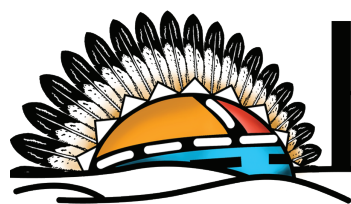


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## Hopi High School Hosts Inaugural Rick Baker Cross Country Invite



Junior High School Cross Country runners get a good start at the Inaugural Rick Baker Invite which took place on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at Hopi Jr./Sr. High School in Keams Canyon, Ariz. Photo by: R. Laban HT **More pics on pg. 2**

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# Hopi High School Hosts Inaugural Rick Baker Cross Country Invite on August 29, 2023

*“Momentous images are worth thousands in words”*



By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor HT

**Keams Canyon, Ariz. - August 29, 2023** The stands were full and the music was loud and upbeat which made for complimentary additives for the Inaugural Rick Baker Cross Country Invite, which took place under a sunny “Bruin” blue sky at the Hopi Jr./Sr. Bruins Stadium.

In true fashion, The True Legend Coach Rick Baker - Hopi Bruins Cross Country Coach was all over the race path from the starting line, to midpoint and at the end to congratulate his team members. Baker, an inductee into the National Federation of State High Schools Hall of Fame as of July 1, 2021, for outstanding leadership and coaching skills that led to national record of 27 consecutive state cross country championships for Hopi High School athletes from 1990 - 2017,

was also acknowledged recently by the Hopi Jr./Sr. High School Board, by their re-naming of the Hopi Cross Country Invitational to The Rick Baker Cross Country Invite.

And in true fashion the Hopi Bruin Cross Country Runner fans could also be seen following their harriers and yelling the true Hopi XC cheer of “Nahongvita” which translates to inspiring one to “dig deep” “be strong” and “find that inner strength” as the runners are encouraged to keep going and to finish the race strong.

Images can express many words, emotions and are being shared for this point in Hopi High School Cross Country history, when runners and fans were reminded about the supportive and encouraging work Rick Baker committed to all the Hopi Bruin XC runners since 1990 when he began his career as Coach Baker.



# Hopi Tutuveni is Hiring!

**By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – September 1, 2023** Hopi Tutuveni is the official newspaper of the Hopi Tribe and serves as an important source of news and information to the Hopi Communities, identified as a Regulated Entity in the Hopi Tribe Organization Chart. Hopi Tribal Council approved the Hopi Tutuveni By-Laws as established and approved oversight by the Hopi Tutuveni Editorial Board. Operations and management of the one and only Hopi newspaper are supported via the H13 General Fund with supplemental funding coming from advertising revenues.

The Office Manager position with Hopi Tutuveni is currently vacant and we are seeking well qualified individuals who may be interested in working to inform, educate and provide a community service to the Hopi people.

In accordance with the Position Description, “This position is responsible for efficient full range, secretarial and administrative work of moderate difficulty and complexity requiring applications in supervision, management, exercise of independent judgement and decision making abilities”

We are seeking an individual who is team oriented, flexible and able to work under quickly changing circumstances, while maintaining an understanding of the need for confidentiality and respect for role responsibilities.

We encourage candidates who are comfortable with being directly supervised by a Managing Editor as supported by the Editorial Board, with administrative support provided by the Office of the Chairman. Individuals comfortable with ever changing settings and in congruence with continuously changing Hopi community and worldly topics, would do well in the position.

We encourage candidates with experience serving or living in rural and under-resourced communities.

**Hiring of the Office Manager will be processed via the Hopi Tribe Human Resources Department, which operates with the following goals and requirements:**

## HR GOALS

- Make quality a part of the way we work.
- Enhance our ability to support The Hopi Tribe and its goals.
- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of human resources at all levels.
- Employ technology and methods which enhance service, communications and productivity.
- Help make The Hopi Tribe a great place to work — professionally and personally.

