



ARIZONA ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON INDIAN
HEALTH CARE

July 2024 Newsletter

Mission statement: The mission of the AACIHC is to advocate for increasing access to high quality health care programs for all American Indians in Arizona.

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AMERICAN INDIAN
HEALTH-AHEC

American Indian Health-AHEC AIH-AHEC Supported Summer Programs See Record Numbers!

We are thrilled to announce that our Pre-Health Exploration Summer

Programs for high school students are off to an amazing start this summer!

This year, we've welcomed an enthusiastic group of young aspiring health professionals of just over 250 participants who are eager to delve into the world of healthcare and explore various medical careers.

Participating sites are Native Health Central- Native SCOPE Summer Program, Gila River Health Care- Summer Scrubs Program, and San Carlos Apache Healthcare- Summer Student Health Exploration Program.

Our program kicked off with an engaging orientation session, where students had the opportunity to meet their peers and our dedicated team of instructors. Throughout the summer, participants will be immersed in hands-on activities, interactive workshops, and insightful lectures from experienced healthcare professionals.

Highlights of the program so far include:

- **Clinical Simulations:** Students have already begun participating in realistic clinical simulations, allowing them to practice essential medical skills and gain a deeper understanding of patient care.
- **Expert Guest Speakers:** We've had the privilege of hosting renowned medical professionals who have shared their valuable insights and experiences, inspiring our students to pursue their dreams in the healthcare field.
- **Field Trips:** Our exciting field trips to local hospitals, research facilities, and medical schools have provided students with a behind-the-scenes look at the daily operations and innovations in the healthcare industry.
- **Mentorship Opportunities:** Students are paired with mentors who guide them through their educational journey, offering personalized advice and support as they explore various career paths.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our students have shown so far. Their passion for learning and commitment to making a positive impact in the healthcare field is truly inspiring.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to embark on this exciting journey. We look forward to sharing more stories of growth, discovery, and achievement as the summer progresses.



Presenter: Dr. Antontrey Begaye, Navajo, Family Medicine Doctor, Native Health Central



UA Med-Start Program & Gila River Summer Scrubs Program visit the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

Arizona Telemedicine Program Webinar Series

Join Arizona Telemedicine Program, Southwest Telehealth Resource Center and the American Indian Health-Area Health Education Center for a session focusing on forensic healthcare as utilized within the tribal communities. Gain

knowledge in the challenges and needs specific for victims of violence.



ARIZONA TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM WEBINAR SERIES

The practice and delivery of healthcare is changing with an emphasis on improving quality, safety, efficiency, & access to care. Telemedicine can help you achieve these goals! The Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center invite you to a free one-hour **CME** webinar on the implementation and practice of telemedicine. CME provided by The University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson

FORENSIC HEALTHCARE IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024

12:00 pm Arizona Time(PDT)

12:00 PM PDT ~ 1:00 PM MDT ~ 2:00 PM CDT ~ 3:00 PM EDT

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OUTCOME OBJECTIVES

- Define forensic healthcare.
- Describe challenges presented to forensic teams in tribal communities.
- Understand basic knowledge to meet needs of victims of violence in a medical setting

PRESENTER



Anna Lennox, BSN RN SANE-A
SANE Coordinator
Whiteriver Service Unit

Anna is the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Coordinator for the Whiteriver Service Unit in the IHS Phoenix Area. Ms. Lennox is a highly motivated and energetic nurse who has worked tirelessly to pull together the nursing staff, law enforcement and the Tribal community to provide comprehensive care and promote justice for victims of violence. She has received the 2023 IHS Division of Nursing Services Nurse of the Month February 2023 and the 2023 Victims Service Award from the Department of Justice.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Accreditation Statement

The University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Relevant Financial Relationships Statement(s):

University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson Office of Continuing Medical Education adheres to the ACCME's Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. Any individuals in a position to control the content of a CME activity, including faculty, planners, reviewers or others are required to disclose all financial relationships with ineligible entities (commercial interests). The CME office reviewers have nothing to disclose. All relevant financial relationships have been mitigated prior to the commencement of the activity.

REGISTRATION



www.telemedicine.arizona.edu

For more information, contact Melanie Esher, MAdm, at mesher@telemedicine.arizona.edu

This webinar is made possible through funding provided by Health Resources and Services Administration, Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (U1U42527).

