



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

Margaret Merrill

Margaret Merrill is passionate about positive work in Native American/American Indian communities. She has 10 years experience as Executive Director and Founder of Oso Vista Ranch Project, a successful non-profit, that serves Diné Communities with a variety of tobacco control and education programs. Margaret also has 24 years experience as a project director and educator for Ramah Navajo School Board.



You can contact Margaret [here](#).

Tobacco in the News

University of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation address tobacco use impact.



NORMAN, Okla. - Cancer disparities continue to impact Oklahoma disproportionately as a direct result of continued tobacco use. With two, four-year grants totaling \$1.5 million from the National Institutes of Health, a University of Oklahoma-led collaborative with the Cherokee Nation is addressing tobacco-related cancer disparities through a program of research, training and education for American Indian students and investigators. To read the full article, [click here](#).

Community Successes

Santo Domingo and San Felipe Pueblos adopted smoke-free housing policies, January 2015

American Lung Association Program Coordinator, Patricia Torn says she found a true smoke free housing champion in Greta Armijo. Armijo serves as the Executive Director of the Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority and immediately saw the health and financial benefits for the Pueblo going smoke free.



Armijo encouraged her colleagues at San Felipe Pueblo to apply, knowing the high rates of asthma at San Felipe Pueblo and that secondhand smoke is a trigger for asthma attacks. Read more about their successes and efforts [here](#).

If you are interested in a smoke-free housing program contact us [here](#).

Event Calendar

What's going on in the community.

The next **New Mexico Allied Council on Tobacco** (NM-ACT) meeting will be held on **April 26th** from 10am-12pm at the American Lung Association, 5911 Jefferson St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.



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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.

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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