

Strength in Unity



Inter Tribal Council of Arizona | Annual Report

2009



Mission and History



Mission Statement

To be the voice of the member Tribes in bringing about Indian involvement and self-determination...

Excerpt from the Articles of Incorporation of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

History

For over 30 years, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) has carried out the goals identified by its member Tribes.

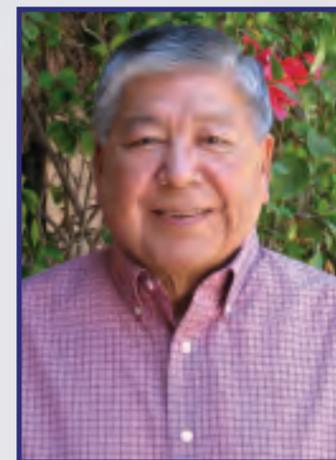
In 1952, the elected leaders of nine Indian Tribes in Arizona formed an association to provide members with a united voice. The purpose of the association was to address the issues that affected the Tribes collectively or individually. This forum enabled Tribal governments in Arizona to combine their efforts and resources for common goals.

In 1975, with the realization that 'these challenges and opportunities require the force of united and concerted voice and action which one Tribe alone does not possess,' the Tribes established the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

Today, after over 30 years of operation, 20 federally recognized Indian Tribes belong to the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. The highest elected officials of each Tribe – the chairpersons, presidents or governors – are members of the Council.



DIANE ENOS
PRESIDENT



JOHN LEWIS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Message from ITCA Leadership

This Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) 2009 Annual Report describes the accomplishments of the programs and projects of the organization. ITCA programs and projects are predicated on the purposes for which the ITCA was established. Six of the programs are highlighted in this report. Health and health-related topics, the focus of the first highlighted program, Health Policy, continue to be a critical concern for Tribes and therefore for ITCA. ITCA addresses health policy issues with the advice of Tribal Leaders, specifically those who are members of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Phoenix Service Area Steering Committee, which includes Tribes from Arizona, Nevada and Utah. Access to health care, health services and financing of health care are included in the scope of this pivotal program. The second highlighted program focuses on motor vehicle crashes which are the leading cause of death for Indian people 20-44 years old in Arizona. Documenting this health issue has identified the need for intensive coordination within and among Tribal governments and state and federal agencies. Third, ITCA continues to address the need for Tribally directed health research through the Biomedical Research Program. Fourth, the Trust Fund generated from the 1988 Arizona-Florida Land Exchange Act provided Tribes with resources to build facilities and enhance and establish educational programs directed at the needs of children and young people. This report features a few of the endeavors for which funds have been used. In 1992, the U.S. Congress directly funded the Tribes in Arizona, through the ITCA, to develop solid waste management plans. Over the years, the Solid Waste Program has assisted Tribes with their various efforts to manage solid waste on Indian lands. Solid waste management remains a priority for Tribes. The second environmental program highlighted is the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Program which aims to prepare Tribal governments as knowledgeable first responders to chemical emergencies on lands within their jurisdictions.

An effort that is very important to mention is that, in 2009, ITCA began to more strategically address water resources availability, protection, sustainability and management, and this remains critical to the well being of Indian peoples in the state of Arizona and the Southwest. Therefore, ITCA has begun to direct substantial attention to strategies that Indian governments must consider to protect and manage their water resources. This will continue to be an ongoing focus of the ITCA in future years.

ITCA continues to explore the use of technology for telecommunications and expects to apply this technology as appropriate. ITCA remains keenly aware of the stressful economic picture for the state of Arizona and the country, however, during 2009, with its efficient financial practices and the support of Tribes, especially for conferences and meetings, ITCA continued to maintain its programs. ITCA is an organization established by and for the Tribes in Arizona and will continue to be "the voice of the member Tribes in bringing about Indian involvement and self-determination" through its programs, projects, activities and future goals to the best of its capabilities. We trust this report will provide some information to you on the work of the Council.

