetes/Zumba

This workshop will provide the basic fundamentals of "What is diabetes", pre-diabetes, and prevention. There is a lot that you can do to improve your health. Learn what the SRPMIC Diabetes Program has to offer for the Community. You will be inspired by Rachel Seepie, a Community member, as she shares her story about how she is "living well with diabetes". If you want to put some fun into your day, for ready for a fun workout!

Make Room for Dad:

Make Room for Dad is an innovated and informative workshop that focuses on the importance of fathers in the lives of children. This presentation tackles issues such as myths, preconceived notions and negative bias from our own history and show how these ideas play into our daily dealing, or the lack thereof, with fathers. Make Room for Dad will focus on the importance of a father in the development of children lives and show how fathers play an intricate part in the shaping of both male and female children sense of self, sense of society, and their sense of positive relationships.

Male Victimization

Despite the known rate of violence on men, little is known of the reasons why and what services are received. Assessing male victimization should be a common practice just as women victims. This session will explore common trends of crime and victimization, why men do not report, services available for male victims and how to respond to male victims.

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Motivational Interviewing 101

This workshop will cover the basics behind motivational interviewing and its success. Motivational interviewing has proven to be a very effective tool as both a clinical and every day form of communication.

Parenting Children with Autism

This workshop will provide insight on signs, diagnosis, and addressing treatment for Autism. This workshop will discuss available services, family adjustment, and what you can do immediately. You will develop a plan of action and learn about family and community support and engagement.

Protecting Our LGBTQ Relatives

This presentation will provide information on Native Health Services in Phoenix, LGBTQ collaborations that Native Health is a part of, LGBTQ terms and definitions commonly used, and health concerns for Native American LGBTQ. Other areas that will be covered include historical trauma, internalized oppression, and examples of traditional revitalization to strengthen Native American families and their relationships with LGBTQ relatives.

SafeTALK:

SafeTalk prepares you to be a suicide alert helper. You are aware that opportunities to help a person with thoughts of suicide are sometimes missed, dismissed and avoided. You want persons with thoughts to invite your help. Most persons with thoughts of suicide go unrecognized-even though most all are, directly or indirectly, requesting help. Without SafeTALK training, these invitations to help are too rarely accepted, or even noticed. With more suicide alert helpers, more people with thoughts of suicide will get connected to the intervention help they want.

Smart Money Management

This session will give tips on managing your money and ways to save on your budget. We will discuss: creating your personal financial statement, reading your credit report, ways to get out of debt, creating a spending plan, starting a savings program, and different types of insurances. No investment advice will be given. Participant's financial situations will not be discussed either.

Suicidal Brain

The Brain plays a vital role in the manifestation of clinical depression and suicidal behaviors in humans. Understanding the general structures of the brain, its processes and development will provide a basis for assessment, treatment and prevention. This workshop will help you become more familiar with the basic structure and functions of the Human Brain, understand the biological risk factors in suicide, and explore the impact of depression and suicide in Native Communities.

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Talking With Your Teens

When parents speak up, kids listen. The decision to wait to have sex is one of the most important decisions a pre-teen or young teen can make. As parents/grandparents, community leaders, and educators you share a common responsibility to guide adolescents as they navigate important life choices, including choices regarding sexual behavior. Come join us in this workshop on how we can better communicate these sensitive topics to our youth.

The Blame Game: How to Understand Negative Partner Attribution and Increase Healthy Communication

Arguments happen! Is there a way to avoid a disagreement escalating into a fight? In this session participants will explore ways to understand how and why we use blame in the context of relationships. We will practice healthy communication exercises that promote strengthening connection in our relationships. *This presentation will also include information about SRPMIC's Batterer's Intervention Program.*

The Impact of Meth on Our Communities' Well-being and Needs for Human Services

Recent developments indicate that there is a relationship between the growth in the need and provision of social and human services and the influx of methamphetamine into Indian Communities. The presentation will provide information on how the two have grown over time and will include a participatory activity in which participants will break into small groups to develop solutions to the growing problem of methamphetamine use in Indian Communities. The groups will then share their findings.