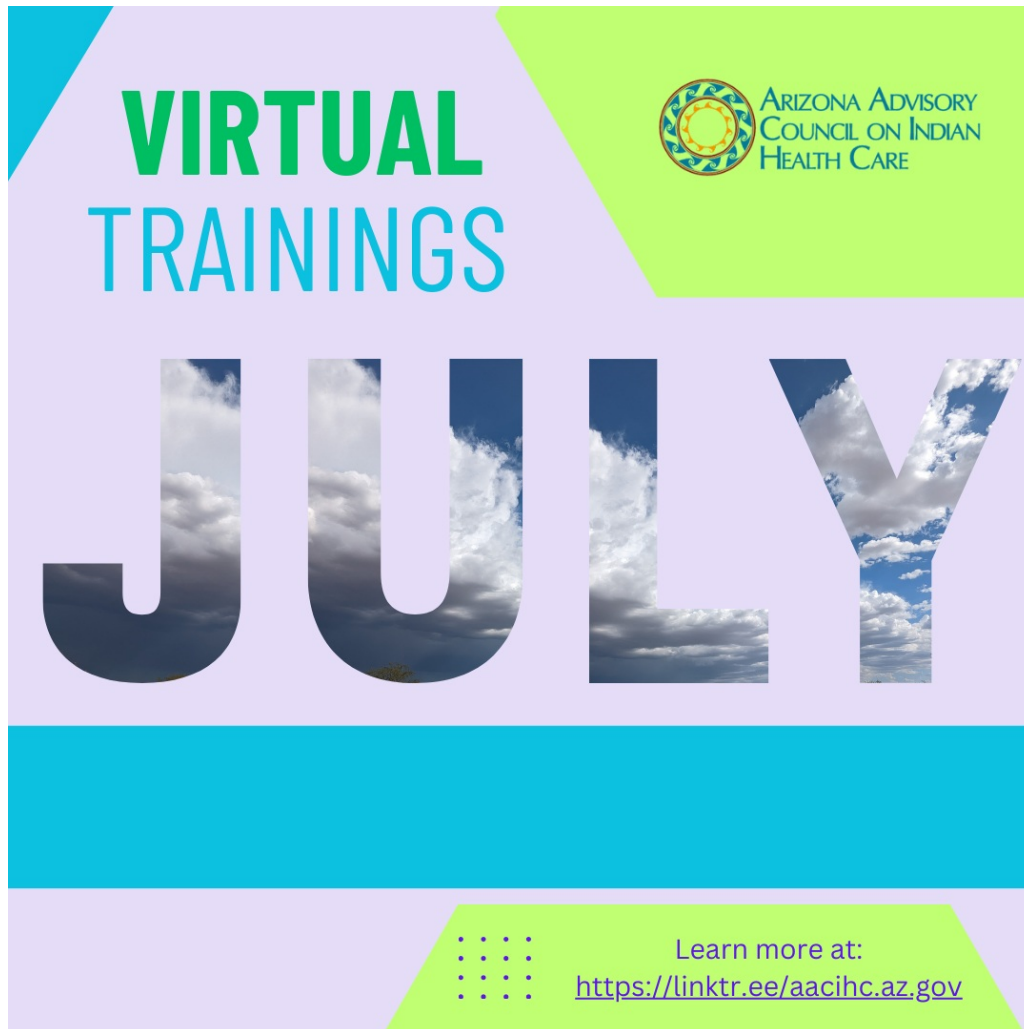
New Website Launching

The American Indian Health-AHEC Team is excited to announce the launch of their new website. This website will serve as the one stop location for all things resources, professional development, and more. Stay up to date and visit the new website:

**Visit the AIH-AHEC
Website**

COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant Team

Virtual Training Series



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VIRTUAL TRAININGS

ARIZONA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE

JULY

Learn more at:
<https://linktr.ee/aacihc.az.gov>

The AACIHC's Health Education team and the COVID-19 Health Disparities grant team holds virtual training sessions for:

- 1) Community members seeking to learn more about health topics, such as managing chronic diseases, health and wellness (e.g. nutrition and exercise), navigating the healthcare system, health insurance, and general health literacy topics (e.g. how vaccines work, what are viruses and how do they transmit from person-to-person, what is Personal Protective Equipment and how can you use it in your daily life?) etc.
- 2) Health care providers serving the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) community.

All training sessions are held via ZOOM.

Things to note:

- Zoom training reminders are emailed via AACIHC email alert 1 week, 1 day, and 1 hour ahead of the scheduled training session.

- The training schedule is subject to change and participants will be notified of any changes.
- A brief Zoom tutorial is at the bottom of the training schedule, which can be found on our website here: [2024 Summer - AACIHC Training Schedule.pdf \(az.gov\)](https://www.aacihc.org/2024-Summer-AACIHC-Training-Schedule.pdf)

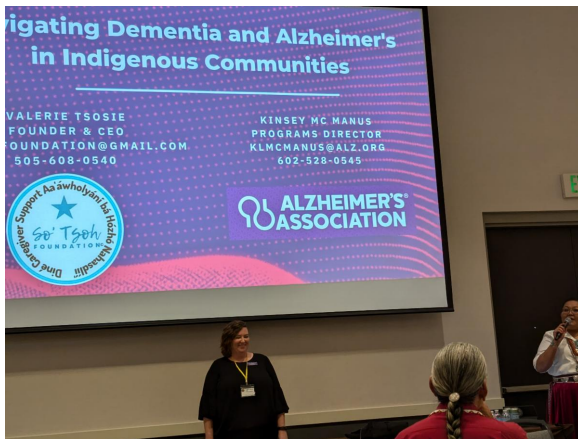


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CDC-CCR Updates

Exploring Goals of Care in Tribal Communities

On June 29, 2024, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Tribal Community Health Representative (CHR) Program hosted the "Exploring Goals of Care in Tribal Communities" Conference. The main focus of this event was Palliative Care, an essential aspect of healthcare that provided valuable information to tribal healthcare team members in attendance.



The conference received a warm welcome and blessing from Dr. Molina, the Executive Director of the AACIHC. It was a collaborative effort that brought together approximately 75-100 participants, including representatives from various state entities, leaders from the Indian Health Services (IHS), CHRs from other programs across the state, and other tribal healthcare representatives.

Legislative Updates



Every year, the AACIHC identifies and tracks legislative bills that may have a potential impact on the American Indian health care system in Arizona. Please see the information below on the bills we are currently tracking:



LEGISLATIVE TRACKER



www.aacihc.az.gov

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If you have any questions regarding AACIHC's Policy Initiatives, please reach out to: Corey Hemstreet, Legislative Specialist |
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The AACIHC, utilizing its knowledge of Indian healthcare issues and tribal sovereignty, serves as a resource for Tribal governments and the State of Arizona, and supports prevention, training, education, and policy development as the keys to meeting the unique health care needs of the Arizona Indian population.

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