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Local Hopi Woman Obtains Diploma in Early Childhood Studies from Northland Pioneer College (NPC)

Hopi Family Assistance Program - TANF Update

Submitted by: Tara Torivio, Family Support Specialist - Hopi Family Assistance Program

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – June 30, 2023 Greetings from Hopi Family Assistance Program – Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and please meet the accomplished, Ms. Tiffany Honahnie.





Tiffany is a single parent of two from Kykotsmovi, Ariz. As, Honanhie's Family Support Specialist, it is an honor to announce Tiffany's successful accomplishment of obtaining her diploma in Early Childhood from the local Northland Pioneer College (NPC) Hopi Satellite, located in Keams Canyon, Ariz. on the campus of Hopi Jr./Sr. High School.

The graduation ceremony took place on May 13, 2023 at the Holbrook High School Football field. Tiffany is full of surprises, as she was also chosen to present the welcome address in Hopi to all attendees. Tiffany currently is continuing with her education and has enrolled for summer classes, and will continue with her education working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood.

As a participant of TANF there are several tasks that need to be met weekly. Tiffany has decided she wanted to attend NPC to pursue her education in Early Childhood, therefore her requirements were to attend her classes and ensuring that her instructors are confirming her attendance by signing her timesheets and submitting timesheets weekly. Other requirements include ensuring that her children are in school, keep-

ing all immunizations up to date for her children, attending and keeping all appointments and to keep her Family Support Special informed of any changes.

The Hopi Family Assistance Program provided support services that Tiffany took advantage of, and the program assisted with paying for the driver's license exam which she passed and now possesses a driver's license. The program also provides gas stipend, reimbursements for out of pocket fees she incurred for various purchases. She also took advantage of the State Child Care Program which entailed several processes which she completed successfully therefore, her provider is being paid for child care services. The state requirements ensure she is entitled to services which include having a provider that has a Level I Clearance card. There are so many things to say about Tiffany and the determination she has to reach her goal.

Tiffany is the first recipient of a monetary incentive for completing her education thus far.

Once again congratulations go out to Tiffany! She did it and she definitely is a true 'GO GETTER."





Pictured: Local Hopi Hopi Woman Tiffany Honahnie displaying Diploma earned from Northland Pioneer College in Ealy Childhood Studies with Hopi TANF staff, her children and supporters. Photo by: Hopi TANF staff



HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL 3rd Quarter Session June 1, 2023 AGENDA - Amendment #1

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action - Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Sinquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Tabled

3. Action Item #090-2022 - Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit – Tabled

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #050-2023 – To approve the Hopi System Upgrade to Cap Max; this upgrades the equipment and licenses to Cap Max on the Hopi Radio Communications System and allows radio services to First Responders of the Department of Public Safety and Emergency services throughput the reservation – Author/Anthony Huma, Director, Hopi Emergency Medical Services

2. Action Item #051-2023 – Hopi Three Canyon Ranch (H3CR) Loan Forgiveness: A loan was granted to the H3CR by the Hopi Tribe in 2005. In 2008 the H3CR loan was forgiven by the Hopi Tribe's Land Committee at a duly called committee meeting. The H3CR had written off the loan on their books; however, due process was never fully completed at the Hopi Tribe. The Department of Natural Resources and H3CR are presenting documents (attached) to formally be recognized and read into record to resolve this 18-year matter – Author/Janice Lewis & Carrie Joseph, Director, Department of Natural Resources **Time Certain – Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

3. Action Item #052-2023 – Amend the General Welfare Assistance Policy to include submission of applications through an electronic portal – Author/Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee **Time Certain – Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

4. Action Item #053-2023 – Resolution authorizing HUC to apply for and implement the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This grant would fund a greenhouse gas inventory and other climate planning activities. Completion of this work is required to be eligible to apply for upcoming EPA Implementation grants, which have been allocated over \$4 billion in funding by Congress and can be used for a wide range of renewable energy and GHG reduction projects – Author/Carroll Onsae, General Manager, Hopi Utilities Corporation **Time Certain – Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

5. Action Item #054-2023 – Resolution authorizing HUC to apply for and implement the U.S. Economic Development

Administration (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (PWEAA). This grant would fund the proposed Side Rock Well Field solar PV and battery storage microgrid project to power off grid wells – Author/ Carroll Onsae, General Manager, Hopi Utilities Corporation **Time Certain – Tuesday, June 6, 2023 immediately following Action Item #053-2023