Diane Enos *John Lewis*

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Tribal Solid Waste Management Program

The Tribal Solid Waste Management Program provided assistance to Tribes in order to increase their capacity to manage their solid waste programs and any relevant solid waste issues on their lands. The program also provided researched technical information to Tribes on open dump closures, recycling, solid waste facility planning and feasibility studies, and hazardous waste. Furthermore, the program encouraged the cleanup and closure of open dumps; operation and maintenance of transfer stations; and operation of recycling programs.



2009 Program Highlights

White Mountain Apache Tribe Waste Tire Disposal

Outreach materials were created for the White Mountain Apache Tribe for distribution to Tribal members on proper waste tire disposal. The health hazards associated with piles of scrap tires were emphasized. This was followed up by the collection of over 700 waste tires from the community during Earth Week. The program organized the proper disposal of approximately 13 tons of waste tires which were recycled.

Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan at Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

Research was completed on the development of an integrated solid waste management plan and technical assistance was provided to the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe on the development of a plan.

Tribal Youth Forum

A tribal youth forum was coordinated to obtain information about the environmental concerns of youth in their communities. Eighteen Tribal youth from four Tribes participated in the forum. Feedback was provided from the youth on solid waste, air quality and water quality and was disseminated to Tribal Environmental Managers so they could understand the concerns of youth in these areas and utilize the solutions provided by the youth.

Increased Tribal Capacity

Two Tribal Solid Waste Working Group Meetings were facilitated to provide technical updates and opportunities for networking with other solid waste programs, EPA, other federal agencies and solid waste organizations. One important outcome of these meetings was the organization of a session during the Arizona Recycling Coalitions 2009 Conference focused on Tribal recycling. Solid and hazardous waste information including trainings, seminars, webinars and grant opportunities was also disseminated to Tribal representatives to improve Tribal capacity.

Concerns Identified by Youth

- Burning weeds and trash are major air quality issues.
- Taking long showers and playing with water are ways that water is misused.
- Illegal dumping and littering are major solid waste issues.
- Littering is a problem at their schools and homes.

Tribal Motor Vehicle Crash Injury Prevention Project (TMVCIPP)

Assisted three Tribes in reducing the burden of motor vehicle crash-related (MVC) injuries.

Capacity Building

Basic Injury Epidemiology, Injury Prevention Evidence-based Strategies and Project Evaluation curricula were developed and training and technical assistance were provided to the participating Tribes in these areas. In addition, tools such as preliminary crash analyses, Data Assessment Findings Reports, Data Assessment Next Steps Guidance Documents and presentations were created for the participating Tribes to use in developing strategies to reduce MVC injuries.

Coalition Building

Each of the participating Tribes established multidisciplinary coalitions to address the reduction of MVC injuries in their communities. ITCA provided each coalition with their system issues such as high crash locations, impaired driving, seat belt usage trends, etc. Through a series of teleconferences, the project assisted the Tribes in understanding the statistics provided to each Tribe in the Preliminary Crash Analysis Reports; the strategy options available; and how to organize a strategy work plan. Each coalition discussed evidence-based strategies to address their specific issues and selected at least one to reduce MVC injuries in its community. Tribes will implement their strategies in May 2010.

A project advisory group, the Injury Prevention Working Group, was established and met during 2009. The workgroup included twenty representatives from five Tribes, the Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Arizona Department of Health Services and University of Arizona. Information was shared on TMVCIPP activities and the small grant process and Tribes presented on their own coalition mobilization activities.



Tribal Injury Tracking Systems

Three survey tools and survey methodologies were developed for Tribes to assess the nature and characteristics of traffic data focusing on three data sources: law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services agencies and hospitals and clinics. A database was developed to organize and store the responses from the assessment surveys. Each of the participating Tribes completed data assessments of the three data sources. Data from this survey was used to develop the Data Assessment Findings Reports.

A report of the Tribal MVC injury prevention data roundtable proceedings that focused on the nature and characteristics of traffic data from five areas including crash, EMS, E-code, citation and roadway data was completed.



Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program



The purpose of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program is to create a better awareness among Tribal communities of the importance of a chemical emergency response plan and to train and assist in facilitating the development and permanent establishment of a Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC). The TERC is charged to protect Tribal health and safety and maintain the goal of a contaminant free environment.