## HR REQUIREMENTS

- Applications will be received by the following methods: Email: [HumanResources@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:HumanResources@hopi.nsn.us), Fax: 928-734-6611 and/or Mail: Office of Human Resources, PO Box 123, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039
- It is important your application show all relevant education & experience you possess, to include Transcripts, Diplomas, Training Certificates, etc. Applications will not be considered if incomplete. HR will accept resumes however, the applicant understands that it is not in lieu of the application, “see attached resumes” on the application will not be accepted.
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- Human Resources accepts Employment Applications on a continuous basis for the Clerical, Labor and Police Officer Pool.
- **HOPI EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 002-2022 Hopi Phase Three Re-Opening and the Hopi Tribal Government Mandatory Vaccination Policy requires all employees to be fully vaccinated as a term and condition of employment.**

## HR DETAILS

### HOPI TUTUVENI OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

#### OFFICE MANAGER

- Job #: 0623-02
- Description: Download at <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-services/human-resources/job-listings/>
- Closing Date: Open Until Filled
- Number of positions: 1
- Department: Hopi Tutuveni
- Hourly: \$15.11

Please contact the Office of Human Resources by phone at: 928-734-3212 via mail at PO Box 123, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 and/or via email at [humanresources@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:humanresources@hopi.nsn.us) for more details and information on the hiring process.



# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

## 3rd Quarter Session

### August 7, 2023

## MONTH OF AUGUST 2023 - 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 Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Tabled

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

3. 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

### XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #070-2023 – Authorize transfer of an estimated \$5.7 million of expenditures, from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) – Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management

2. Action Item #071-2023 – To renew a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Hopi Tribe (Tribe) and Northern Arizona University (Library) – Author/Stewart B. Koyiyumpte-wa, Program Manager, Cultural Preservation Office

3. Action Item #072-2023 – DBS&A Work Order for Side Rock Engineering – Author/Herman G. Honanie, Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi

4. Action Item #073-2023 – To approve Contract Amendment 1 to Carlene Tenakhongva's Attorney Contract – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

5. Action Item #075-2023 – To contract Walker & Armstrong, LLP to provide accounting and audit preparation services for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2021 – Author/Anthony Laban, Assistant Finance Director & Cheryl Tootsie, Procurement Supervisor, Office of Financial Management

6. Action Item #076-2023 – Hopi Judicial Branch requests that Hopi Tribal Council accept BIA-OTJS funding and authorize sole source procurement of a new court recording system for its two courtrooms – Author/Marc S. Roy, Chief Judge, Hopi Tribal Courts

7. Action Item #077-2023 – To have the Hopi Tribal Council formally accept a partial distribution in connection with the Richard Basil Salzberg Revocable Trust on behalf of the Hopi

Tribe Department of Education, Kykotsmovi Village, Arizona 86039 in the amount of \$100,000.00 – Author/Nada Talayumpte-wa, Treasurer, Hopi Tribal Council

8. Action Item #078-2023 – To appoint and approve an Attorney Agreement between the Hopi Tribe and James Hill for Deputy General Counsel for a period of three years – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

9. Action Item #080-2023 – Obtain Hopi Tribal Council authorization to pass a resolution to authorize the purchase of a Portable Diesel Generator from Gilbert Sons Electric, LLC - Author/Tanya Monroe, Program Manager, Hopi Victim Services Program

10. Action Item #081-2023 – Hopi Department of Transportation – Vehicle Purchase for program – Author/Michael Lomay-aktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation \*Time Certain, Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

11. Action Item #082-2023 – To purchase a 2024 Scotty Command-24-Range Trailer for DPSES – Author/Ronald Honyumpte-wa, Director, Hopi Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services

12. Action Item #083-2023 – To support and approve a new 638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to fully remediate the Tuba City Dump (TCD) that consists of removing the entirety of the waste contents and disposing of the waste at an offsite and off-Hopi reservation location – Author/Carrie N. Joseph, Director, Department of Natural Resources

13. Action Item #085-2023 – To approve Mutual Aid Agreement between the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation – Author/Ronald Honyumpte-wa, Director, Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services

14. Hopi Tribal Enrollment Work Session – on the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, Article II – Membership, Amendments to Article II and Hopi Tribal Ordinance No. 33 – Mr. Lamar Keevama, Director, Office of Enrollment - \*\*Time Certain, Monday, August 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

15. Presentation on the Tribal Monitor Program – on behalf of WestLand and the Hopi Tribe, Office of Cultural Preservation – Leroy Shingoitewa and Avi Buckles, WestLand Resources, Inc., Engineering and Environmental Consultants

