



Sustainability

Secondhand Smoke Protections in Tribal Communities

Mission and Core Values

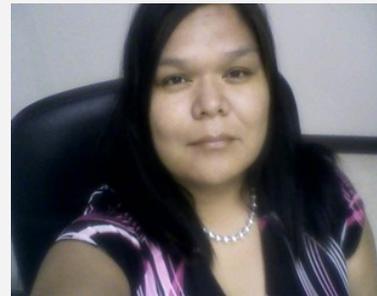
To provide commercial tobacco secondhand smoke awareness and resources to New Mexico tribal communities, improving health outcomes.

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

Meet This Week's Outreach Coordinator

Carletta Lee

Carletta D. Lee is from Beclabito, NM and makes her home in Gadii Ahi, NM. She served both in the Marine Corps and US Army National Guard. Her late father Raymond Van Lee Sr. was a Vietnam Veteran and her mentor. She credits him for inspiring and instilling her love of giving back to the Navajo community.



She has over 12 years of experience working in her community and serving on various committees— as an elected Navajo Tribal Official, Veterans Committee and local School Board Member. Her goal is to make the community a better place for not only her children but also the next generation. Carletta will be contacting and working with Navajo and Jicarilla Apache Nation communities.

You can contact Carletta [here](#).

Tobacco in the News

HUD Proposes Smoke-Free Housing Rule to Save Lives

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a proposed rule to make the nation's public housing properties entirely smoke-free. HUD's proposed rule would require more than 3,100 public housing agencies (PHAs) across the country to implement smoke-free policies in their developments within 18 months of the final rule.



"We have a responsibility to protect public housing residents from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, especially the elderly and children who suffer from asthma and other respiratory diseases," said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. "This proposed rule will help improve the health of more than 760,000 children and help public housing agencies save \$153 million every year in healthcare, repairs and preventable fires." Read the full story and HUD's proposed rule [here](#).

Community Successes

Mescalero Apache Tribe's "Youth, Voice and Choice" empowers youth advocacy

Mescalero Apache Tribe is focusing on secondhand smoke protections by encouraging community members to take a pledge to adopt smoke-free housing and smoke-free car policies. They use a "youth, voice and choice" platform to create an environment that empowers youth to share their voices and promote health and community wellness.



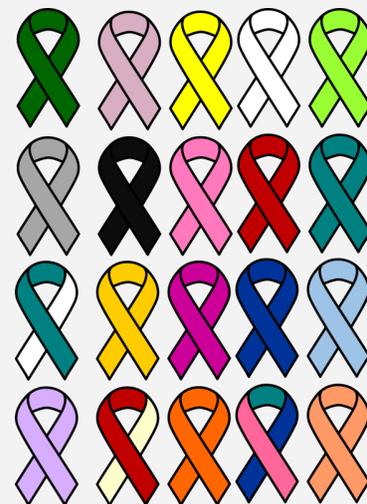
If you are interested in bringing secondhand smoke protections to your community, contact us [here](#).

Event Calendar

What's going on in the community.

In partnership with the Navajo Nation, Community Outreach and Patient Empowerment (COPE) is hosting the inaugural **"Cancer Survivorship Conference: Connecting Patients, Families, Caregivers and Providers"** on **June 9-10**.

Focusing on the voices of Navajo women and men whose lives have been affected by cancer and the experience of their dedicated providers, the goals of the conference are to elevate the experience of cancer patients and their family members, increase awareness of treatment and palliative care services, identify collective community goals for improved cancer care, support communication, exchange best practices and enhance collaboration between community and clinic providers.



Click [here](#) 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 [here](#).

What now?

Moving Forward.

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