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4th Annual

Men & Women's Gathering August 27th - 29th 2013

Talking Stick Resort
Scottsdale, AZ



WELCOME

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 4th Annual Men and Women's Gathering. On behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) O'odham Piipaash Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Program and the Life Enhancement and Resource Network.

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 issues faced by the community. The SRPMIC O'odham Piipaash Fatherhood Program were in attendance and felt this gathering 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 at SRPMIC. This successful event hosted a day of great presenters, including, Kansas City Chief's Hall of Fame kicker Nick Lowery. Since then this event has grown in to a full conference with the inclusion of all Native men and women and those serving Native Communities.

We are excited to bring our Native communities together to attend premiere workshops to build partnerships and share ideas to strengthen Native Families. Across Indian country we are plagued with the same issues of drugs, alcohol, domestic violence, gangs, child abuse and 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 lead a more successful life.

Special events: This year we are pleased to provide lunch time entertainment both days with performances by the SRPMIC Senior Steppers and the employee choir. We will also host a screening of "Kind Hearted Woman" Tuesday August 27 5:30-8:00pm and an evening of Cultural Exchange Wednesday, August 28, from 6:00-9:00pm in the main ballroom at Talking Stick Resort. All participants are encouraged to attend. We also would like to encourage participants to provide a drum/dance group if possible. The Cultural Exchange is open to all attendees and family members.

Again, welcome to the 4th 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

Robin PoorBear is the "Kind Hearted Woman"



Meet Robin PoorBear. A member of the Sprit Lake Tribe, she is a mother of two children, and an outspoken advocate working to raise awareness about sexual abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence. Robin is also the subject of a documentary titled for her Indian name, "Kind Hearted Woman." The film follows her life over the past 5 years, a tumultuous and arduous journey of many difficult life lessons.

Robin says she is very busy responding to all the calls, providing presentations and speaking engagements. She is willing to go to where she is called, she wants to tell her story and offer hope to others.

Robin shares her dream of creating and funding a long-term facility for women and children to heal from abuse one that is near her reservation and will include traditional practices as well as mental health and sobriety support. She knows that violence does not stand alone; it is most always accompanied by other issues and concerns such as alcoholism and drug abuse, all of which may lead to mental health disorders and needs. Robin will not be done with her work until there is safety for women and children in her life. She joins a world full of women who agree with her!

If you would like more information about Robin (Charboneau) PoorBear, you can see her documentary, "Kind Hearted Woman" on PBS at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/kind-hearted-woman/>

Herewini

Spirit, Heart and Mind



HEREWINI'S PERSONAL BELIEFS, FAMILY VALUES AND IN DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MAORI HERITAGE HAVE BEEN HIS INSPIRATION IN DEVELOPING PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES AND INTERVENTIONS WHICH MOVE PEOPLE INTO ACTION MODE – ENCOURAGE THEM TO LOOK INWARD, MAKE PERSONAL ADJUSTMENTS, THEN LOOK OUT AT THE WORLD IN A DIFFERENT, MORE POSITIVE WAY. HE HAS AN ABILITY TO SIMPLIFY THIS MESSAGE AND CARRY IT INTO ALL AREAS OF LIFE, FROM THE BOARDROOM TO THE SPORTS FIELD, TO THE FAMILY, THE INDIVIDUAL AND EVEN INTO THE LONELINESS OF A PRISON CELL. HE HAS THAT SPECIAL GIFT THAT CAN TRANSCEND CULTURAL BARRIERS WHERE ALL CAN UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE REGARDLESS OF RACE, BELIEF OR BACKGROUND.

PERHAPS THE BIGGEST THING TO IMPACT ON HEREWINI'S LIFE WAS HIS SEARCH FOR HIS IDENTITY AS A MAORI. THIS AWAKENING WITHIN HIM LED TO HIM TO DISCOVER THAT HIS MOTHER WAS A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF WIREMU TAMEHANA TARAPIPI TE WAHAROA, THE FAMED 'MAORI KINGMAKER' WHO IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS ONE OF NEW ZEALAND'S MOST IMPORTANT NATION SHAPERS. THIS SEARCHING JOURNEY CHANGED HIS LIFE, LED HIM TO LEARN AND SPEAK THE MAORI LANGUAGE, TO BE TAUGHT THE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES OF THE MAORI WORLD BY SOME OF THE GREAT KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS OF THEIR DAY - AGED MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL TRIBES WHO HAD SEEN AND BEEN RAISED WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE ANCIENT MAORI WORLD.

TODAY HEREWINI IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS A 'TOHUNGA' WHICH IS A MAORI TERM REFERRING TO AN EXPERT IN INDIGENOUS CULTURAL PRINCIPLES AND VALUES, A SPIRITUAL GUIDE AND TEACHER OF ESOTERIC (CELESTIAL) KNOWLEDGE, A READER OF MAORI INDIGENOUS SYMBOLS AND BEING WELL VERSED IN ANCIENT ANCESTRAL GENEALOGIES REACHING BACK TO THE CREATOR.