Improved the capabilities of Tribal first responders through planning and training

Fourteen training sessions for Tribal first responders were held across the state of Arizona with over 400 Tribal first responders, Tribal officials and Tribal leadership throughout Arizona trained in Hazardous Materials and Incident Command.

The HMEP program also assisted Tribes in the development of Emergency Response Plans, Chemical Emergency Response Plans and has effectively tested several of these plans to improve Tribal response capabilities.

Provided National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training

This is the first year the HMEP program included the Incident Command System (ICS) Training through NIMS in its program. The ICS courses helped many Tribes move toward full NIMS compliance which is mandated by the Department of Homeland Security. ITCA coordinated six ICS courses throughout fiscal year 2008-2009.

Supported Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERC)

The HMEP program continued to support and developed Tribal Emergency Response Commissions throughout Arizona. The HMEP program worked with two Tribal Emergency Response Commissions in planning for a Table-Top Exercise and will continue to plan for these events in the upcoming years.

The HMEP program was successful in partnering with local agencies and neighboring Tribal nations to provide more training and technical assistance to all Tribal first responders. One of the landmarks for this year highlights a partnership among the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Arizona Division of Emergency Management and the Gila River Indian Community – Office of Emergency Management to coordinate a Tribal training center where the Tribes in Region 9 can acquire a variety of first responder and emergency management courses. The partnership will continue into the future and ITCA looks forward to serving the Tribes in Arizona to develop and sustain Tribal emergency management departments, TERCs, and to effectively equip Tribal first responders with the capabilities to handle disasters and emergency incidents on their lands.



Culturally Appropriate Biomedical Research in American Indian Communities in Arizona

Promoting culturally appropriate biomedical research in partnership with American Indian Tribes in Arizona

The Promoting Culturally Appropriate Biomedical Research in American Indian Communities in Arizona project ensures that Tribes that would like to participate in biomedical research are able to do so with appropriate assurances of community protections and maximal participation in all phases of research.

The project was initiated by completing an inventory of sixteen Tribes to identify:

- Health priorities for the Tribe
- Tribe's experience with research
- Tribal research review and approval process
- Tribe's interest in a regional/Tribal Institutional Review Board.

As a result of this inventory, a report was developed summarizing Tribal research perspectives including a matrix of Tribal review processes for 16 Tribes. Summaries of each Tribe's research and review process, health priorities and participation in research were also developed.

The inventory indicated that the majority of Tribes had limited or no experience participating in research in their communities. Of those who did have experience, half reported having a negative experience. However, nine of the Tribes are currently participating in research and thirteen have plans to participate in research in the future. None of the Tribes reported having a research agenda, but six reported that they are developing one or need to develop one.

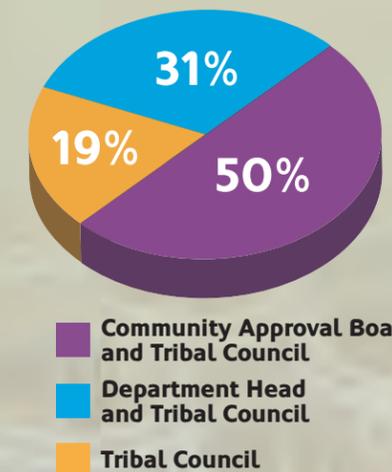
The results of this inventory indicate that Tribe's are interested in participating in research when the appropriate strategies are used by researchers in working with the Tribe to reduce the risk and barriers. This project will continue to work with Tribes on developing research agendas, protocols and policies that Tribes deem necessary to embark in the area of biomedical research.



Tribes identified numerous risks associated with participating in research including:

- Breach of confidentiality
- Data ownership and usage
- Violation of Tribal policies
- Mistrust

Research Review Process



Barriers reported by Tribes were:

- Unwillingness of Tribal members to share information with someone from outside the community
- Lack of trust
- Lack of communication between researchers and the Tribe

Environmental Programs

Underground Storage Tank Compliance Assistance and Training Support (UST CATS) Program

Supported all federally recognized Tribes that have underground storage tanks (UST) in protecting human health and the environment. Offered compliance assistance for UST facilities in Indian Country, trained Tribal government personnel, increased Tribal program capacity, and provided collaborative opportunities.