6. Action Item #055-2023 – Resolution authorizing HUC to partner with Arizona State University to apply for and implement the Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas program grant offered by the U.S. Department of Energy. This proposal seeks to fund a solar PV and battery storage microgrid at the Turquoise Well Campus to reduce electricity costs and ensure 24/7 power to the site – Author/ Carroll Onsae, General Manager, Hopi Utilities Corporation **Time Certain – Tuesday, June 6, 2023 immediately following Action Item #054-2023

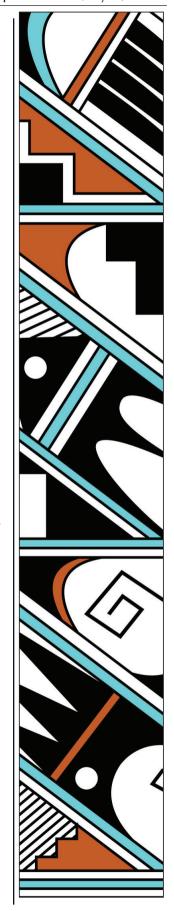
7. Action Item #056-2023 – Resolution authorizing HUC to apply for and implement the Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas program grant, offered by the U.S. Department of Energy. This proposal seeks to fund construction of 5 MW of solar PV and a new substation to connect to the existing 500kV transmission line at RU 255, and approximately 12 miles of 21kV distribution infrastructure that would connect the substation to existing distribution lines at Hotevilla. This project would resolve power outages and improve access to the electric system that serve Hopi communities – Author/ Carroll Onsae, General Manager, Hopi Utilities Corporation **Time Certain – Tuesday, June 6, 2023 immediately following Action Item #055-2023

8. Action Item #057-2023 – Kewenvoyouma Law, PLLC Special Prosecutor Agreement – Author/Mervin Yoyetewa, Chairman, Law & Order Committee

9. Action Item #58-2023 – To update, revise, and publish the Hopi Code to include Hopi Tribal Council amendments – Author/Mervin Yoyetewa, Chairman, Law & Order Committee

10. Action Item #059-2023 – To approve Resolution which will extend the Transition Period to the New Hopi School system at least two (2) additional years beyond the previous date; affirm that local school boards shall continue to operate under their existing governance structures, election procedures. Tribal Resolutions, and tribally Controlled School grants; and direct the local school boards, Hopi Board of Education, and Hopi Tribal Council to work collaboratively to support local control of schools - Vice Chairman Craig Andrews - **Time Certain and venue to be determined

11. Memorandum dated May 3, 2023 from Donovan Gomez, Re: Presentation of the Hopi Senom Transit 5-year *continued pg.5*



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Plan by Ken Hosen of KFH Group – Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - **Time Certain, Monday, June 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

12. Memorandum dated May 2, 2023 from Lamar Keevama, Re: Ineligible Enrollment Applications and Presentation on the Constitution and Bylaw's of the Hopi Tribe on Enrollment and Hopi Tribal Ordinance No. 33 – Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - **Time Certain, Monday, June 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

13. Letter dated May 19, 2023 from Albert T. Sinquah, Interim Board Chair, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, Re: Tawa'ovi Community Development Team – Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

14. Letter dated May 23, 2023 from Edison Tu'tsi, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation, Re: Auditor requires the Tribal Treasurer sign and return the Debt Confirmation Letter - Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

15. Discussion and Possible Action - Letter dated May 19, 2023 from Edison Tu'tsi, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation, Re: Interviews of Mr. Nick Brokeshoulder, Mr. Sal Diciccio and Mr. David Newlin - Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - **Time Certain, Monday, June 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

16. Memorandum dated May 12, 2023 from Andrew Gashwazra, Director, OCPEDLIS, Re: To provide a presentation by Jadin Tech, LLC with a Renewable Energy and Storage Presentation - Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - **Time Certain requested for July 2023 Council Agenda

17. Correspondence from the

Tawa'ovi Community Development Team (TCDT), Re: the TCDT seeks and requests clarification and a decision on the Report of Investigation as Requested in Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-058-2021 conducted by R. Gehl Tucker – Ruth Kewanimptewa, Council Representative, Village Bacavi