Your Event MC



Mr. Reina is the Veterans Representative for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. In his current position Mr. Reina works to bring about an awareness of Veterans benefits, programs and issues to those who have served in our Nations Armed Services. In doing so Mr. Reina strives to improve the overall living, financial and social status of not only the Veterans of the SRPMIC but for all Veterans who visit his office. A Veteran of the US Army Airborne, Mr. Reina continues to serve his people not only through his work, but also as a member Education Board for the SRPMIC. Mr. Reina is a single father of five children of whom he says “Running a single parent household is a challenge, but those challenges are worth overcoming in order to see my kids progress as individuals and grow together as a family. Plus to see my children smile, be happy in themselves and who we are as a family, is the greatest gift that I can receive as a father.”



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Tuesday, August 27, 2013

- 3:00-5:00pm** Pre-Registration
(Ballroom Foyer)
- 5:30-8:00pm** Movie Screening "Kind Hearted Woman"
(Ballroom 1, 2, 3)

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

- 8:00-9:00am** Registration/Breakfast Buffet
(Ballroom Foyer)
- 9:00-10:00am** Blessing/Opening Remarks
Diane Enos, President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
(Ballroom 1, 2, 3)
- 10:00-12:00pm** Keynote Address-Robin Poor Bear "Kind Hearted Woman"
(Ballroom 1, 2, 3)
- 12:00-1:30pm** Lunch (provided)
- 1:30-3:00pm** Concurrent Breakout Sessions I

Roadrunner A Coach of Your Own Life

Timeless wisdom fundamentals and a "teachable point of view" for becoming a successful head coach of your life. Based on the life lessons of legendary UCLA Coach John R. Wooden. How to be your best and how to help others be their best.

Lynn Guerin, Guerin Marketing Services Corporation



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Embedding Learning into Daily Routines

Participants will learn how to create and use learning opportunities in their daily routines to enhance developmental skills and school readiness of young children. They will learn how to engage children in hands-on-activities, American Sign Language, songs, and stories to support developmental skills. Through these multi-sensory hands on learning approaches participants will gain the knowledge necessary to support the overall development of young children and enrich their daily interactions that will prepare them in school readiness.

Jenning A. Prevatte, MA, Owner/Early Childhood Consultant, Sprouting New Beginnings, LLC.

Roadrunner C

“She is just a...” How Stereotypes and Bias Limit our Ability to Create Meaningful and Peaceful Relationships

In this presentation, participants will explore how stereotypes come about, and how bias and stereotypes contribute to violence. This session will ask participants to be vulnerable and willing to understand how we have all used stereotypes, biases, and even contributed to how violence occurs. Participants will then join together in exercises learning to not make assumptions and create stronger, peaceful, more effective relationships.

*David Obergfell, Sr. Behavioral Health Counselor, SRPMIC Changes-BIP Program;
Sarah Grumbley, Sr. Behavioral Health Counselor, SRPMIC Changes-BIP Program*

Quail D

Native American Family Wellness

This workshop will explore the multiple facets of wellness within the Native American culture. Involving the family in healthy lifestyle activities and nurturing a healthy mindset can reduce health disparities and lead to optimal wellness. This workshop will also provide the participants with wellness handouts and community resources.

Candace Johnson-Hampton, Wellness Consultant CRJH Wellness, LLC.



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I Don't Need Any Help, Really! Male Help Seeking Behaviors

It is quite obvious that men generally are much more hesitant than women to seek assistance from programs that provide health care, housing, family support, chemical dependency, legal assistance, parent education, and mental health services. There are a wide range of cultural, social, and programmatic reasons that contribute to this. This workshop will offer insights into understanding such a dynamic and present specific recommendations to engage males more effectively.

Neil Tift, Father Involvement Program Director, Child Crisis Center

Quail F

Dress for Your Body Shape

Workshop for women on finding your body shape and learning to dress your body shape. Learn which types and styles of clothing best dress your body shape.

Isabella Sneezy, Speaker / Office Manager / Cosmetologist, Elliot Sneezy Education and Empowerment Training

3:00-3:15pm

Break

3:15-5:00pm

Concurrent Breakout Sessions II

Roadrunner A

SR Family Reunification/Preservation Program (FRPP)

Family preservation and reunification has been a growing necessity throughout Indian Country over the last decade with increased CPS/Social Services caseloads. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community FRPP team will present on the population served and the program model currently being used in the SRPMIC.

Ralph Wilson and Team, Program Coordinator, Family Clinician, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community-Social Services



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Lessons Learned Over the Years

This interactive, experiential workshop will cover observations, reflections and lessons learned over the years as relates to healthy male-female relationships, fatherhood, the role of community elders, positive parenting/grand-parenting, interracial couples and men's health, with focus on successful models of engagement. Attendees are encouraged to share their life stories and time will be allotted for questions and answers.

