

Secondhand Smoke Protections in Tribal Communities

Mission and Core Values

To provide commercial tobacco secondhand smoke awareness and resources to New Mexico tribal communities, improving health outcomes.

Respect, Culture, Family, Responsibility to Community, Humility, Health, Love, Community, Empowerment,

Meet This Week's Tobacco Preventionist

Gillian Willis

Gillian (Diné) has worked with Albuquerque Indian Center (AIC) for five years; the past year dedicated to tobacco prevention. In her role, she is responsible for educating the community about the harms of commercial tobacco and working within the Pueblo communities to provide education about the harms of secondhand smoke in homes and cars.

The AIC serves the urban Native American community experiencing poverty in the Albuquerque, NM area. The Center also provides mailing, faxing, phones, public computers for job search and daily breakfast and lunch.

You can contact Gillian here.



Tobacco in the News

Navajo Prep student honored for anti-tobacco work

FARMINGTON—A Navajo Preparatory School student's work to educate her peers about tobacco use and advocate for more regulation of electronic cigarettes has landed her a national award.

Junior Tyra Nicolay, 16, of Shiprock was recently presented with the West Region Youth Advocate of the Year award from the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. She earned the award for

"leadership in the fight against tobacco," according to a press release issued by the campaign.



Click here to read the full article.



Community Successes

Shiprock Agency Community Leaders Advocate for Smoke Free Policies

In May 2016, Carletta Lee, Outreach Coordinator with the San Juan County Partnership (SJCP), met with Mr. Albert Madera, Principal of the Shiprock Associated Schools Incorporated (SASI), to discuss the dangers of secondhand smoke and smoke free policies.

The school serves grades K-12 and implements a smoke free policy, as outlined in the school's overall policy. Principal Madera is very concerned about the health of his students and shared concerns with Ms. Lee that while they have a policy, the only posted notices are paper signs taped around and outside the school, which are not sustainable. He requested help in obtaining more permanent signage to help inform and enforce their smoke free policy.

SJCP was able to provide metal "No Smoking" signs for the school. Additionally, Principal Madera requested that Ms. Lee provide secondhand smoke presentations for the students when the new school year begins in the fall. SASI has a true champion for their students' health in Principal Madera.

If you are interested in a smoke free presentation in your community, contact us here.

Event Calendar

What's going on in the community.

The next **Pueblo Crossroads 2016** event will be Saturday, September 17th at the Pueblo of Laguna.

On-site registration begins at 8:30 am and the fun Run/Walk begins at 9:30 am. All runs are free!

Click <u>here</u> to see the full event calendar. If you have an event in your area that you would like to add to our calendar, please share it with us <u>here.</u>



Moving Forward.

We encourage you to read all the articles in this and upcoming newsletters, and to share and forward these emails to people within your network to keep everyone up to date!



This is a free notification service that provides the latest on commercial and traditional tobacco news, events, topics, and successes.

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