18. Correspondence of right of refusal for facility improvement and repair projects for Moencopi Day School and Hotevilla Bacavi Community School – David Talayumptewa, Council Representative, Village of Kykotmsovi

XII. REPORTS

Operations Officer

- 1. Office of the Chairman
- 2. Office of the Vice Chairman
- 3. Office of Tribal Secretary

a. Kim Secakuku, Tribal

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- 6. Land Commission
- 7. Water/Energy Committee
- 8. Transportation Committee
- 9. Law & Order Committee
- 10. Investment Committee

a. Walpi Housing Management Agreement Communications – TA-BLED

- 11. Health/Education Committee
- 12. Hopi Pandemic Recovery Committee

13. Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI) – HTI's Annual Report for Calendar Year ending 2022 and planned activities for 2023

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item

**Time Certain Requests







Native Art Market in Tusayan

A one-day showcase of art, jewelry, pottery, and handmade goods by tribal members with traditional ties to the Grand Canyon.

Browse authentic, handmade art in Tusayan, Arizona—the gateway to Grand Canyon National Park—and observe traditional performances.

SATURDAY
July 29 2023
9am - 5pm (MST)

Are you a Native artist with goods to sell?

Apply by July 14, 2023 be a vendor at the market. No cost for vending participation.

Contact Meranden Numkena at mnumkena@grandcanyontrust.org for details.

Application: https://bit.ly/tusayan-apply

Outside of Grand Canyon IMAX Theatre in Tusayan, AZ on Hwy 64

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Hopi Behavioral Health Services

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Predatory Facility Funding Cut

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Laverne Dallas, Behavioral Health Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – June 26, 2023 Arizona's Governor Katie Hobbs suspended payment to over 100 facilities located throughout the Phoenix Metropolitan area that may have been involved with the predatory enrollment of tribal members for substance abuse/treatment.

This action may displace an estimated 7,000 persons. These individuals may be seeking housing or resources or may feel the need to report they are a victim of this corruption.

The Hopi Tribe is working with AHCCCS and the State of Arizona to address these issues for our Hopi Tribal members that are displaced and in need of substance abuse services, housing, or other resources.

Please have your loved one call 211 – option 7 or 602-427-4614. The Hopi Tribe's Behavioral Health Services (BHS) will work with AHC-CCS to provide transportation back to the Hopi Reservation if desired. If individuals cannot get through to anyone by calling 211 – option 7, please have the Hopi Tribal member call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at (928) 737-6300. Hopi BHS will assist in the care coordination of services.

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Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response -Re-publication

Submitted by: Joyce Hamilton, Director - DHHS

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - June 2023 marks one year for the Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for occupancy of office space at the newly developed Turquoise Well Government complex?" "What is the Turquoise Well Government complex?"

The Turquoise Well Government complex is the newly developed area on Hopi lands for Hopi Tribal offices which is located 15 miles northeast of the Hopi Cultural Center. The complex was developed in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Tribal programs. DHHS Administration, Public Health Compliance and the Small Animal Control program have been working at the Turquoise Well complex since June 2022. In January 2023 the staff had to resort to teleworking due to mechanical failure of the generator which provides electrical power for day-to-day operations. DHHS Administration, Public Health Compliance and the Small Animal Control, are some of the programs affected however the staff of the programs continue to provide services, such as the recent Food Handler's class held in the village of Bacavi and the tick prevention event. The DHHS Department Director can be reached via e-mail at Jhamilton@hopi.nsn.us or (928)207-6481.

Hopi Executive Order No. 002-2022 issued on March 3, 2022 continues to remain in place until such time the Hopi Tribal Leadership determines to lift the Executive Order. Data from the Hopi Health Care Center and surrounding health care facilities showcase a significant reduction in positive COVID-19 cases and data continues to be monitored and assessed.

Public Health Authority, Dr. Darren Vicenti, has been working in consultation with Tribal Leadership and local health centers in regards to COVID-19 cases and has determined that the number of positive cases remain low and will be defining next steps for data sharing.

Various sources of literature predicted that the COVID-19 virus will become endemic over time; what does that mean? An Endemic Disease means that the virus will continue to be present in a population or region with a relatively low spread OR there may be periods when it doesn't affect people at all.