Michael Connor PhD., Professor, CSPP Alliant International University

Roadrunner C

Behavior and Physical Health

Gang Prevention. How change affects behavior and behavior affects change.

*Elliot Sneezy, Consultant/Instructor,
Elliot Sneezy Education and Empowerment Training*

Quail D

Integration of Housing and Behavioral Health Innovation

Native American Connections (NAC) designs properties that offer cultural settings & supportive services that are affordable for those receiving Behavioral Health services. Each has "supportive services enriched" for adults and children. NAC's properties in development are Gold or Platinum LEED certified using green building strategies, using Transit Oriented Design strategies providing low cost utilities and transportation.

*Diana Yazzie-Devine, CEO, Native American Connections
Joe Keeper, Director of Real Estate Development, Native American Connections*

Quail E

Native Health HIV Program

An overview of HIV/AIDS in American Indian communities, statistics, trends, case management and testing. Explanation of what Native Health's HIV Program and Services offer in the Phoenix metropolitan community. Presenting on rapid HIV tests, specifically INSTI 60-Second Test Kits.

*Deirdre Greyeyes, HIV Prevention Specialist, Native Health
Crystal McArthur, HIV Prevention Specialist, Native Health*



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ZUMBA-Ditch the Workout!! Join the PARTY!!

Zumba Workout session!!

Skylar L. Martinez, ZUMBA instructor/Student, Arizona EMS Academy

6:00-9:00pm

Cultural Exchange (Dance and Singing Groups Invited) (Ballroom 1, 2, 3)

The Cultural Exchange is an evening filled with traditional song and dance. Various dance and singing groups will share their traditional performances throughout the evening. The evening will close with a traditional giveaway ceremony provided by members of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community. Conference participants are also encouraged to share their traditional songs and/or dance.





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Thursday August 29, 2013

- 8:00-9:00am** Registration/Breakfast Buffet
(Ballroom 1, 2, 3)
- 9:00-10:15 am** Keynote Address—Herewini Jones
(Ballroom 1, 2, 3)
- 10:15-10:30am** Break
- 10:30-12:00pm** Concurrent Breakout Sessions I
- Roadrunner A** **Basic Women's Conservation Class**

Basic Women's Conservation Class - Finding your Skin Tone - Basic make up application - Eye Brow Shaping.

*Isabella Sneezy, Speaker / Office Manager / Cosmetologist,
Elliot Sneezy Education and Empowerment Training*
- Roadrunner B** **Domestic Violence Prevention**

Teen dating violence is defined as a pattern of actual or threatened acts of physical, sexual, and or emotional abuse, perpetrated by an adolescent (between the ages of 13-18) against a current or former dating partner. Abuse may include insults, coercion social sabotage, sexual harassment, threats and/or acts of physical or sexual abuse. The abusive teen uses this pattern of violent and coercive behavior, in a heterosexual or same game gender dating relationship, in order to gain power and maintain control over their dating partner.

*Vurlene Natsinneh-Bowekaty, Community Health Educator,
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*



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How to Make Easy No-Cook Healthy Snacks: So No More Excuses to Eating Empty Calorie Snacks (Healthy Snack Non- Cook Demo)

Educate attendees on the benefits of eating portion controlled balance snacks 1-3 times a day and how to make sure that their snacks are balanced and portion controlled to maintain or work towards a healthy weight. Demonstrate and allow participants to make 3 or a few more healthy snacks depending on the time given for the presentation.

Margaret Fisher, Certified Diabetes Educator, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community- Department of Health and Human Services Diabetes Program

Quail D

His Brain, Her Brain

As girls and boys grow from infancy through childhood and into adulthood, gender differences become more apparent in how they problem solve, communicate, express their emotions, perform academically, and develop relationships. We will examine specialized areas of brain development, the impact of hormones and behavior patterns that result from these gender influences. This session will present information to help agency staff to develop effective strategies to respond to these distinctions.

Neil Tift, Father Involvement Program Director, Child Crisis Center

Quail E

Gangs, Drugs, and Fatherhood

This workshop will screen the Native American Public Service Announcement "The Right Choice" which looks at these issues in a brutally honest fashion. WARNING: this video contains images of a violent and gruesome nature. Video will be followed by an open discussion on developing strategies to combat the drug and gang problems in our communities.

*Kevin Poleyumptewa, Fatherhood and Family Resource Specialist,
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community-Life Enhancement and Resource Network
Elliot Sneezy, Consultant/Instructor, Elliot Sneezy Education and Empowerment Training*



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Suicide and Domestic Violence

All too often domestic violence is woven through the histories of young people. Girls at an early age, who are exposed to domestic violence are growing into young adult women who are silently carrying lifetime risks of depression often resulting in serious attempts to end their lives. As a result, more research findings are showing younger adult men falling victim to lifetime hurts resulting in alarming rates of suicide. This workshop will share prevention strategies settings in which children grow and develop through enhanced intergenerational cultural protective processes.