16. Notice of Relinquishment – dated August 1, 2023 – Notice is Hereby Given of Relinquishment from the Hopi Tribe, Re: DDU – Author/Lamar Keevama, Director, Hopi Enrollment Office - \*RECORD IS CONFIDENTIAL

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17. Presentation on the New Developments for the 2024 Presidential Elections – Navajo County Elections Office prepares for the 2024 Presidential Elections – Maxine Wadsworth, Outreach Coordinator, Navajo County Elections Office \*\*Time Certain, Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

18. Presentation on the Hopi History and the Greater Chaco Landscape - Final Hopi Tribe-Chaco Heritage Tribal Association Report and Community Report -Author/Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Program Manager, Cultural Preservation Office

19. Memorandum dated July 28, 2023 – Request a time certain of September 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to meet with Hopi Tribal Council during the September session to prepare BOT to schedule and conduct Village/Community presentations of proposed budgets during the month of October.

**XII. REPORTS**

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary – Report on Administrative Oversight of Program Depts.
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee – Committee Report on August 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee
  - a. Walpi Housing Management Agreement Communications – Tabled
11. Health/Education Committee – Committee Report
12. Pandemic Recovery Committee – Written Programmatic Report for July, 2023

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**\*\*Time Certain Requests**

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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. You may be asking yourself; “Where is the 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](mailto: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 series 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.

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## September is National Recovery and Suicide Prevention Month Unangvasi pas qa’atsa! A’hoi anktotiniqw pas qa atsa! #HopeisReal #RecoveryisReal

**Submitted by: Andrea Joshevama, Substance Abuse Clinician**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - August 30, 2023** Hopi Behavioral Health Services and our community partners will be hosting a Recovery and Suicide Prevention event on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Hopi Peace Academy in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. This year’s theme is #HopeisReal #RecoveryisReal.

We have invited a host of speakers to share their message of recovery and hope along with resource booths who provide treatment and support for those struggling with mental health challenges and substance abuse. We will have some interactive activities with the Hopi Wellness Center staff, some Hopi singers, and end the day with a 1 and 2 mile color walk/run to support those in recovery and to promote Suicide Prevention. The recovery journey isn’t just for the person with the substance use or mental health issue—it includes everyone who cares about them. (SAMHSA). Itam soosoyom a’ne hikyayungwa.

Recovery is a process of change and we all know change can be challenging.

Please help us get the word out by sharing this information about the event on your social media accounts or sharing this article.

If you have questions, please contact Andrea or Kayla at 928-737-6311 or 928-737-6318.



## September is National "Recovery Month"

By: Bernadean Kachinhongva, HSAPC Mentor

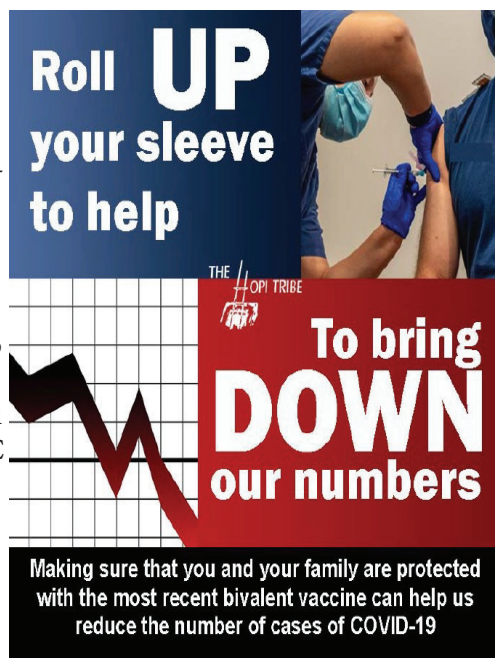
**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - August 30, 2023** The month of September is National "Recovery Month." The HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) looks forward to this month each year. It's a celebration of an individual's personal growth in recovery. This month-long recognition is designed to educate people on issues surrounding mental health, substance use disorders, chronic illnesses and other ailments. It's also meant to provide support to family members, friends; who support and love those in recovery from substance abuse and/or behavioral addiction disorders.