The Sacred Me

This presentation will enhance the understanding of oneself through the teaching of the clan system and the four directions. Participants will get an understanding of how sacred we are as Earth Surface Beings, in understanding how sacred we are as far as our body is concerned, how sacred our language is, that we are unique and special, so that we may approach LIFE with PRIDE. Today, a lot of these teachings are absent from the homes of our people, in Diné way, there are PROTECTION WAY TEACHINGS, and the BLESSING WAY TEACHINGS, we use these teachings to overcome hardship and obstacles and to understand the blessings of each new day.

Tohono O'odham Men's Salt Pilgrimage

The Tohono O'odham Men's Salt Pilgrimage in 2011 and 2012 was embarked upon as a result of both oral inquiry with O'odham elders not less than 80 years of age and research of historical documentation. This taking on of an O'odham men's event that had not occurred for many decades was the desire of all participants who believed this ceremony must return for the benefit of all O'odham men. The physical challenge, relying on prayer to our creator for strength to endure, fasting, and following the direction of elders we believe has and will empower all those males who might join us to Gu Gach.

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Transitions in Life

Each Of Us Has A Purpose, What Is It? The Maze represents a person's journey through life. The twists and turns represent transitions made in life; with each turn, a being becomes more understanding and stronger as a person, as an individual.

What is the Matter with the Matter? Insights into the Brain

This presentation will provide the participant with a general overview of the brain anatomy and its primary functions. Dr. Lomay will also give information of brain-behavior relationships and what happens when the brain is injured. Question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

Wiring Healthy Brains with the ABC's of Early Learning: Attention, Bonding, and Communication

Participants will gain an understanding of the basics of brain development and key ideas that relate to their relationships with their children. They will learn why security is the foundation for healthy brain development and the ability to take full advantage of learning activities available in school and in life.

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Presenter Biographies

Albert Kevin Jordan, Psy.D./ Clinical Supervisor/Psychologist/ Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Department of Health and Human Services/ Division of Behavioral Health. Dr. Jordan provides clinical supervision to various program services in the Division, including Child, Adult and Family mental health and addiction counseling. Dr. Jordan received his undergraduate degree in psychology from UCLA and doctorate from Wright State University in Dayton Ohio. He completed internship at the VA Medical Center Outpatient Clinic in Los Angeles, California. Prior to his work at Salt River, the psychologist received further training and experience at Oaklawn Psychiatric Hospital in Goshen, Indiana.

Alfonso Havatone MSW, LCSW is a member of the Hualapai Nation (People of the Tall Pines) from Peach Springs, Arizona, born and raised in Kingman, Arizona. Alfonso earned a Bachelor's Degree of Social Work from Arizona State University in 1995 and a Master's of Social Work degree from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces New Mexico in 1996. Alfonso has been employed with the Salt River Behavioral Health Children and Family Program since 1997 as a therapist providing individual, group and family counseling.

Alvaro Canez is originally from Tucson Arizona and is a graduate from the University of Arizona, College of Public Health. "Go Wildcats". He currently holds the position of Manager for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health Services "Community Health Education". During the Men & Women's gathering he will be discussing Men's Health issues & situations, this segment will give attendees knowledge on health information, communication, self-care, communicating with your doctor, routine checks.



Anthony Francisco Jr., Tohono O'odham, currently works as Cowlic Learning Center Coordinator under the Tohono O'odham Community Action Program in Sells Arizona. Anthony was a competitive runner in high school and college and continues to run purposefully today for the O'odham jewed.

Candace Johnson-Hampton M.A., CFT is the Founder of Brain and Body Fitness (BBF). She is a certified fitness trainer and BodyWorks Trainer. She received a MA in Sport and Exercise Psychology, Agosy School of Professional Psychology, Phoenix, AZ and a BS in Psychology and a BA in Sociology, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA. As a sport and exercise consultant, she designs fitness assessments and exercise training programs for competing athletes, corporate clients, youth, seniors, families and populations with special needs. She also designs corporate and in-home fitness centers and has served a sport counselor for the Phoenix Community College Men's basketball team. Lastly, Ms. Johnson-Hampton is the architect of the First Annual Native American Symposium on Physical Activities, Fitness and Nutrition and the Native American Family Wellness Initiative (NAFWI), in Phoenix, AZ.