Debbie Manuel, Community Health Educator, SRPMIC, DHHS Health Services Division

12:00-1:30pm

Lunch (provided)

1:30-3:00pm

Concurrent Breakout Sessions II

Roadrunner A

Advanced Women's Conversation Class

Advanced Women's Conservation Class - Corrective Make up - At Home Facial - At Home Gray Hair Coverage - At Home Mani and Pedi - Bra Fitting 101.

*Isabella Sneezy, Speaker / Office Manager / Cosmetologist,
Elliot Sneezy Education and Empowerment Training*

Roadrunner B

Believe!

In 2012, Caroline Sekaquaptewa completed an Ironman triathlon. The race consisted of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run. This presentation will detail the challenges she faced during training for this event, as well as other duties as a single mother who works full time. The presenter will speak of challenges women face when chasing a dream and how she overcame some of these challenges, as well as lessons learned.

*Caroline Sekaquaptewa, Early Childhood Educator/ Mother/ Athlete,
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community-FACE Program*



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The Creator and the Sacred Relationship Between Man, Woman and the Family

Mana Tane / Mana Wahine Me Te Turanga Matua: The sacred relationship of Father and Mother. The divine gifts, instincts of Fatherhood and Motherhood that come from the Creator. Decisions are what Determines the Destiny of Father, Mother and Family. The Path left by our forefathers that we may know the way....

Herewini Jones, Cultural Expert (Tohunga), TRACares and Reikura Whiti Ora Trusts

Quail D

Children Witnessing Abuse

Participants will learn the impact of children witnessing abuse, the effects on children and how to talk to a child.

Valaura Imus, Victim Specialist, Office of Justice Services

Quail E

Tohono O'odham Men's Salt Pilgrimage

The Tohono O'odham Men's Salt Pilgrimage in 2011, 2012 and 2013 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.

Ken Josemaria, Tohono O'odham Nation

Chris Gary, Tohono O'odham Nation/Yaqui

Quail F

You Can't Scare Me, I Have a Teenager

Anyone who has a teenager is probably familiar with the term conflict. In fact, most adolescents seem to come by this state of being quite naturally. There are many important misunderstandings that occur with the parent and with the adolescent, that, if recognized would not only reduce conflict, but strengthen the relationship, even if it seems there is hardly one there.

While arguments between a parent and their teen are not of itself a bad thing, the manner in which we choose to resolve these disagreements is what ultimately determines the outcome and anxiety each encounters.

Vurlene Natsinneh-Bowekaty, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community



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3:00-3:15pm Break

3:15-5:00pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions III

Roadrunner A **Compassion Fatigue**

Caring too much can hurt. When caregivers focus on others without practicing self-care, destructive behaviors can surface. Participants should come prepared to increase their knowledge about signs and symptoms of compassion fatigue, develop practical intervention skills, and experience fun stress relieving activities.

Denise Beagley, Clinical Learning Specialist, Magellan Learning & Performance

Roadrunner B **Teen and Young Adult Reproductive Health (Maternal and Child Health Program)**

This presentation focuses on the reproductive health of youth and young adults. The objective is to raise awareness of Sexually Transmitted Infections, their complications and provide health education on how to prevent exposure.

*Mimi Brandon, CHN(Community Health Nurse),
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community*

Roadrunner C **Individual Responsibility To Tribe: Individual & Family Surviving and Healing After The Suicides of Two Brothers**

Elsie Ann Nelson, Kugaruk, is Alaska Native from the Iñupiaq from Alaska. She will share how the Inupiat Value of Individual Responsibility to Tribe has helped her and her family on the healing path after the suicides of her two brothers “Dee Dee” (2006) and “Junie” (2012). It is through her interpretation of the Inupiat Value, Elsie Ann will share how healing one’s self helps her to offer support and compassion to her immediate and extended families and community.

*Elsie Ann Nelson, Health Educator,
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*



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Understanding Homeownership & Credit Basics

Participants will be presented with an in-depth overview of SRFSI's loan programs and a list of the qualification criteria. The land requirements and specific information pertaining to each home loan program will also be discussed. In addition to the home loan information, participants will receive an educational session on the basics of understanding credit.

*Lisa Deer, Director of Operations,
Salt River Financial Services Institute (SRFSI)
Elena Tarango, Financial Education Training Coordinator, Salt River Financial Services
Institute (SRFSI)*

Quail E

Kidney Smart

Take control, make a plan, and stay the course towards better kidney health. Kidney Smart is designed to increase awareness of risk factors associated with Chronic Kidney Disease. This program is designed to slow down/prevent progression of declining kidney function by gaining an increased understanding of the specific health conditions that threaten kidney wellness such as Diabetes and High Blood Pressure. The purpose of this presentation is to empower participants towards making positive changes.