National "Recovery Month" started in 1989 under the name "Treatment Works!" It was intended as a way to honor the work of addiction professionals, therapists, physicians, nurses, mental health professionals, drug/recovery counselors, rehabilitation staff, etc., working with individuals. It is observed in the United States promoting and supporting new, evidence-based recovery and treatment modalities and HSAPC encourages you to start and continue your recovery. Everyone's journey is different, and we are all in this together.

The HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center is celebrating recovery month by hosting several events throughout this month. Starting with A Fall Planting event on Friday September 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Next is an annual Highway Clean-Up event on Friday September 8, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Thereafter, is a collaborative Hopi National Recovery & Suicide Prevention Month Celebration (a fun run/walk in the evening) event with Hopi Behavioral Health Services on Tuesday September 26, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Peace Academic Center (old Mission School) in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. The finale event "Hand-drum Recovery Celebration" event on Friday September 29, 2023 at the KUYI parking lot area in Second Mesa, Ariz. from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. HSAPC will also be having a fundraising food sale during this event. Come enjoy live music, delicious food, good company and a fun filled evening. All HSAPC events welcome volunteers, and are drug/substance free events. As a grant recipient of the 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 HSAPC services are free of charge. We encourage all who are 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.

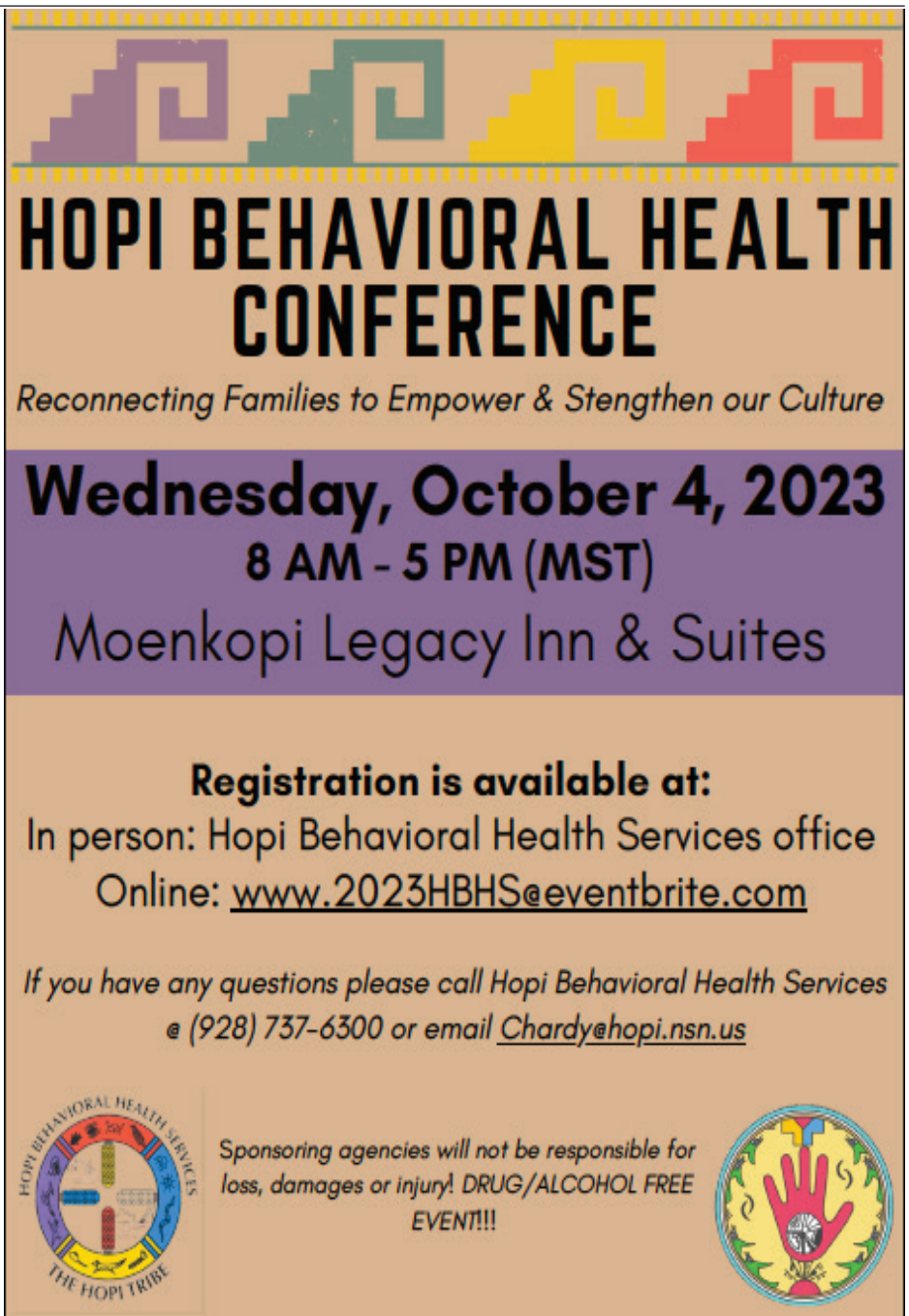
You can also call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at 928-737-6300 to schedule an appointment, or call your local Behavioral Health facility.