- Improved compliance with federal regulations by conducting two compliance trainings for UST owners and operators.
- Increased competency of Tribal UST inspectors by coordinating and facilitating a UST Tribal Inspector Module II training.
- Coordinated and facilitated a UST working group meeting with Tribal inspectors, Tribal representatives, and EPA staff which allowed information sharing amongst the Tribes and EPA.

Tribal Air Quality

Supported clean air initiatives at the local, regional and national level on behalf of Tribes in Arizona. Increased the awareness of the importance of maintaining good air quality through the distribution of educational material, provided staff support and technical assistance, and tracked policy development to provide guidance related to changes in policies that affect Tribes.

- Improved Tribal ability to respond to new information regarding air quality by moderating and monitoring the National Tribal Air ListServ.
- Facilitated the Arizona Tribal Air Quality working group meetings for Tribes to discuss air quality issues that affect them individually and collectively.

Tribal Certification Program for Water and Wastewater Operators

Built the capacity and infrastructure of Tribal governments in water and wastewater facilities by training and certifying people responsible for the management and operation of Tribal drinking water and wastewater systems to protect the health and welfare of American Indians in Arizona, Nevada, and parts of California.

- Trained 464 persons to maintain their careers or be prepared to enter the work force in the Tribal water and/or wastewater arena.
- Certified 145 participants as water or wastewater operators;
- Partnered with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's Operator Certification Program, the Arizona Rural Water Association, and Workplace Safety Specialists to conduct training for both Tribal and state operators to receive professional development hours in a joint workshop opportunity; and
- Created and maintained a website that offers information, registration, and other assistance to the Tribes.

Pesticides: Pesticide Enforcement, Pesticide Worker Safety, and Pesticides & Water Quality

Provided three Tribes with technical assistance in monitoring the use of pesticides on Tribal lands and enforcing Tribal and Federal Pesticide Codes, and compliance assistance to the regulated community on the requirements of the federal Worker Protection Standards (WPS).

- Increased Tribal compliance with WPS by ensuring that Tribal inspectors have conducted or participated in pesticide agricultural worker/handler trainings and train-the-trainer sessions.
- Conducted two working sessions to enhance the Tribal Pesticide Programs quality of grant reporting documents, work plan deliverables and programmatic documents.
- Improved Tribal Worker Protection Safety Inspections by providing communication services to non-English speaking farm labor workers and handlers, assisting in maintaining cooperative relationships, and providing outreach on WPS.

Safe Drinking Water Act: Tribal Monitoring Assistance Program (TMAP)

Assisted Tribes in improving compliance with EPA Safe Drinking Water Act requirements and protect human health by ensuring safe drinking water to the Tribal community through continued water monitoring and sampling activities.

- Worked toward completing the TMAP Tribal Program Participation Rules booklet.
- Worked with the Yavapai Apache Nation in drafting an MOA so the Tribe can participate as a pilot program.

Community Action for a Renewed Environment

Provided support and technical assistance to the Gila River Indian Community to build community-based and community-driven sustainable partnerships within the Community and outside supporting agencies and worked toward developing a toxic exposure reduction plan for the Community.

- Raised community awareness of exposure to toxics within the Community and solicited Community involvement.
- Assisted with the facilitation of a Community Risk Ranking and Prioritization event to educate the Community regarding the highest ranking environmental concerns as indicated by questionnaires.

Human Services Programs

Human Services

Improved Tribal human services by developing human service policy, facilitating Tribal consultation, serving as a Tribal liaison with the state and providing training and technical assistance to Tribal human service programs.