*Annette Folmer, Kidney Smart Educator/Care Coordinator,
Davita Gail Rae, B.A. M.A., Writer/Educator, Slow It Down*

Quail F

Native American Connections Circle of Strength

The Circle of Strength (COS) model is selected with respect for traditions that guide Native family systems. Disordered functioning in families through 8 attributes to learn about a state of stabilization and wellness: Values, Boundaries, Relationship/Intimacy, Understanding, Open Expression, Cooperation/Negotiation, Safety/Comfort/Humor and Vision. This model educates families about the dynamics of living with loved ones experiencing patterns of problem drinking/chemical dependency.

*Yvonne Fortier, Director of Clinical Services,
Native American Connections
Hedy Emery, Training Coordinator,
Native American Connections*



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Biographies



Annamari Monongye

Annamari is a Senior Behavioral Health Counselor with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Batterers Intervention Program. She holds a Master's degree in Professional Counseling and has experience working with children, individuals, and families impacted by domestic violence.



Annette Folmer

Annette Folmer CCHT is a kidney professional with 23 years experience in all modalities of renal replacement therapy. Annette is an educator for DaVita's Chronic Kidney Disease Program, Kidney Smart. She now educates the community on how to keep kidneys healthy through education and prevention.

Candace Johnson-Hampton

Ms. Johnson-Hampton is a wellness consultant with CRJH Wellness LLC, holds a Master's of Arts degree in Sport and Exercise Psychology, is a Certified Fitness Trainer with the International Sport Science Association and is a certified BodyWorks Trainer with the Office on Women's Health. She also has extensive experience presenting and working in the Native American community. Her holistic approach to wellness fosters success within multiple dynamics and populations.



Caroline Sekaquaptewa

Mrs. Sekaquaptewa, Hopi, is from the village of Sipaulovi in Second Mesa, AZ. She is a member of the Water clan. She is currently in her 11th year as an educator and teaches preschool in the FACE (Family and Child Education) program at the Salt River Elementary School. She also teaches Kindergarten-2nd grade after school programs. Mrs. Sekaquaptewa received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Arizona State University. She also has a Master's degree in Bilingual and Multicultural Education from Northern Arizona University, and a Master's in Early Childhood Education from Arizona State University. She is a mother of 4 beautiful daughters, an educator, and an athlete. In 2012 Mrs. Sekaquaptewa completed the Ironman Arizona triathlon in Tempe. In 2012 she also completed a marathon, a half ironman triathlon, several shorter triathlons, a 50k trail run, and a couple of half marathons. She enjoys the challenge of setting goals, putting in the work to reach them, and raising the bar higher to reach new goals. She is a true believer that you can do whatever you set your mind to do.



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Chris Gary

Christopher Gary, Tohono O'odham/ Yaqui, has recently graduated from Hasan Preparatory High School in Tucson Arizona. Chris was not unfamiliar with enduring ceremony. Chris has, since his youth, participated in his ancestral Yaqui ceremonies at his home pueblo in

South Tucson.

Crystal McArthur - HIV Prevention Specialists



David Obergfell

David is a Senior Behavioral Health Counselor at SRPMIC-Batterer's Intervention Program and Clinical Coordinator in EMPACT-SPC's Crisis Department. He is a Credentialed Advocate by the National Organization for Victim Assistance. David holds a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology and a Masters of Social Work Degree.



Debbie Manuel

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. Mrs. Manuel's lifetime effort of supporting families became a part of her professional career choice in 2001 where she began studying the human capacity to solve complex social issues as a student at Northern Arizona University. At NAU she earned her Bachelors of Arts degree in Social Work then advanced to achieve her Advanced Standing Master of Social Work Degree at Arizona State University. Throughout the year, she also services as a Certified Social Work ASU Field Instructor, and a registered trainer through Livingworks Suicide Prevention.

Deidre Greyeyes B.S. Kinesiology - HIV Prevention Specialists



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Denise Beagley, M.Sc.

Denise is a Clinical 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. Her areas of specialty are as follows: Cultural Competency-Master level Trainer for ADHS/DBHS, Suicide Prevention, Motivational Interviewing, Co-occurring Disorders Understanding Psychiatric Disorders, and Hearing Voices, Denise is a certified ASAM Trainer (American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) for the State of Arizona and ASIST Instructor; a certified Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST) Trainer.



Diana Yazzie-Devine

Diana "Dede" Yazzie Devine, has been with Native American urban and tribal entities since 1972 & has been CEO of Native American Connections since 1979 - for over 34 years. Ms. Devine has an MBA from Arizona State University & holds International & State licenses in substance abuse counseling.

