



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

Tobacco in the News

Education, Health Advocates Announce Joint Support for Proposed Tobacco Tax Increase

SANTA FE, N.M. - Jan. 8, 2018 - New Mexican health and education advocates will stand alongside legislators Wednesday to show support for raising the tobacco tax - a move that would generate more than \$42 million in new annual revenue.

Senate Bill 25, filed by Sen. Howie Morales (D-28), would raise the state's cigarette tax by \$1.50 per pack and impose an equivalent tax on other tobacco products including cigars, smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes. Tobacco use remains the single largest cause of preventable death and disease in our state. An estimated 2,600 New Mexicans die from tobacco-related illnesses each year including cancer, heart disease, and respiratory illnesses. Without strong action to reduce tobacco use, 40,000 New Mexican children alive today will die prematurely from smoking.

Higher tobacco taxes are a win-win-win for states: a health win that reduces smoking and saves lives; a fiscal win as it raises much-needed revenue; and a political win that is popular with the public. A 2015 poll indicated that 81 percent of likely voters support a \$1.50-per-pack increase in the state cigarette tax, with the revenue dedicated to increasing funding for health programs and early childhood education.

The coalition is comprised of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Federation of Teachers-New Mexico, the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, the March of Dimes, Health Action New Mexico, National Education Association New Mexico, New Mexico Cancer Center, New Mexico Allied Council on Tobacco, New Mexico Voices for Children, and Keres.

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Job Opening

Native-owned small business seeking data entry operator



NativeVet Materiel

Products and Supplies Sustaining Native America

[NativeVet Materiel](#) is seeking a part-time data entry operator. The qualified individual will be responsible for performing data entry work using a personal computer and appropriate software; entering, updating, researching, verifying and/or retrieving data into various systems; and ensuring the accuracy and confidentiality of information recorded.

Essential Functions:

- Enters, updates and verifies information entered into various programs
- Reviews and verifies entered data to ensure accuracy
- Tracks documents and completion dates
- Maintains accurate projects lists
- Requires customer and supplier interface

Skill requirements:

- Attention to detail
- Proficient typing skills
- Adaptability
- Computer skills - Microsoft office, QuickBooks, internet
- Excellent communication skills - verbal and written
- Excellent customer service skills

This is a Part time position. Days and hours are Monday-Friday, 1 pm - 5 pm tentatively. The position has the potential for full time employment.

Native American Preference. (Reference <http://www.eeoc.gov/policy> - search on Indian Preference for Title VII statement.) Email resume and cover letter to hr@kresnm.com. NativeVet is a drug-free workplace.

Smoke Free Spaces

Smoke Free Events Toolkit

Planning smoke free events is an important step in reducing the negative impacts of commercial tobacco on our community. Smoke free events promote our health and culture, and show our next generation that smoking is not the norm.

There are other reasons why creating smoke free spaces are so important in Indian Country. Historical trauma has resulted in higher rates of substance abuse, addiction and other destructive behavior patterns that have been passed on for generations. Smoke free events can help us break that cycle.

Smoke free events also draw the important distinction between traditional and commercial tobacco, helping to ensure our traditional use of tobacco remains sacred. Creating a smoke free event will take leadership, collaboration and clear communication. This guide is designed to walk you through the steps, ensuring your event is healthy, safe and successful.

Read the toolkit [here](#).



Event Calendar

Basic Tobacco Intervention Skills Certification for Native Communities Training Albuquerque, NM | Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 8 AM - 5 PM.



This Tobacco Intervention training is culturally tailored to distinguish between the use of traditional and commercial tobacco in Native American communities and emphasize evidence-based techniques to increase the rates of successful interventions resulting in the cessation of commercial tobacco use.

In partnership with the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC), University of Arizona Health Care Partnership, and Indian Health Service Health Promotion Disease Prevention we are offering this Continuing Education Unit eligible training to all that are interested at **no cost to you** (however, you are responsible for your travel). Upon successful completion of the training, all eligible participants will receive certification from the University of Arizona Health Care Partnership.

Please submit the completed [registration form](#) to Delrae Peterson (dpeterson@aaih.org). There is no registration fee.

They will notify you via email or phone on your acceptance by February 8th or sooner. In the event that the training is full when they receive your registration materials, you will be placed on a wait-list and notified if space becomes open.

The Basic Tobacco Intervention Skills Certification for Native Communities Training will be held February 15, 2018 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epi Center (5015 Prospect Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Theresa Clay, Indian Health Service Albuquerque Area Office Health Promotion Disease Prevention at 505.256.6720, or Janna Vallo, Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center at 505.252.8509.

Space is limited. [Register ASAP!](#)

What now?

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