- Improved Tribal capacity to provide professional and effective child protective services by hosting the 2-week Child Protective Services Academy with 27 Tribal staff successfully completing the Academy.
- Improved state CPS workers' understanding and implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act by hosting three trainings for about 45 state staff.
- Enhanced Tribal capacity to provide social, youth and child care services to families by hosting an Indian Child and Family Conference and an Early Childhood Conference with 138 and 142 attendees at each respective conference.
- Improved Tribal ability to coordinate and collaborate with State offices and programs by hosting periodic meetings of the Tribal Social Services Working Group and the Tribal Early Childhood Working Group to discuss and share information that directly or indirectly impacts Tribal human services programs.

Weatherization and Energy

Provided energy efficiency measures to homes of low-income persons living on Tribal lands in Arizona and provided technical assistance, advocacy, and dissemination of information for Tribes and Tribal utilities in Arizona.

- Improved Tribal housing infrastructure by providing funding to weatherize 26 homes on three reservations, and expanded the number of Tribes directly served from 2 to 7.
- Improved Tribal capacity for providing energy efficient weatherization services to homes of low-income persons by providing direct weatherization audits and upgrades to eligible homes and also providing training for Tribal housing staff on building science, energy efficiency and the use of weatherization diagnostic tools.

Transportation

Analysis of Motor Vehicle Crashes on American Indian Reservations in Arizona

Analyzed crash data to understand the effects in five areas: young drivers, occupant protection, speeding, impaired driving and roadways.

- Initiated data analysis of crashes that have occurred on Tribal lands.
- Working on preparing findings and countermeasure recommendations to reduce motor vehicle crash injuries and fatalities on Tribal lands in Arizona.



Health Related Programs

Area Agency on Aging

Provided ongoing Nutrition services, Independent Living Support services and Family Caregiver Support services to elders, individuals with disabilities and family caregivers.

- Provided 229,782 combined units for nutrition services, an array of independent living support services, and health promotion to 1,851 elders.
- Provided 14,178 combined family caregiver units (Information, Assistance, Respite, Training, and Supplemental Service) to 5,344 individuals; also provided 6,677 combined family caregiver units (information, Assistance, Respite, Training, and Supplemental Service) to 2,220 grandparents raising children.
- 500 individuals received education and information at the 21st Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging conference and 175 family caregivers received education and information at the 5th Annual Tribal Family Caregiver Conference.
- Implemented the Enhance Fitness Program, an evidence-based health promotion program at the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- Conducted a total of three Chronic Disease Self Management Program workshops, one workshop each at the following Tribal communities: Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Yavapai Apache Nation. One workshop consists of six sessions.
- Conducted 294 one-on-one client contacts and 18 outreach to Tribal communities, which reached over 1,139 Tribal elders through the Public Benefits Outreach Program.

Community Tobacco Education and Prevention Program

Worked with Tribes in Arizona to assess tobacco prevention services and activities in their respective communities based on feedback from community members. Results from the assessment will help create effective and sustainable tobacco prevention programs.

- Developed a culturally appropriate survey for Tribal and urban programs to use.
- Five Tribes and two urban Indian centers collected over 1700 surveys from community members.
- Hosted a training on "Conducting a Community Needs/Resource Assessment" for our Tribal subcontractors in Arizona. Fifteen participants attended the training.

Dental Prevention and Clinical Support Center

Built the preventive care capacity of Tribal health and education programs in the area of oral health.

- Applied 2,568 fluoride varnish applications to children at: 4 Head Start Centers, 3 Elementary and 1 Junior/High School.
- Sealed 916 tooth surfaces on students at an Elementary and Junior/High School.
- Provided 22 Hours Continuing Dental Education to Phoenix and Tucson IHS, Tribal and Urban Indian Dental Programs.
- Implemented the Portable Dental Equipment Loan Program to increase access to dental care with a total of 32 pieces of equipment loaned to various dental programs, including a Tribal diabetes program.

National STD/HIV/AIDS Prevention Program

Provided targeted capacity building assistance to American Indians/Alaskan Natives/Native Hawaiians, state health departments, community based organizations and local community planning groups across the United States.