Elena Tarango - Financial Education Training Coordinator



Elsie Ann Nelson

Elsie Ann Nelson, Kugaruk, is Iñupiaq from Alaska. Elsie Ann is determined to end the cycle of violence and alcohol abuse. Although she grew up in a traditional lifestyle, Elsie Ann and her siblings were also affected by alcohol abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence in her family. She lost two brothers due to suicide and has committed to sharing her life experience in hopes of facilitating healing and compassion. Elsie Ann has a BA in Social Work and a MBA. She has worked in the helping fields for nearly twenty years. She and her husband Paul live in Mesa with their daughters Josephine and Tiptona.



Elliot Sneezy

Elliot is the owner of Elliot Education and Empowerment Training. He is from the San Carlos Apache Tribe and is currently a sergeant with the Maricopa Police Department. He is an instructor of physical fitness, fire arms, patrol rifle and gangs. He has consulted and trained numerous departments, organizations, and communities for over 19 years.



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Gail Rae B.A. M.A.

Non Fiction Writer-Educator. Gail is the author of how to books, newspaper articles, study guides and literary guides. Her blog, "What is it and how did I get it?" is carried on the American Society of Nephrologists and Chronic Kidney Disease Support Forums Facebook. Gail is the kidney educator for Transplant Community Outreach.



Hedy Emery

Hedy Emery, Training Coordinator for Native American Connections. Hedy is a member of the Navajo Nation. Hedy maintains a strong training platform compliance with ADHS/DBHS training requirements & guidelines. Hedy has 20+ years of professional experience in promoting substance abuse awareness.



Herewini Jones

Herewini Jones has over 40 years of experience using Traditional Indigenous Knowledge to help restore and recover core values and principles. Herewini is regarded as a Tohunga (expert) amongst his Maori People. He has worked amongst the Hawaiian people, Tongan, Samoan, Rarotonga and a number of American Indian Tribes.



Isabella Sneazy

Isabella Sneazy made a career change, from Administrative Assistant to cosmetology. She enrolled at Earl's Academy of Beauty College in 2005, is a licensed cosmetologist, and has worked for several corporations. Isabella continues her training, and education with JCPenney Salon. Her goal is helping women feel their best, by teaching them to understand and maintain their natural beauty.



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Jenning A. Prevatte

Jenning Prevatte has a Master's in Special Education with an emphasis on Early Childhood and is one of the owners of Sprouting New Beginnings, LLC. Sprouting New Beginnings' mission is to consult, train, and inform professionals and families on ways to build strong foundations for the health development of the whole child. Our vision is to plant the seeds of early learning to promote strong bonds, language, literacy and healthy brain development for lifelong learning success. Our focus is on fun and interactive ways to support the whole child through American Sign Language, sensory play, music and literacy to promote school readiness.



Joe Keeper

Joe has experience in affordable housing development, oversees development & management of NAC's housing stock & real estate portfolio. He is experienced in leveraging funds through Native American Housing Assistance & Self-Determination Act, low-income housing tax credits.



Ken Josemaria

Ken Josemaria, Tohono O'odham lives and works in Sells Arizona. He has primarily worked as a Diesel Mechanic on and off the Tohono O'odham Nation for over 30 years. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran and longtime marathon and ultra-marathon runner Ken also enjoys all areas of leather crafting including making traditional O'odham footwear.



Kevin Poleyumptewa

Mr. Poleyumptewa is the Fatherhood and Family Resource Specialist for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. He facilitates the Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Programs both in the community and in the Salt River Department of Corrections. As program coordinator Mr. Poleyumptewa has improved the capacity of an existing program to assist fathers, families, and children in creating stronger relationships, economic self-sufficiency, and an understanding of cultural importance all while serving community and non-community members. He has assisted the U.S. Attorney's Office-Arizona District in developing an Anti-Gang PSA targeting the Native American Community in Arizona. Mr. Poleyumptewa has also provided workshops for the Arizona Native American Gang Task Force at their annual conference. Workshops provided information to law enforcement and community officials in Indian Country on how community based programs can assist in creating safer communities and provide Native children opportunities for greater success.



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Lisa Deer

Lisa Deer currently serves as the Director of Operations for Salt River Financial Services in Scottsdale, Arizona. Ms. Deer has over 19 years of experience in mortgage lending and Operations Management which has allowed Salt River Financial Services to offer expansive lending options and financial literacy to Community Members. She is a certified trainer in Building Native Communities and Pathways curriculum and a Certified Financial Counselor, as a certified trainer she has provided financial education workshops and credit counseling services for numerous Native Communities and Community Members. Ms. Deer also has a Certified Public Manager Certification through the Arizona State University Public Management Program. She has been with the Salt River Community for 12 years.

Lynn E. Guerin

Mr. Guerin combines 30 years of broad experience as an accomplished executive, consultant, coach, keynote speaker, facilitator and motivator with in-depth knowledge and skill in management and coaching, marketing, strategic planning, business communication, dealer development, and team development. Guerin has had the unique privilege of partnering with an American treasure-legendary UCLA Basketball Coach John R. Wooden and his family-in the conception, design, development and delivery of the John R. Wooden Course: "Timeless Wisdom for Personal and Team Success."