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### ARTICLES:

The Hopi Tutuveni welcomes original articles reporting on local, state and national news items on issues related to Hopi or of interest to Tutuveni readers. We are especially interested in articles reporting on issues impacting the Hopi community or on events and activities involving members of the Hopi Tribe. Articles should not exceed 750 words and should follow Associated Press (AP) style and formatting. The Managing Editor reserves the right to edit articles for style, length and clarity. If significant editing is required, the Managing Editor will communicate with the author prior to publication.

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Press releases must be submitted on official letterhead and include the name of the organization, contact person, telephone number and email address. Press releases should not exceed 500 words and submissions may be edited for length and clarity at the discretion of the Managing Editor.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Letters should not exceed 250 words and must include the name of the author and complete contact information (address, phone number or email address)

### CIRCULATION

The Hopi Tutuveni is published twice a month, with a circulation of 2,500 copies throughout the entire Hopi Reservation. The paper is delivered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month to the following locations: Moenkopi Travel Center, Moenkopi Legacy Inn, Hotevilla Store, Kykotsmovi Village Store, Tribal Government Complex, Hopi Cultural Center, Hopi Health Care Center, Polacca Circle M, Keams Canyon Store.

and the headline and date of the article on which you are commenting. Anonymous letters and letters written under pseudonyms will not be published. The Tutuveni Editorial Board reviews all submissions and reserves the right not to publish letters it considers to be highly sensitive or potentially offensive to readers, or that may be libelous or slanderous in nature.

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Submissions must be exclusive to Hopi Tutuveni and should not exceed 1,000 words. Include with your submission your name and complete contact information, along with a short 2-3-sentence bio.

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All press releases, articles, letters to the editor and Opinion Editorials electronically as a Word document or as plain text in the body of an email to the Managing Editor, Romalita Laban. Articles, press releases and editorials that include photographs must be in high resolution, 300dpi or more and must be your own. All photographs must include photo credit and a caption for each photo listing the names of all persons included in the photo and description of what the photo is about. (call 928-734-3283 for deadline schedule).



**Statement of Priorities & Objectives**  
**October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024**

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Native American Disability Law Center (Law Center) is a non-profit organization that provides free legal services to Native Americans with disabilities. Every year the Law Center reviews its Statement of Objectives and Priorities to insure that we are best serving the needs of our client community. We are seeking public comment before or by September 29, 2023. You can comment by calling us at 1-800-862-7271 or by emailing us at [info@natedisabilitylaw.org](mailto:info@natedisabilitylaw.org) Thank you for your interest and support for the Law Center.

**A - Intake & Outreach**

Goal: Efficiently provide timely services to new clients & increase awareness of the Law Center’s services through community & media-based outreach, providing training & information.

Objective 1: Access to Available Benefits. Assist seniors and individuals with disabilities receive appropriate services by helping them access programs that help pay for healthcare, food and energy, for which they are eligible.

Objective 2: Promoting Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Increase awareness of vocational rehabilitation services through:

- a. developing public awareness program and materials; and
- b. maintain relationships with vocational rehabilitation programs, transition specialists, and other service providers to ensure awareness of the Law Center’s programs and services.

Objective 3: Promote Self-Advocacy & Understanding of Rights. The Law Center will participate in local, regional & national outreach events, conferences & training events to increase:

- a. the understanding of Native Americans with disabilities & their families of their rights to services, supports, & employment;
- b. the ability of Native Americans with disabilities & their families to advocate for their needs & services;
- c. the understanding of the issues facing Native Americans with disabilities; &
- d. awareness of the Law Center & its services.