Christopher Sharp is Mohave from the Colorado River Indian Tribes. Chris recently graduated from Arizona State University dual degree Master of Social Work/Master of Public Administration program and works at the ASU Office of American Indian Projects in the areas of program development and

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evaluation. He previously worked at Salt River Elementary School for five years and one year as an MSW Intern at SRPMIC Social Services.



Clay Dix MSW, CISW, a retired professor from Arizona State University, served as Senior Lecturer and chairman of the Social Work Department. He's nationally recognized for his work in diversity management and fatherhood. He's the founder of New Choices, a substance abuse treatment program; and a father and husband of 36 years.

David Obergfell MA, LMSW, CA is a Senior Behavioral Health Counselor at SRPMIC-Batterer's Intervention program and Clinical Coordinator in EMPACT-SPC's Crisis Department. He works in the field of crisis intervention, suicide prevention, psychiatric and behavioral health, interpersonal violence prevention and victim advocacy. He is a Credentialed Advocate by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). David holds a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology from Argosy University, and Master's of Social Work Degree through Arizona State University.



Debbie Manuel serves as a Community Health Educator with Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. With over fifteen years of experience working directly within tribal communities. Ms. Manuel has dedicated her professional life's work to empowering the lives of families, youth and adults through community based services. She received her Bachelor's of Arts degree in Social Work then her Advanced Standing Master's of Social Work Degree at Arizona State University. Ms. Manuel also serves as Arizona State University's part-time adjunct faculty, a Certified Social Work ASU Field Instructor, and a registered trainer through Livingworks Suicide Prevention Training Resources. Ms. Manuel is committed to a lifelong career of developing culturally effective and responsive programs and opportunities.



Denise Beagley M.SC. is a Learning Specialist with Magellan Health Services of Arizona and has worked with the RBHA since 2002. She completed her Master's degree at University of Dublin, Trinity College in Ireland. Denise is currently a member of the Cultural Competency committee with the Arizona Department of Health Services. Denise has over 15 years of experience working in the areas of co-occurring and psychiatric disorders.

Edwin Gonzalez-Santin MSW is the Director of the Office of American Indian Projects and a Senior Academic Professional at Arizona State University School of Social Work, working for ASU since 1984. Ed serves on various boards and committees including the Arizona Courts Improvements Project Indian Child Welfare Liaison Committee and in 2010 received the Kent C. Ware Lifetime Achievement Award for his service to American Indian communities.

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Elliot Sneezzy is full blood Apache from the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Elliot is a certified Fire Arms Instructor, Rifle Instructor, Physical Fitness instructor, and is currently a Field Training Officer with the Maricopa Police Department in Arizona. Elliot started his Law Enforcement career with the San Carlos Tribal Police Department in 1994. Elliot worked as a Patrol Officer, Detective, and Assistant coordinator for the Apache Police Gang Unit. Elliot assisted in creating the Apache Police Gang Unit on the San Carlos Reservation. In 1998 Elliot transferred to the Prescott Police Department. While at the Prescott Police Department, Elliot worked as a Patrol Officer, Bicycle Officer, Youth & Gang Officer, and was a member of Prescott Police SWAT. Elliot is a founding member in creating the Indian Country Gang Summits in 2004. From 2004 to 2007 Elliot was the Chair-Person of The Tri-City Gang Prevention Task Force in Yavapai County. During this time Elliot created the Rural Area Gang Seminar (R.A.G.S.).

Elsie Ann Nelson is a health educator with SRPMIC. She is Inupiat Alaska Native. Elsie Ann has worked in the community for a combined seven years. She's been in the fields of substance abuse and mental health for fifteen years in both treatment and prevention. She has a BA in social work and a master's in business administration.

Erin Callinan is the Training Coordinator at the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She travels throughout the state facilitating trainings to agencies and organizations that serve victims of domestic violence. Her trainings are survivor centered, empowerment focused and encourage community accountability to increase victim safety. Erin is the staff liaison for S.H.A.R.E. (Strength, Hope, Awareness, Respect and Education), a survivors advisory committee with AzCADV. Her involvement in the field includes membership with the Coconino County Coordinated Community Response Team to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and the Arizona Citizen Review Panel. Erin was the Shelter Manager for a domestic violence shelter for 3 years, and also worked with incarcerated women overcoming substance abuse and addiction.