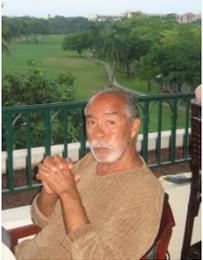
Margaret Fisher

Margaret Fisher is a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator currently working for Salt River Pima Maricopa India Community department of Health and Human Services Diabetes Program division. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science and Dietetics from the University of Vermont and eventually earned her certification as a Registered Dietitian in Phoenix, Arizona in the year 2010. After 2 years of being a Registered Dietitian, she found her passion in assisting individuals with diabetes, to have the skills set needed to live an optimal quality of life and therefore, earn her Certified Diabetes Educator certification in 2012. Currently Salt River Pima Maricopa India Community she is running 12 week programs aim at those 19 and younger and who are either high-risk diabetics or have diabetes to learn the skills to best prevent or manage their diabetes. She also offers one on one sessions to any individual in the Salt River Pima Maricopa India Community that would like to learn and implements skills related to healthy eating, prevention and management of diabetes. Lastly, she has presents several presentations on topics related to healthy feeding behaviors, prevention and management of diabetes.



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Michael Connor PhD.

Michael Connor is Professor Emeritus of Psychology at California State University, Long Beach. He is a child-focused, clinical psychologist who has worked with fathers at all stages of their development in an effort to enhance their relationships with their children (expectant dads, dads of neonates, infants, toddlers, preschoolers, primary-aged children and dads of adolescents) beginning in 1971. In 1976, he developed and taught (until retiring in 2008) one of the few university level courses in the country which focuses on fathers (“Fathers and Fathering: A Psychosocial Perspective”). He wrote the “Role of Men” program for the State of California, a program that attempts to enhance the role of fathers with their children (and the mothers of their children) in order to improve overall community opportunity and function. Connor has published numerous articles about fathers-- his co-edited book, *Black Fathers: An Invisible Presence in America*, /Volume I was published in 2005 followed by Volume II in 2011; he offers workshops for fathers; and he presents his work at numerous local, national and international conferences annually. He consults to numerous community action programs, profit and non-profit businesses and private agencies pertaining to racial-cultural diversity, parenting with focus on dads, healthy child development and male-female relationships. Since January 2009, he has been a professor at CSPP Alliant International University in San Francisco. Connor, a father and grandfather resides in the East Bay with his spouse, Babette.

Mimi Brandon

Mavis Mimi Brandon holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Grand Canyon University and has worked as a critical care nurse since 1993. She also holds an Associate Degree in General Nursing, Community Health, Psychiatric Nursing Science and Midwifery from Lebone College of Nursing(A University of Pretoria Affiliated College) in South Africa. She completed her Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing Science from B.G Alexandra Nursing College in Johannesburg, South Africa. She is both Wound Care and Diabetic Wound Care Certified with the Wound Care Education Institute of America. Prior to coming to the United States, Mimi Worked as a Community Health Nurse, a Midwife and an Occupational Health Nurse with special emphasis on women's health in Johannesburg, South Africa. Currently she is a coordinator for Maternal and Child Health Program, a facilitator for Chronic Disease Self-Management Program and a Community Health Nurse working for the SRPMIC tribe.

Neil Tift

Neil Tift is the Father Involvement Program Director for the Child Crisis Center in Mesa Arizona. Prior to that, Neil was Director of Operations for the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association. Neil has served as Director of Training for three national fatherhood organizations, including NFI and NPNFF in Washington DC. Neil was the founding Director of the Fathers' Resource Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Neil is a Parent Educator, University Instructor, Men's Therapist, Family Mediator, Fatherhood Consultant, and overweight jogger. Neil is the father of three, grandfather of eleven and foster father of many.



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Ralph Wilson

The Salt River Family Reunification Program was established 12 years ago with the collaboration of SRPMIC, Casey Family Services and Arizona State University. The entire team will be presenting.



Sarah Grumbley

Sarah is a Senior Behavioral Health Counselor with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Batterers Intervention Program. She holds a Master's degree in Social Work. Sarah has experience working as a victim advocate, with victims of domestic violence and women leaving prostitution.

Skyler L. Martinez

Sky L. Martinez, is member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation/Oh Owingh in New Mexico. Sky is a 2008 graduate of Zuni High School where he was very active in student government, football, basketball, and track. He was a two time All District Defensive Player of the Year, He represented the Jicarilla Nation and Zuni High School at the Native American Football All Stars Game in Mississippi and the Down Under Games in Sydney Australia. After high school he dedicated himself to serving a two year mission for the LDS Church in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Currently at this time he is student with the Arizona EMS Academy, a certified ZUMBA instructor and works part time at Finish line.