The straightforward message to the community is to seek medical advice from your local medical provider for proper care and guidance to avoid further spread to family members if you feel symptoms. The recommended public health practice is to continue with proper hand hygiene, staying home when feeling ill and most importantly get vaccinated.

Hopi Executive Order No. 002-2022 language indicates the following:

- 1. It is recommended that everyone ages 5-years and older get a complete serious of the COVID-19 vaccine (mandatory for tribal government employees).
- 2. Face covering use shall be required inside all public facilities and buildings, and certain common areas. (lifted Hopi Executive Order No. 001-2023)
- 3. The Hopi Law Enforcement Services and health professionals, including community workers will coordinate with village leaders and village security officers to allow for welfare checks and other health-related contacts.

The Hopi Community Health Services (CHR) program continues to make available COVID-19 home test kits. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as hand sanitizers, face masks and sanitary wipes are limited and will be issued if supplies are available. Contact the Hopi CHR program at (928)737-6342 if you have questions.

HOPI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Residential Facility Recruitment Targeting Native Americans

Submitted by: Laverne Dallas, Behavioral Health Services Director - Hopi Tribe

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - June 26, 2023

What are the concerns around recruitment for sober homes, transitional homes and/or treatment centers?

There have been numerous reports of unmarked, suspicious vehicles coming onto Native American communities and picking up individuals who are struggling with substance use disorders and promising them housing, treatment for their substance use disorders, and in some cases offering substances, money, or both. This method of recruitment is highly illegal and is defined as "body brokering." These suspicious vehicles and individuals coming onto reservations "recruiting" in locations such as stores, post offices, AA/NA meeting locations, along highways, outside I.H.S. facilities, detention facilities, and homeless shelters.

Legitimate sober homes, transitional homes, and treatment centers coordinate proper transportation arrangements. They do not pick up intoxicated individuals outside stores, post offices, jails, or hitchhiking on public roads. Legitimate treatment providers will coordinate safe transportation to these facilities and will arrange for detox placement PRIOR to placement in a treatment facility to ensure safety.

What are some of the specific safety concerns?

These drivers or recruiters are not appropriately identifying themselves. Meaning, they are not providing the individual with specific information about the "legal" name of the organization, the address, phone number, and where they can be contacted in case of an emergency. There are reports that... Continued on pg. 7

HOPI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Residential Facility Recruitment Targeting Native Americans,

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when individuals arrive at these sober homes, transitional homes, or treatment agencies, staff are not allowing the individuals to place or accept phone calls to their loved ones or to their emergency contacts to inform them that they are safe. As a result, family members are worried that they have not heard from their loved ones and end up reporting to law enforcement, or behavioral health services, that their family members are lost or missing.

What are some steps that individuals in need of substance use help can take?

Step 1: Ask the driver or recruiter to provide you with a program brochure or business card indicating: the agency's name, contact information, correct business address, phone number, and company owner.

Step 2: You can verify appropriate information to ensure the agency is properly licensed to provide quality, substance abuse treatment services to manage a sober living home. Arizona Health Cost Containment Care Services (AHCCCS) pays for treatment services and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) provides the license to operate a treatment or sober home facility and is responsible for auditing these sites to ensure safe and quality care is being provided.

It is highly encouraged you verify the agency that recruited you is a legitimate agency. You can cross reference the company's name through: www.azcarecheck.com. Or call any behavioral health organization and ask for help you verify the company name and the quality of care.

The safest method of placement is coordination care with a reputable case manager from an approved behavioral health agency. A case manager will coordinate placement and verify personal documentation. The reputable case manager will utilized approved, trustworthy sober homes, transitional homes, and treatment facilities audited by Care 1st, AHCCCS, and/or Indian Health Services. The closest behavioral health agency is Hopi Behavioral Health at 928-737-6300. Ask for a case manager to assist you.

Other signs or pressing concerns to look out for include:

- Silencing communication with loved ones to inform them of their location.
- Using a client's food stamp benefits to pay for groceries for an entire facility or members in the home.
- Allow alcohol and drug use in the home.
- Offering any type of counseling services with limited clinicians or clinically approved activity.
- Not offering assistance or transportation to specific medical care or other substance abuse treatment needs.

Where to go to voice your concerns?

