



# ARIZONA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE

## September 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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### Director's Note

Greetings Everyone!

We are now in the fall season of this year! For many indigenous cultures, seasons have spiritual significance, such as the fall representing maturity and wisdom, and a time to celebrate our connection to Mother Earth. As we celebrate this new season, we encourage one another to take steps to improve the health and wellness of ourselves, family and communities.



**Dr. John Molina**

*Director, Arizona Advisory  
Council on Indian Health Care*

This month's newsletter continues to have information on important health topics and a Health Literacy Workshop coming up. Also, the fall season is a good time to get vaccinated, staying up to date with immunizations helps protect you and your loved ones from severe illness such as Flu, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), which together cause most hospitalizations during the fall and winter season.

Be well everyone!

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## AACIHC Agency Updates

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### Arizona Health Improvement Plan (AzHIP)

#### Informational Webinars Update

We are excited to share the successful completion of 2 informational webinars, which were directly shaped by the valuable feedback we received from our Tribal stakeholder survey. This webinar series was designed to equip Tribal partners with the relevant information needed to navigate and collaborate effectively with State agencies.

As we wrap up our work under the Arizona Health Improvement Plan (AzHIP), we are proud to report that all project goals have been successfully achieved. From delivering targeted informational sessions to enhancing State-Tribal data collaboration and examining housing-related issues through a healthcare and public health lens, each initiative was thoughtfully designed to build lasting partnerships and tackle the unique challenges faced by Tribal communities.

This success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the AzHIP Advisory Group. Their expertise, collaboration, and dedication were instrumental in guiding the process, and we are deeply grateful for their contributions.

#### Next Steps

Through this collaborative effort, we've made significant strides in strengthening communication and establishing a strong foundation for continued partnerships between Tribal communities and State agencies. To ensure this progress continues, we have implemented succession plans for each initiative, enabling future work to build on the solid framework created under AzHIP.

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# CHR WITH US!

## CDC-CCR Team

### Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Site Visit

CDC-CCR Grant Orientation and Site Visit  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
River People Health Center, Mesa, AZ  
September 17, 2024



The CDC-CCR Team conducted a site visit with Jennifer Zavala, CHR Program Manager and her team – Julie Ward, Lynn Daly, Doug Johnson, Michelle Yebery, and Judy Santeo. The CDC-CCR team provided an overview of the “Community Health Workers for Covid Response and Resilient Communities (CDC-CCR) *CHR WITH US!*” *grant objectives and goals*. This was a successful site visit with the SRPMIC team!

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## COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant Team

### Tribal Health Literacy Workshop: Applying Health Literacy, Patient Advocacy, and Data for Stronger Communities

# TRIBAL HEALTH LITERACY WORKSHOP

Applying Health Literacy, Patient Advocacy,  
&  
Data for Stronger Communities



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!

For a 2-day health literacy workshop.  
Day 1 will be virtual and information-based to prepare you for  
day 2's hands-on, in-person activities!

## Event Details:

### Date:

- Day 1: Wednesday, October 16th (Virtual)
- Day 2: Thursday, October 17th (In-Person)

### Time:

- Day 1: Virtual 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- Day 2: In-person 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### Location:

- Day 1: Zoom
- Day 2: Memorial Union, 202, Alumni Lounge, 301 E Orange Mall Tempe, AZ 85281

## Workshop Topics:

- **Health Literacy:** Gain practical experience in how it affects patient outcomes and communication with healthcare providers.
- **Patient Advocacy:** Develop skills to champion patient rights and effectively interpret healthcare information.
- **Role of Data in Health Disparities:** Learn how data influences health outcomes and strategies to combat disparities.

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## 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:



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[www.aacihc.az.gov](http://www.aacihc.az.gov)

The AACIHC identifies and tracks legislative bills that may have a potential impact on the American Indian health care system in Arizona. Please scan the QR code to see the bills we are currently tracking!

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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