Freddie Johnson is DINÉ (NAVAJO). He works with the Phoenix Indian Center as the Cultural Specialist. He works with all ages in preserving culture and language, understanding what SELF IDENTITY means. He also teaches Diné language and culture in Phoenix and Mesa and does Cultural presentations throughout the valley. He is also a certified Navajo Court Interpreter.



Gerald "Jerry" Smith Sr. personally investigated over 5,000 domestic violence cases for the City of Mesa Police Department with the combined total of thirty years of Law Enforcement. He was assigned by the Police Department to the Center Against Family Violence to the Domestic Violence Unit. He was also a member of the Peer Support Team (CISM) and he is certified as a Train the Trainer Instructor in Domestic Violence. He is currently the Direct for the Pinal County Attorney's Family Advocacy Center, where he gives presentations to various county agencies, law enforcement, educators, the medical professions and those of the faith-base community.

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Glenda Lumpmouth (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Absentee-Shawnee and Choctaw) serves as a Health Promotions Coordinator at ITCA. She received her BA in Sociology from Arizona State University. She has worked for past thirteen years with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. in the Community Tobacco Education Prevention Program and the Tribal Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.

Gwenda Gorman (Navajo) is the mother of a thirteen year old daughter and ten year old son. She believes her family traditions and the teachings of her parents are major contributors in raising her children. She enjoys working with both youth and adults when it comes to communicating sensitive topics. Gwenda is the Health Promotion Director at ITCA and has worked with the tribes in Arizona for nine years. She has provided these parent sessions for over three years.



Jamie Lopez has nearly two decades of experience as an educator. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Arizona, Magna Cum Laude and a Master's Degree from Arizona State University Suma Cum Laude. She was an elementary school classroom teacher for ten years. During that time, she became a Structured English Immersion trainer of trainers, a Career Ladder Teacher, and a supervisor of student teachers. After her time in the classroom, Jamie created and implemented a program call "Bilingual Babies" Spanish Instruction for Preschool Students. She is currently an adjunct instructor for Child Development at Estrella

Mountain Community College and an adjunct trainer for New Directions Institute for Infant Brain Development.



Jay Dexter holds a degree in Master of Social Work; he has clinical Social Work licenses in Idaho, Wyoming and Alaska. Currently he is also licensed in Arizona as a Master Social Worker. Jay has worked with Native American tribes in these four states for 12 years. He has provided individual and family counseling during that period. He was the Parenting with Love and Limits Instructor/Facilitator for 3 years in Twin Falls, Idaho. He currently is working for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in the Social Services Division of Family Reunification/Preservation Program.

Jayleen Johnson MSW is a member of the Navajo Nation Tribe. She was born in Gallup, New Mexico and raised in Tuba City, Arizona. Her clans are To dich'ii'nii (Bitter Water Clan), Naasht'ezhi Tabaaha (Zuni Edge Water Clan), Ashiihi (Salt Clan), Bit' ahnii (Within his cover clan). Jayleen completed her Behavioral Health Counselor Internship with the Children and Family Services in April 2012 and recently became a permanent member of the Children and Family Services team as a Sr. Behavioral Health Counselor in June 2012.

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Jenny Yazzie serves as the Financial Education Manager for Salt River Financial Services Institution. She has been working in Native Communities for 20 years. She has been educating people about finances for 17 years. Jenny obtained her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Phoenix. She has a background in investments, personal insurance, banking and accounting with licensing in insurance and investments.



Ken Josemaria, Tohono O'odham, lives and works in Sells, Arizona. He has primarily worked as a Diesel Mechanic both on and off the Tohono O'odham Nation for over 30 years. He is an avid marathon and ultra-marathon runner and enjoys leather crafting including O'odham traditional footwear.

Leolani Ah Quin is Native Hawaiian from the Big Island of Hawaii. She has a rich cultural heritage that is the foundation of her work. She has more than 10 years of experience working directly with domestic abuse, offenders, victims, teens and their families. Leolani is currently employed as the Senior Behavioral Health Counselor for DV and Sexual Assault victims with Salt River Behavioral Health Services.

Marschelle James (Hmeyestewa) is a single parent of 4 loving children. Currently Marschelle is in a graduate program at NAU. Marschelle says, "We are Domestic Violence Survivors. We chose to end the DV cycle because we want our communities to interact positively and with respect."

