



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, Empowerment, Sustainability, and Community

Community Success

Commercial Tobacco Smoke Free Environment Proclamation Pueblo of Acoma

On **Tuesday, February 26, 2019**, Pueblo of Acoma Governor Brian Vallo signed the Commercial Tobacco Smoke Free Environment Proclamation. This declaration will eliminate all commercial tobacco and electronic cigarette use in tribal building, community center, work place, enclosed public spaces, tribal vehicles, schools, daycares, recreational areas, tribal housing and outdoor tribal program events. The overall goal is targeted at protecting the health of community members from secondhand smoke, smokeless tobacco, commercial tobacco, and electronic cigarettes.

With the help and advocacy efforts from Acoma Behavioral Health Service Clinical Director, **Tonya Louis**, and **Acoma's Youth Coalition** they were able to bring awareness to this initiative. Governor Vallo commented "We hope that the proclamation will bring more light to the issue, that there will be greater acknowledgment by the Acoma community of this situation." He also commented about the significance of traditional tobacco within their culture.

Wonderful job by Community Health Leader Tonya Louis and the Acoma Youth Coalition!

To read the full article (Gallup Independent, 2019):

[Pueblo of Acoma crack down on commercial tobacco, e-cigarettes](#)



(left to right), Joseph Cheromiah & Tonya Louis

Commercial Tobacco & Emerging Tobacco Products Training

Pueblo of Laguna Behavioral Health Prevention Program

On **Thursday, March 28, 2019**, the Keres Commercial Tobacco Outreach team conducted a training for the Pueblo of Laguna Behavioral Health Prevention Program. Outreach Coordinator, Jovian Henio, provided the group with information about the risks of commercial tobacco, and secondhand/ thirdhand smoke. In addition, Project Coordinator, Tee Benally presented information about Emerging Tobacco Products and participants were able to see models of these products.

At the end of the training participants learned about the costs and consequences of using commercial tobacco. Overall it was an excellent training and Keres looks forward to additional collaboration with the Pueblo of Laguna community. Kudos!



Event Calendar

Digital Storytelling Training: Capturing Program Successes

The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board will be hosting a Two-Day **Digital Storytelling Training: Capturing Program Success** on **April 23 -25, 2019** from **8:00am - 5:00pm**.



There is a mandatory webinar session prior to training:

- April 11, 2019 (2:00pm - 3:00pm) [QR](#)
- April 12, 2019 (9:00am - 10:00am)

To register, please contact: [Delrae Peterson](#) (Administrative Assistant)
For more information, please contact: [Janna Vallo](#) (Tobacco Coordinator)

What now?

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