- Collaborated with other national networks to support AI/AN communities across the United States in hosting the National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NNHAAD) on March 20, 2009. Sixty-nine events across the nation were held for the 2009 NNHAAD.
- Hosted the HIV Prevention CPG Leadership Summit in August 2009 for new community planning members which was attended by 13 participants.
- Collaborated with the National Native Community Planning Group (CPG) Network to develop the HIV Prevention Community Planning Creating Inclusion and Representation in Community Leadership and Empowerment Strategies (CIRCLES) Training Participant and Facilitators Manual.

Southwest American Indian Collaborative Network (SAICN)

Worked to eliminate cancer health disparities among American Indians in the Southwest by closing the gap between the health needs of the community and the promise of cancer prevention and cure made through a responsive health delivery and research system.

- Seven (7) manuscripts were submitted to the Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice for publication.
- Eight (8) Tribal communities completed their Small Tribal Community grants that focused on Tribally-Driven Participatory Research to eliminate cancer health disparities.
- Analyzed cancer staging of American Indians in conjunction with Arizona Cancer Registry data.
- Studied referral patterns and treatment pathways of American Indian cancer patients.

Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Provided support and technical assistance through training and on-site visits to Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Influenza Response programs within the state of Arizona.

- Increased Tribal awareness of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Influenza programs by co-sponsoring a Tribal Emergency Preparedness and Response Workshop.
- Improved Tribal capacity to respond to outbreaks and to conduct investigations by sponsoring the Outbreak Investigation and Surveillance Course.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Promoted healthy growth and development in young children by providing healthy foods, nutrition and breastfeeding counseling and referrals to pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and children under five years old.

- Provided \$8 million in nutrient-dense foods like milk, cheese, beans and cereal to over 15,000 program participants.
- Implemented a revised food package to program participants that increases fiber through whole grains and fruit and vegetables and decreases sugar and fat intake by reducing juice, higher fat milk and cheese.

Epidemiology Center

Empowered the American Indian Tribes in Arizona, Nevada and Utah in the development of health services and systems.

- Improved Tribal capacity to make data-based health decisions by creating community health profiles for 45 Tribes in the Phoenix and Tucson Areas of IHS.
- Prepared comprehensive health profiles on maternal and child health, including adolescents for participating Tribes to use in program planning, evaluation and decision-making processes.
- Collaborated with the ITCA Public Health Preparedness Coordinator in assisting Tribes in planning 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza prevention and control activities, and prepared and shared educational health bulletins with Tribes on the topics of: 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza, acute diarrhea, salmonella, West Nile Virus, rabies and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.
- Assisted in the development of a matrix system to prioritize community-based cancer interventions and research, developed a plan to implement the system at the Tribal level and prepared a manuscript accepted for publication by the Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice.
- Provided technical assistance, including data collection, analyses and interpretation to ITCA programs, Tribes and IHS on a broad range of public health topics.

American Indian Research Center on Health (In partnership with the University of Arizona, College of Medicine and the Native American Research and Training Center)

Encouraged applied research to improve American Indian peoples' health status, working on increasing the number of American Indian scientists and health professionals engaged in research, educated non-Indians about the need for culturally appropriate health research within American Indian communities and research institutions, and ensured Tribal control of conducting research on their reservations and dissemination of the data and publications generated.

- Obtained continued funding for four years by successfully applying for a grant from the Indian Health Service in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health. The grant continues the student and faculty development of American Indian health students and researchers as well as funds two Tribal community based participatory research projects at the Hualapai Tribe and the San Carlos Apache Tribe.
- Through a grant from the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission, continued to assess and document the current practice and processes used by Tribes in approving research, creating their own research agendas and explored the idea to formalize a Tribal review process by creating Tribal Institutional Review Boards (IRB) or an Inter Tribal IRB.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

Provided ongoing support to Tribes in Arizona in promoting healthy behaviors, increasing STD awareness, and increasing positive communication among family members in their communities.

- Engaged over 231 youth ages 12 to 18 years old through the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) model to help increase their knowledge about sexually transmitted diseases, preventing teen pregnancy, and promoting healthy behaviors.
- Hosted the second annual Youth TOP Summit in August 2009 for 33 youth from different Tribes in Arizona.
- Provided "Can We Talk?" workshops for 84 parents/guardians which help parents develop effective communication skills to discuss important issues with their children.



