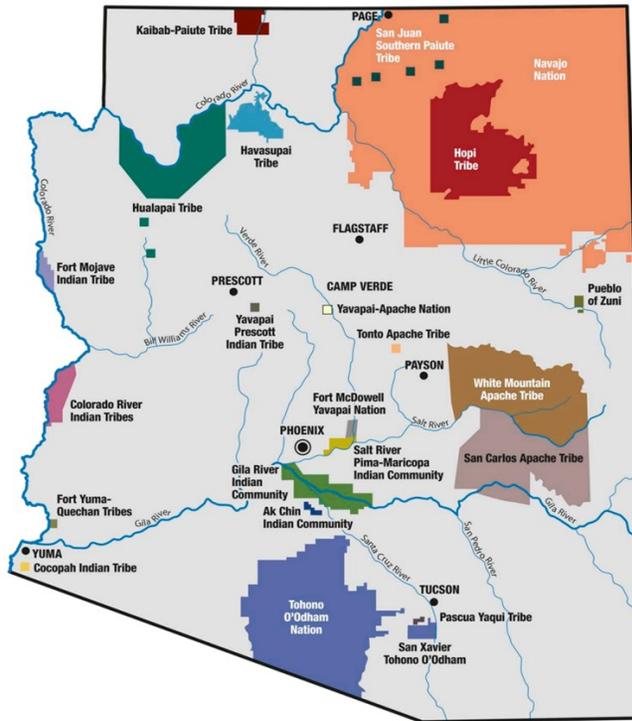


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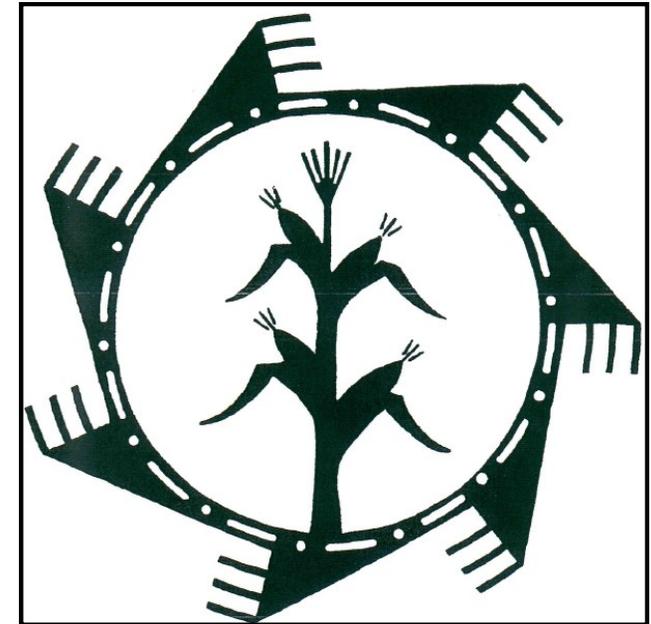
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Advocating for
American Indian Elders
Arizona Indian Council of Arizona
(AICOA)



VISION STATEMENT

AICOA is a voice advocating the concerns, issues and needs of elders to live a strong, safe and healthy life. AICOA empowers elders to influence tribal and federal leaders to provide needed services in their community.

ADVOCATING FOR ELDERS LIVING IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Since 1979, the Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) has been the advisory board for the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Area Agency on Aging Region 8 (ITCA-AAA). AICOA continues to help elders voices be heard on issues affecting their lives.



What does AICOA do?

AICOA meets four times a year to:

- ◆ Assist AAA in developing the Area Plan on Aging
- ◆ Facilitate and participate in AAA Public Hearings
- ◆ Represent the interest of elders
- ◆ Review and recommend on all proposed policies, and programs that affect elder interests
- ◆ Represent and advocate on behalf of Tribal elders at the local, state and federal level



Who can become a member?

- ◆ Adults age 55 and older
- ◆ Appointed by the Tribe to be represented
- ◆ May not be a board member of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

The membership consists of a representative and an alternate from each ITCA Member Tribe and serves a four year term.

What is advocacy?

When a person speaks on issues that affect their lives or the lives of others at the local, state, and national level

How can you be an advocate?

By educating policymakers about the needs of your community, organization or the people you serve

How can you help?

- ◆ Visit your elder center and learn about the services available to you
- ◆ Get to know your AICOA Representative or Alternate and ask them about AICOA
- ◆ Understand what issues you and your peers face
- ◆ Tell your story with your AICOA representative, tribal leader, state district legislator or federal district congressmen

Aging...

If it's not your issue...it will be.