Martha Villalobos is currently a four year old Head Start Teacher for the Early Childhood Education Center. She has worked for the community for over three and a half years. She also teaches the First Things First WISH parent education program. She has her Master's and Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Northern Arizona University.

MaryLynn Marshburn MPH, RD, MCHES holds a Masters Degree in Public Health as well as Master Health Educator Certification. She is known as "Miss MaryLynn" by the SRPMIC Elementary School for whom she provides Health and Wellness lessons. MaryLynn has a wide variety of experience with Health Promotion in both the public and private sectors. She has worked with SRPMIC for 5 years.



Mavis "Mimi" Brandon holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Grand Canyon University and has worked as a nurse since 1993. She also holds an associate Degree in General Nursing, Community Health, Psychiatric Nursing Science and Midwifery from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She completed her Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing Science from B.G. Alexandra Nursing College in Johannesburg,

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South Africa. Prior to coming to the United States, Mimi worked as a Community Health Nurse, a Midwife, and an Industrial Health Nurse with special emphasis on women's health in Johannesburg, South Africa.



Milena Sideris is Autism Specialist, M.F. T., A.R.T, H.C. ASD, Holistic Practitioner and Parent Advocate serving the autism community since 2006. Her personal journey and involvement with Autism started in 2003, with the diagnosis of her own child. She is known as the: "walking, talking library on anything Autism". Ms. Sideris presents worldwide with recent engagements in London and Paris and she also teaches 6 months online courses for Practitioners and Parents every year. Ms. Sideris is the Founder and CEO of Autism Alternative LLC and practices in Phoenix.



Orenda Hill is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Orenda graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's of Social Work. She also has an extensive employment background in working with Native American families both in Wisconsin and Arizona. Orenda has worked at Native Health assisting in high-risk pregnancy education, cultural competency, and HIV education and prevention. Currently Orenda works as a Victim Advocate serving Native Americans in Maricopa County.

Pamela Prasher is an Infant/Toddler Family Advocate at the SRPMIC – Early Childhood Education Center. She has worked in the community for just about four years. Pamela has worked in the Early Childhood field for over 13 years. Pamela also teaches WISH Parent Education Program, Positive Behavior Supports (Positive Discipline for ECEC Parents) and Student Parent Academy (Teen Parent Class at Salt River High).

Patricia Enos King is one of the Cultural Language Specialists at ECEC. She is Onk Akimel O'odham and was born and raised here in Salt River. Her first language was O'odham but as she grew up and became an adult, she primarily spoke English and was not comfortable carrying a conversation with others due to the English Language requirement at the SR Day School she attended as a child. As an Elder of the Community, she now realizes the importance of continuing the teaching of the O'odham and Piipaash Nioki. She is a mother of two wonderful daughters, Yvonne (Emerson) Schaaf, Angela (Emerson) Montague, and the grandmother of five fantastic grandchildren.



Rachel Seepie is a SRPMIC Community Member. Her father is Jack Moore and mother is Carol Reina. Her paternal grandparents are Eldon Sr. and Christine Moore. Her maternal grandparents are Edward Sr. and Jeanette Reina. She is currently the lead Physical Fitness Specialist at the Fitness Center under the Diabetes Program. She teaches group exercise classes and provides personal training to the SRPMIC Community.

Ralph Wilson has been working with children and families for 17 years. He has a Master's Degree in Counseling and is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Independent Substance Abuse Counselor in

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Arizona. He has been working in Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the past 12 years, exclusively with the Family Reunification/Family Preservation Program.

Roberta Johnston has been employed for SRPMIC for 25 and half years. She is the HHS Diabetes Services Manager. Roberta started out her career as the first Fitness Tech for the Diabetes Program and has worked her way up in becoming the Manager. Her Tribal Affiliation is Muskogee Creek and originally came from Oklahoma. She is a strong advocate in promoting health and serving the Community.

Rowena Andreas is a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member committed and sincere in her efforts to assist families within the Community. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women Studies from ASU and has journeyed through the trenches in keeping her family intact. Most of all, she had family support and a higher power to give her hope and peace.