If you see suspicious, recruitment activity on the Hopi reservation, please call Hopi Law Enforcement Services at 928-737-7340.

All transportation companies and recruiters for sober living homes should have an appropriate business license with the Hopi Revenue Commissions office to conduct legal business on the Hopi reservation. And to ensure safe and ethical recruitment practices. If the activity is occurring too quickly, write down the vehicle's license plate number so that Hopi Law Enforcement Services can verify the information registered to that vehicle.

Again if you have family members who are in sober homes, transitional homes, or treatment centers who are calling home intoxicated, reporting concerning behaviors in the facility, such as continued drug use, few staff members in the home, being locked in a home or not being allowed to leave, harassment by anyone; PLEASE report to the local law enforcement.

To end this abuse & fraud, please report these incidents to the following agencies:

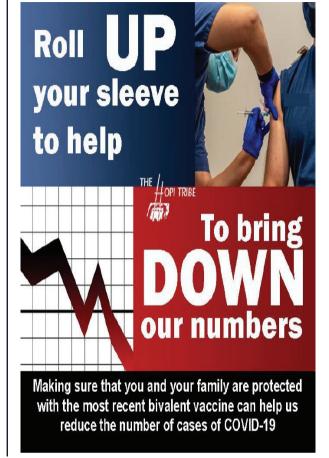
- Provider fraud in Arizona: 602-417-4045 or toll free at 888-ITS-NOT- OK (888-487-6686)
- Phoenix FBI, 623-466-1999

Action thus far to address the above concerns

Families and tribes are submitting their concerns to AHCCCS, ADHS, law enforcement, and the FBI. As a result, AHCCCS and the Office of Inspector General have been conducting investigations, along with the Medicaid-Fraud Control Unit to ensure quality care is being offered and there is no practice of fraud. Since January 2023, AHCCCS suspended 100+ provider payments due to potential criminal activity and reported to the Arizona Attorney General's Office for further investigation.

We know many of our own people struggle with substance use disorders and mental health issues. Help is available and recovery is possible. SAFETY is a priority. We want help for our people but we also want to make sure they are safe, respected, and treated with dignity. If you are in a crisis or need help; here are the following resources:

- 211 option 7 or call 602-427-4614
- 988 National Suicide Prevention Line TEXT or call
- Arizona Crisis line 844-534-4673
- Winslow CBI Detox 928-289-3151
- 24/7 SAMHSA Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or https://findtreatment.gov
- Hopi Behavioral Health 928-737-6300
- Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention 928-734-0300





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SECOND MESA DAY SCHOOL OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL, ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DUE DATE AND TIME: 4:00 P.M. (MST) July 21, 2023

HOPI/INDIAN PREFERENCE, HOPI, INDIAN, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S FIRMS OR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

In accordance with Section 11.12 of its Procurement Policies, Second Mesa Day School (hereinafter "SMDS" or the "School") will receive sealed proposals from all entities (hereinafter "Offerors") capable of providing services described herein under the terms and conditions set forth herein. Hopi and Indian-owned organizations and enterprises are especially encouraged to submit proposals. The project is identified as supplying Financial, Accounting and Business Services (hereinafter the "Project"). The Project may include correcting any deficiencies that may exist in current financial and/or accounting procedures; ensuring proper procurement, accounting and reporting practices; preparation of records, documents, reports and books as necessary and/or helpful for annual audits, to include reports necessary for compliance with applicable standards; providing timely reports regarding fiscal status and budget compliance both in general and by line item (monthly); assist in payroll, reconciliations, journal entries and similar business office functions; identifying and defining the in-house support services that Offerors deem advisable to coordinate services between School and Offerors; aiding in the development of greater in-house expertise; and, provide general oversight and support of all business office functions to include recommendations to the Board as appropriate and as needed.

The Offerors shall provide and include all transportation and services necessary for the delivery of the goods described in the Project.