Valaura Imus

Valaura Imus (Hopi): Ms. Imus currently works for BIA Office of Justice Services Victim Assistance Program and stationed in District III. She provides direct victim services to Fort Apache, San Carlos, Gila River and Colorado River Agencies. For the past four years Ms. Imus has worked for the Department of the Interior, Office of Law Enforcement and Security. She is the first Victim Specialist to work with DOI Office of Law Enforcement & Security and crime victims served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs District III. Previously she worked for four years for the Hopi Tribe in Arizona as the Program Director of the Hopi Domestic Violence Program and served as Legal Advocate for the Office of the Hopi Tribal Prosecutor for almost two years. Ms. Imus 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).



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Vurlene Natsinneh-Bowekaty

Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty is a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Dulce, NM. Prior to returning to school full time she worked for the Pueblo of Zuni for 15 years as a Substance Abuse Counselor/Prevention Specialist. In April 2011 she earned my BS in Human Services from the University of Phoenix and was hired as a Health Educator by SRPMIC. Currently Mrs. Natsinneh0Bowekaty provides community education and awareness on domestic violence and other health related topics to the schools and community members. She also heads the Coordinated Community Response Team for (DVSA), a 20 member group that consist of various professionals within SRPMIC that has provided several activities, events, and workshop events.



Yvonne Fortier

Yvonne Fortier is a Clinical Director at Native American Connections, Phoenix, AZ. She is a Master's level clinician, licensed as a Professional Counselor and as an Independent Substance Abuse Counselor. With over 25 years of combined experience in business administration and behavioral health care, her clinical training, experience, and supervisory experience include work in child and family therapy, Play and Sand Tray therapies, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders, and practices that integrate indigenous healing interventions with current approaches in counseling and psychology. Yvonne is also a teacher and practitioner of traditional ceremonies and folk healing practices.

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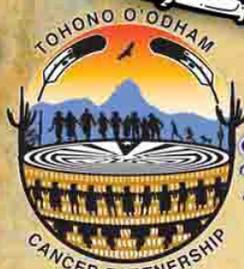
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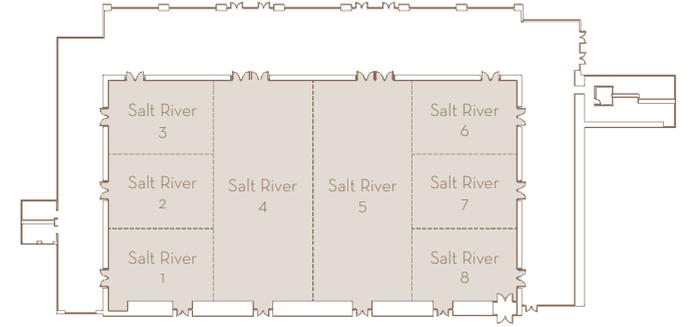
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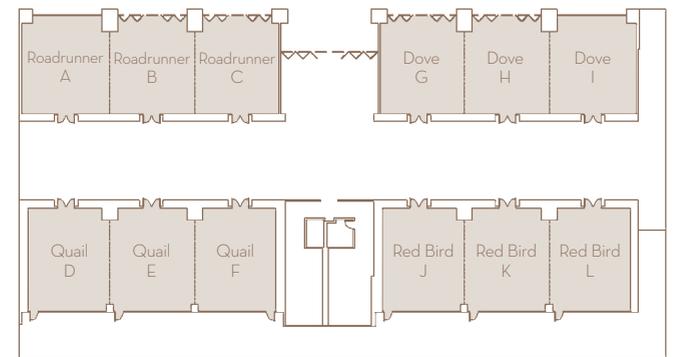
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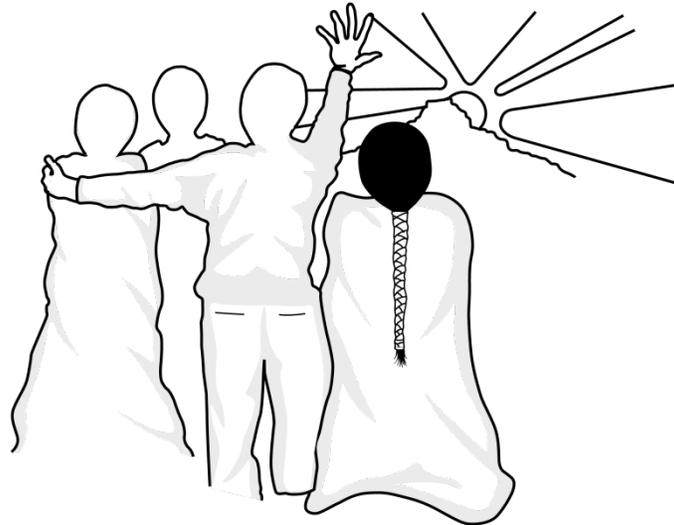


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