Royce Manuel, *Auk-Murl Aw-Thum (Pima)* is widely recognized for reconstructing the Aw-Thum and Indigenous 'Tools of Yesterday' where he is committed to using the most traditional methods and materials for his art forms. His recent work includes revitalizing a near lost art form the Traditional Kiaha also known as the Pima Burden Basket. Royce also holds and shares the tribal history on the Calendar Stick, recording tribal history for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community since 1979. A partial reconstruction of his original calendar stick is found here within the Talking Stick

Resort on the main floor. Mr. Manuel's efforts have resulted in numerous awards through the SWAIA Santa Fe Indian Markets, Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market, the National Museum of American Indian, and featured as a Groundbreaker in the 2010 Native Peoples Magazine. His creativity and visualization was the inspiration for the DiamondBacks and Rockies Spring Training Fields logo at the Salt River Fields at Talking Stick which today is renowned as finest Spring Training Center.

Sarah Grumbley LMSW is a Senior Behavioral Health Counselor with SRPMIC's Batterer's Intervention Program. Sarah holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Arizona State University. She has experience working as a victim advocate as well as counseling victims of domestic violence and women leaving prostitution. Sarah also has experience in mental health care specifically with clients who are seriously mentally ill and adjudicated guilty except insane as a Forensic Psychiatric Social Worker at the Arizona State Hospital.



Silas Johnson, Tohono O'odham, is from the Tohono O'odham Nation and is a lifelong cowboy who has learned to live and work in this world using the traditional way. He is an Indian cowboy working to share his experience of the old ways.

Skyler L. Martinez is a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation/Oh Owingh in New Mexico. Skyler is a 2008 graduate of Zuni High School in New Mexico where he was very active in Student Government, football, basketball and track. He was a two time All District Defensive Player of Year. He represented Zuni High School at the Native American Football All-Star Game in Mississippi and in the Down Under Football games in Sydney, Australia. After graduation, Skyler dedicated himself to serving a two year

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mission for his church in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Currently at this time he is a full-time student at Mesa Community College where he is studying to become a Social Worker. He also serves as a Mentor with the Fatherhood Mentorship Program.

Tony Ringlero attended Scottsdale Community College and Brigham Young University. He earned a Bachelor's Degree at Charter Oak State College. He majored in Secondary Education and P.E. Worked with youth programs for 26 years. He became diabetic at age of 24. On July 4th, 1994 had end stage kidney disease. He became disabled in 1994 and in December 2004 received a transplant. He was disabled and stayed home for 7 years before he returned to work.



For the past three years **Valaura Imus** (Hopi) has worked for the Department of the Interior, Office of Law Enforcement and Security. She is the first Victim Specialist to work with crime victims served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Previously she worked as the Program Director/Coordinator of the Hopi Domestic Violence Program on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona. She also served as Legal Advocate for the Office of the Hopi Tribal Prosecutor. Ms. Imus recently received the Department of the Interior's Certificate of Appreciation for her excellent leadership during the installation and development of the Department's Victim Assistance Program at the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Phoenix Office. She has received other awards as well, and regularly teaches at national and local conferences. Ms. Imus has Bachelors of Science in Health Promotion from Northern Arizona University, and is certified as a Domestic Violence Trainer by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).



Dr. Vicky T. Lomay was born and raised on the Navajo Nation in Northern Arizona. She received her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Arizona State University. Her clinical internship was completed with the Missouri Health Sciences Psychology Consortium in Columbia, Missouri. She finished a postdoctoral residency fellowship at the Barrow Neurological Institute's Clinical Neuropsychology program in Phoenix. Dr. Lomay has provided psychological services for different community counseling centers, government facilities, and hospitals. She has extensive experience working with American Indian populations. She now provides therapy, assessment and consultative services through her private practice.

Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty is a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Northern New Mexico. She recently graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services. She is currently employed with the SRPMIC as a Domestic Violence Health Educator. As a DV Health Educator, she targets early intervention and prevention for domestic violence issues. Prior to returning to school she worked for the Pueblo of Zuni in New Mexico as a certified Substance Abuse Counselor and Prevention Specialist for 16 years.

Wade Hayes grew up with no father. By the young age of 8, he began getting involved in drugs and by age 14 was involved with other substances including alcohol. He got into gangs, substance abuse and a LOT of violence by 20 years old. He says that this was an effect of having no structure and love, guidance and discipline of a father.

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