The closing date for the acceptance of proposals is 4:00 p.m. (MST) on July 21, 2023. Said proposals must be received by SMDS prior to that date and time. Sealed proposals shall be opened on July 24, 2023, at the SMDS Administration Office, Second Mesa, Navajo County, Arizona. The School reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any formalities or minor inconsistencies. Request for Proposal Packet are available at the SMDS Procurement Office or via email. For more information, contact Alice Snyder at Alice. Snyder@secondmesa.org or call (928) 737-2571, ext. 4208. Sealed bids may be mailed to:

Alice Snyder, Procurement Technician Second Mesa Day School Highway 264 @ Texaco Jct. PO Box 98 Second Mesa, AZ 86043





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July is National "Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Submitted by: Bernadean Kachinhongva, HSAPC Mentor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – June 28, 2023 The month of July is National "Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month" and the H.O.P.I. Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) is recognizing National "Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month."

This month's awareness campaign focuses on raising awareness and prevention for a congenital condition known as Cleft lip and palate, locally and worldwide. HSAPC staff would like to educate the community on this awareness.

Cleft lip and palate is under the umbrella of Craniofacial abnormalities. Craniofacial abnormalities are present at birth and can vary in severity. This Cleft lip and Palate abnormality can occur in the first three months of pregnancy (while the unborn baby is in the womb). There are several ways cleft lip and palate can be formed. The first form is called Unilateral incomplete meaning a small or large gap on the upper lip (from tip of lip to nose) on one side of the nose. The next is called Unilateral complete meaning a small or large gap of the upper lip (from tip of lip to nose) and the palate (roof of the mouth). Bilateral complete meaning a small or large gap of the upper lip, both nostrils (nose holes) and palate (roof of the mouth).

Approximately 7,000 infants in the United States are born with a form of Cleft lip and Palate. Children born with this abnormality can have problems with eating, dental care, hearing, speech, and social development (self-esteem and bullying). Children born with this condition can be treated with corrective surgery, which can boost an individual's self-esteem. In some cases, an individual might not have the opportunity to have corrective treatment, which can lead to future problems for them. Research identifies risk factors for cleft lip and palate condition, they can

include maternal diabetes, family genetics, smoking cigarettes while pregnant, certain prescription medications, and lack of vitamin B (folic Acid) deficiency during pregnancy.

The primary focus of Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention is to educate and encourage all to accept one another and their uniqueness. Here are several ways you can raise awareness: Educate yourselves, family, friends, children, and community members; host an in person or virtual fundraiser; create a positive educational awareness post on social media; and read this message. It may be hard for an individual to seek support for themselves if we are not educated and aware of these health-related conditions. The goal is that the community is willing to support an individual with this condition and that individual(s) will be open to receiving help.

The HSAPC staff recognizes the importance of this awareness within our communities. As a grant recipient of Arizona's Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family's - Trauma Informed Substance Abuse Prevention Program (funds provided through SAMHSA), the HSAPC staff receive trauma-informed care training and utilize strategies in our services. HSAPC mentors help individuals work through their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing journey. "We believe in honoring ourselves by living an honest, sober, balanced life." Healing begins with you!

HSAPC mentors provide one-to-one mentoring services for youth and adults, group classes, community presentations, supportive programs for local schools, and cognitive restructuring for a positive recovery journey. As a non-profit organization, all HSAPC services are free of charge. We encourage all in their recovery journey to take it one day at a time: sometimes it's one moment at a time. If you feel comfortable reaching out to HSAPC mentors, call 928-734-0300. The Hopi Health Care Center at 928-737-6000 or your local health care facility. Hopi Health Care Center: Public Health Educator - Gary Leslie 928-737-6000.

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Re-Publication For Hopi Tutuveni Reader's Information

Hopi Small Animal Control Who Are We?

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Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – June 13, 2023 Hopi Small Animal Control Program (HSACP) is a Hopi Tribal Program that was established in 2016 by Tribal Council. HSACP has been working to establish the program along with a Kennel facility and a home office since its approval. The entire country dealt with the Covid Pandemic from 2020 to present, which set the program back from much needed development.

As of today, HSACP is staffed by one, (1) Lead Animal Control Officer, Charles Mahkewa. A recent hire of a Deputy Animal Control Officer is in progress, which will complete the staffing of HSACP. Although the program will be staffed with two full-time staff, the demand of controlling and supporting the Hopi community with response and support is overwhelming.