**B - Children’s Education & Safety**

Goal: All Native American children in the Four Corners region will have access to appropriate education & services designed to keep them safe & meet their unique needs in the least restrictive environment.

Objective 1: Represent Abused and Neglected Children. Represent Native American children as Guardian Ad Litem or Youth Attorney in child abuse & neglect cases in New Mexico and the Navajo Nation through court appointments.

Objective 2: Promote Self-Advocacy. Provide technical assistance to families of twenty-five (25) students with disabilities to empower them to advocate for their children to obtain appropriate education and related services in the least restrictive environment in their community.

Objective 3: Direct Representation. Provide direct representation in meetings, informal settings, and/or administrative proceedings to twenty (20) children with disabilities who are not receiving a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment, with priority given to students who are facing exclusionary discipline or are otherwise excluded from school or who are not receiving appropriate transition services.

Objective 4: Systemic Advocacy. Through systemic advocacy, ensure that the federal & state education systems meet the educational needs of Native American students with disabilities enrolled in their schools by addressing the general education, special education, mental health, and wellness needs of students, including those impacted by trauma and adversity.

**C - Community Integration**

Goal: Native Americans with disabilities will be free from abuse and neglect, whether they live in the community, residential facilities or correctional institutions, and receive appropriate supports & services to enable them to live in the most integrated, least restrictive settings appropriate to their choices and needs.

Objective 1: Monitoring Facilities and Services. Monitor facilities and institutions at least quarterly for instances of abuse and neglect, distributing educational materials, and providing advocacy services for individuals who are allegedly being abused or neglected.

Objective 2: Promote Community Access. Provide direct assistance to individuals with disabilities in their efforts to obtain appropriate community services, such as housing, voting, vocational rehabilitation services or address employment discrimination.

Objective 3: Advocate for Improved Access to Public Buildings and Services.  
Through systemic advocacy, increase access to public buildings and services for all individuals with disabilities.



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# Native Healing Coalition partners with Swarthmore and Haverford colleges to digitize records from Quaker-operated Indian boarding schools

**By: Brad Angerman (Tlingit), Communications Director - National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition**

**Minneapolis, MN— August 23, 2023** The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) will digitize 20,000 archival pages related to Quaker-operated Indian boarding schools. NABS was awarded a grant of \$124,311 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to work with Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College and Quaker & Special Collections at Haverford College.

Documents related to Quaker-operated Indian boarding schools have been largely understudied, as they exist in scattered collections with limited access. NABS is making these important histories readily available to scholars and non-specialists alike by housing the digital records in a public database.

“We are grateful to Swarthmore and Haverford for their willingness to partner with us as we try to better understand this history,” said Stephen R. Curley (Diné), Director of Digital Archives for NABS. “This partnership is unique and necessary, and we hope it creates more opportunities in the future. It is going to take all communities working together to reveal the truth about Indian boarding schools.”

In fall 2023, NABS, Swarthmore, and Haverford will scan 20,000 pages of enrollment papers, financial information, correspondence, administrative records, and photographs. The records from Swarthmore and Haverford, ranging from 1852-1945, relate to at least nine Quaker-operated Indian boarding schools that were

located in Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania.

Following the scanning process, a community information session will be held with Tribal communities to discuss the project findings. The project will also include the production of a video that shares oral histories from boarding school survivors, their families, and others.

In spring 2024, the 20,000 digitized records will be made publicly available on a database called the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive (NIBSDA), which NABS will launch later this year.

“I hope this partnership opens the door for more discussion and understanding about religious institutions’ role in the operation of Indian boarding schools,” said Celia Caust-Ellenbogen, Associate Curator for Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College. “These records can inform us about the conditions in which Native students lived, how Quaker institutions were financed through the federal government, and reveal the motivations behind U.S. assimilation policy design.”

“The digitization of these collections will yield new research and narratives about the underexamined history of Quaker-operated Indian boarding schools,” said Sarah Horowitz, Curator of Rare Books & Manuscripts and Head of Quaker & Special Collections at Haverford College. “These records reveal storied experiences and information that is too often absent from the public record, but that are increasingly sought by historians of Native American and American history.”

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