Currently, due to the fact that HSACP does not have an office and a facility, services are very limited. Removal of unwanted dogs, sick dogs, tick infested dogs and cats are not possible at this time. HSACP is encouraging the public to take full responsibility for their own pets when it comes to removal of these animals. Aggressive dogs that are biting people are being investigated following the process within Hopi Tribal Ordinance #61, which is the Small Animal Control Ordinance. Hopi Small Animal Control is a Civil Enforcement Program and will only have jurisdiction over civil matters, dealing with pets. If there is a circumstance that a criminal act has occurred, Hopi Law Enforcement Services will have full jurisdiction and authority over those matters.

If you or a family member has been bitten by a dog, you are encouraged to seek immediate medical attention. Upon medical care Hopi Health Care Center will generate a referral to Hopi SACP for investigation. Unfortunately, a majority of the dogs within the Hopi communities are not properly vaccinated. Any bite should be taken seriously as we do not know

what the dogs or cats may be carrying, such as rabies. A dog or cat could appear healthy, on the other hand it may be carrying a disease or virus that may be damaging to one's health. The most important vaccination all dogs and cats should have is the rabies vaccine. If your pets do not have the rabies vaccination and is a carrier of the virus, their bite is 100% fatal. There have been recent rabies outbreaks on the Hualapai Indian Reservation to the west of Flagstaff and on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, which is south of Hopi. With these rabies outbreaks near Hopi, we can potentially be the next community with a rabies virus outbreak: we are not immune to this bad virus.

HSACP strongly encourages the Hopi/Tewa people to get your dogs and cats vaccinated for rabies, parvo, and distemper and to have them treated for ticks and fleas. Ticks are especially bad this year due to the wet winter and spring we've had. We welcome the moisture to our arid lands but it does multiply the bugs and critters, which impact our animals and human population.

The Hopi Public Health Compliance Office (HPHCO) has been in the community conducting tick and flea medication applications. HPHCO will be in the Hopi communities in June with Hopi Indian Health Services (IHS) providing rabies vaccinations. These services are free of charge; please take full advantage of these events. A spay and neuter clinic is being coordinated and when dates and locations are confirmed, the public will be notified.

HSACP strongly encourages pet owners to be proactive with their pets. As a dog or cat owner, we may need to reach into our wallets and pay for these services to ensure our pets receive the much needed vaccinations to protect your pet and the community. These pets are often referred to as "part of the family" and we need to care for them as such and not compromise their health and wellbeing, by waiting for a free service. Our pet friends deserve to be healthy and happy.

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HOPI WORDS

Kyesmismuyaw - December

Pö'i'yta - Debt (Have)

Wiiki'yma - Guide (Singular)

Sivaqöpqö - Heater

Tuwi'yta - Able (skillful)

Yuki'at - Accomplishment

Öqala - Determined

Hopiiqatsi - Hopi Way of Life

Nù'okwa - Kind Hearted

Muytala - Moon Light

Tömö - Season (Winter)

Nuvati - Snowed

Hihìivà - Wow!

Nawini - Suggestion

Tsangaw - Thank Goodness

Kyaamuya - Winter (Solstice)

Tukopna - Accuse

Pu'ason - Afterward

Qe'ti - Back out of

Novaki - Bakery

Tuptsiwni - Belief

Kwusiva - Bring

Pitanakts - Cap/Hat

Sikiki - Car (Auto)

Pàato - Burst

Alögö - Different

a - Doorway Ngahu - Medicine

Hintsakpi - Activity

Hötsiwa - Doorway

Hiihiko - Drink

Nan'ip - Each (of two)

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Tutuqayiw - Education

Töövu - Ember

Tumal'aya - Employee

Tunatya - Endeavor

Naatsiki - Factionalize

Qöpqö - Fire place

Kansulmongwi - Chairman Saavu

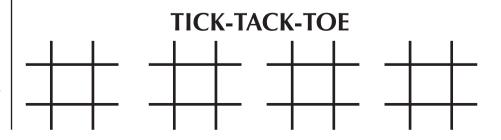
Saavu - Fire wood

Namora - Choice

Tuuqayta - Fluent

lyoho'ti - Cold (Weather)

Qalaptu - Get Over (Recover)





The U.S. The Department of Justice announced a new program designed to address the country's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples crisis with new, nationwide initiatives that will increase cooperative investigations.

According to the department's press release, the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Regional Outreach Program, allows departments from various levels of government, including federal, state and tribal, to collaborate and share resources used to address the Missing and Murdered Indigenous peoples cases across the country.

The regional outreach program dedicated five assistant U.S. Attorneys alongside five MMIP coordinators to help ensure issues within the crisis will be communicated directly with the U.S. Attorneys offices.

Vanessa Waldref, the United States attorney for the district of Eastern Washington said this program is designed to operate by offering tailored services to each specific region.

"Our efforts are gonna be to both work with our state partners to ensure that we are focusing our efforts on the individuals that are critically important to be found as well as if there's a homicide, making sure that we're doing all we can to investigate and prosecute cases that are appropriate to do so," Waldref said. According to the DOJ press release, the program will also allow for investigations on MMIP cold cases.

The director of the executive office of the United States Attorneys, Monty Wilkinson, said in the press release that the executive office is committed to the effective prevention and response to MMIP cases through collaborative efforts.

"We will work together with all relevant federal, tribal, state, and local law enforcement partners to locate missing persons and solve crimes where they have occurred," stated Wilkinson in the release. "This new program will allow the Department to build upon the work done by individual United States Attorneys' offices and ensure continued support to those offices by coordinating outreach regionally on MMIP matters."

The new outreach program's workforce will be housed across the district offices of Alaska, Arizona, Eastern Washington, Minnesota, New Mexico, Northern Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, and Western Michigan.

Waldref shared her appreciation of the partnership with the DOJ program, emphasizing the department's initiatives on bringing solutions to the forefront of the missing persons problem.

"We really wanna be a leader in addressing the MMIP crisis, and I'm really encouraged by the energy by the Department of Justice to have this issue be a priority and to have to commit the resources to address the needs of our tribal communities," Waldref said.

Although some data collecting and information won't readily be available to the general public, Waldorf said it is important to highlight cases the U.S. Attorneys offices are working on and to move them forward.

"The goal of this program is to really provide that additional connection to the public and show the Department of Justice's commitment to this issue," Waldref said.

Gregg Peterman is the first assistant U.S. attorney for South Dakota and has worked with the state's Indian Country for the past 29 years. He will work with Troy Morley who is the recently appointed tribal liaison for the great plains region, which encompasses South Dakota, North Dakota, Alaska, Wyoming and Nebraska.

"Troy and his colleagues around the country who were also selected for the position will bring to the job a certain level of expertise, skill, years on the job, and extensive background prosecuting violent crime in Indian country on reservations," Peterman said. "We work very well with our colleagues in the surrounding states, and so we have nothing but high hopes for the success of this program."

The Montana Department of Justice stated in an email that Montana is not a part of the DOJs new project and none of the new positions will be based in the state. Furthermore, the email stated that the Montana DOJ disagrees on bringing on more legal personnel onto the MMIP crisis.

"More lawyers are not the solution to the problem of missing and murdered indigenous persons in Montana. Ultimately, the federal government needs to fulfill its commitment to provide for public safety in Indian Country that is under federal jurisdiction," wrote Emilee Cantrell, the Deputy Communications Director for the state's DOJ.

In New Mexico, the program was announced during the state's Not Invisible Act Commission's public hearing by the U.S. Attorney Alexander M.M. Uballez and the DOJ. New Mexico is one of the districts that will receive one of the assistant U.S. attorneys that will also support the surrounding states including Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and Utah.

"This is really a culmination in fulfilling the promise that was made as part of the report on the executive order promoting public safety in the country to devote resources to address the issue of MMIP," said Marlys Big Eagle, the National Native American Outreach Services Liaison for the Department of Justice in an interview with ICT.

"So this is the ability for the department to have regional coordinators in regional U.S. cities that can work with tribal, federal, state, local law enforcement organizations and non-governmental organizations to try to aid in the prevention and response to MMIP issues," Big Eagle said.

The regional outreach program was established to assist with other initiatives set forth by the Department of Justice to further promote safety within Indian Country such as the Executive Order 14053 and the Justice Department's National Native American Outreach Services Liaison.

"The MMIP Program will liaise with and enhance the work of the Department's Tribal Liaisons and Indian Country Assistant United States Attorneys throughout Indian Country, the Native American Issues Coordinator, and the National Indian Country Training Initiative Coordinator to ensure a comprehensive response to MMIP," as stated in the departments press release.

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