Tribal Health Policy

Worked toward advancing the health status of American Indians by providing a forum to advise the Indian Health Service in regard to Tribal consultation, policy formation and health systems improvement

2009 Activities of the Tribal Health Steering Committee

- Coordinated a forum for Tribes, IHS and state workers to discuss and identify Tribal health care issues and priorities in order to improve the IHS healthcare delivery system.
- Supported the National and Indian Health Care Reform/ Indian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization information dissemination.
- Provided data and analysis on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, IHS Methamphetamine Suicide Prevention Initiative and the IHS Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Initiative for Tribal consultation and implementation.
- Guided the work of the ITCA Behavioral Health Working Group and provided information to the State to institutionalize the policy of recognizing Tribal court orders for involuntary commitment.
- Coordinated with the State in the development and implementation of training on the legal and clinical process associated with Arizona Revised Statute 12-136.

2009 Activities of the Area IHS Budget Team

- Reported policy directives and budgetary levels to Tribes that were addressed in IHS Appropriations for Fiscal Years 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- Provided health related data and worked with Tribes to identify priorities and requested funding levels which were reported to IHS and HHS.
- Coordinated the FY 2012 Tribal Budget Formulation Process in the Phoenix Area.
- Reported FY 2012 Tribal budgetary recommendations to IHS identified by the Tribal leaders in the Phoenix Area to address critical access to health care concerns.



Diabetes Nutrition Program

The Diabetes Nutrition Program developed training for the Special Diabetes Programs for Indians (SDPI) program staff, Tribal Health Departments and Senior Programs and provided presentations for Tribal communities at the request of the SDPI programs on pertinent topics. Training sessions and community presentations covered a variety of topics including the latest research in nutrition and chronic disease; drug/nutrient interaction; diabetic meal planning; healthy cooking; carbohydrate counting; weight management; nutrition needs for adolescents and elderly; physical activity; obesity; men's health; nutrition content and benefits of traditional foods; food sanitation and safety; and using conversation maps as a roundtable discussion for improving the health status of diabetic patients.

2009 ITCA Conference Sponsors

ITCA appreciates the donations provided by the following entities that allow us to further our resources and expand our reach.

\$5,000-\$6,000

- Cocopah Tribe
- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Gila River Indian Community
- Havasupai Tribe

\$2,500-\$4,999

- Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe
- Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Quechan Tribe

\$500-\$2,499

- Salt River Project
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Hualapai Tribe
- Kaibab Paiute Tribe
- Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Less than \$500

- Ak-Chin Farms
- Michael T. O'Connor
- Deanna and Timothy Pickering
- Yavapai Apache Nation



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Special Recognition of William Byler



ITCA recognizes the contribution of services provided to ITCA and the Tribes by William Byler and his relentless work over the years on behalf of the Tribes. Mr. Byler worked on Tribal policy at both the national and state levels. As the Executive Director of the Association of American Indian Affairs, Mr. Byler advocated for the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act which served to protect Indian culture and Tribal stability from the unnecessary removal of American Indian children from Tribal communities. He was also instrumental in legislation related to historic preservation through the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act which ensured that American Indian remains and funerary objects are returned to lineal descendants. In Arizona, Mr. Byler was active in establishing the Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund described on the following page. He also worked for Tribes in Arizona advocating for Tribal land and water rights such as the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Ak-Chin and Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlements and the Havasupai and Tonto Apache land returns. In addition, he was involved in ensuring that ten Tribes in Arizona received allocations from the Central Arizona Project. ITCA appreciates Mr. Byler's dedication to ensuring that the rights of American Indian people and Tribes are protected.

Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund

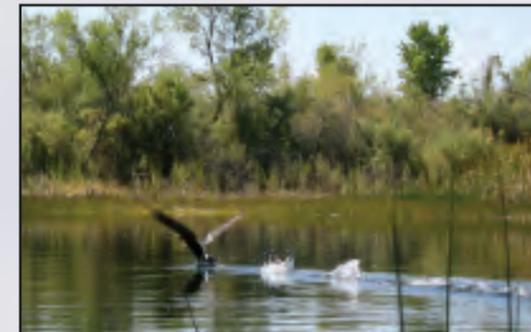
ITCA was instrumental in establishing the Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund in 1988 as part of the Arizona-Florida Land Exchange Act which provided that all monetary proceeds from the land exchange of the Phoenix Indian School property were to be deposited into two funds to supplement Tribal education. ITCA and the Navajo Nation agreed to receive the monetary proceeds for deposit into their respective trust funds in the form of a 30-year annuity. The Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund will receive \$33.2 million at the end of 30 years in addition to the annual amounts. ITCA distributes the income from the Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund to the nineteen Tribes in Arizona who were members of ITCA as of January 1, 1988. The funds must be used to supplement educational and child-welfare programs, activities and services for the benefit of those Arizona Tribes receiving the funds. ITCA receives a total of \$2 million annually from this fund to distribute to member Tribes. Five Tribes are funded each year on a rotating basis with each Tribe receiving \$400,000 every three to four years. Since 1998, Tribes have been provided with \$26 million from this fund. Tribes have used these funds for a variety of projects over the years. Projects completed by selected Tribes are highlighted on the opposite page.



Selected Projects Funded by the Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund

'Ahakhav Preserve at Colorado River Indian Tribes

The 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve was partially funded by the Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund. It was established in 1995 and currently consists of 1,253 acres of aquatic habitat with a spur trail planted with native mesquite, cottonwood and willow and a 3.5 acre park at Colorado River Indian Tribes. The preserve also includes a 4.6 mile fitness trail. The Preserve is used by youth programs and schools for environmental and nature study programs and wildlife observations. The area also provides a location for youth to enjoy canoeing, hiking, swimming and camping as part of youth educational programs.



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Quechan Multipurpose Education Complex

The Quechan Tribe built a multipurpose education complex which was completed in 2006 using the funds received from the Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund as well as casino revenues. The complex was designed to unify and improve the quality of services for six different programs including Head Start and child care. Five modern buildings were built around a large multipurpose building on a five-acre campus.



Kaibab Paiute Community Park and Community Center

The Kaibab Paiute Tribe constructed a Tribal Community Park and Community Center with funds received from the Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Fund. The park is equipped with a variety of exercise equipment and stations to encourage physical activity of the Tribal youth. The Community Center is frequently used by the Tribe's youth for group activities and gatherings and also houses the Tribe's library.



Ak-Chin Recreation and Aquatic Center

The Ak-Chin Indian Community constructed a Recreation and Aquatic Center utilizing the Arizona Inter Tribal Trust Funds along with other funding. The Ak-Chin Recreation Center opened in 2003 and is outfitted with a fitness center, gym, and recreational outdoor pool. The Recreation Center provides numerous opportunities for children of all ages to participate in sports, arts and crafts and other summer and school break activities.



Frank J. Caverly Scholarship Fund

The Frank J. Caverly Scholarship Fund provides financial support for American Indian students who are pursuing post-secondary education at a university, college, junior college, or vocational/technical school. Mr. Caverly was an insurance broker in Pima County who had an interest in American Indian culture. He stressed that the course of study and training for scholarship recipients must be useful and of benefit to Indian people and Indian communities.

Summary of Recipients:

- Seven students were provided scholarships in Spring 2009.
- Nine students were provided scholarships in Fall 2009.
- The Tribal affiliation of students included Navajo, Comanche, White Mountain Apache, San Felipe Pueblo and Mohave.
- American Indian students receiving the 2009 Frank J. Caverly Scholarship were enrolled in the following universities:
 - Arizona State University
 - University of Arizona
 - Northern Arizona University
 - University of Nevada Las Vegas
 - University of Alaska-Anchorage
 - Mesa Community College
 - Phoenix College
 - Northland Pioneer College

Current Student Spotlights



Crystal Murlynn Lee
Navajo

- University of Nevada Las Vegas
- Hometown: Teesto, Arizona
- Degree: Ph.D in Public Health
- Expected Graduation Date: May 2012
- Internship: Graduate Assistant at the American Indian Research and Education Center at UNLV



Christopher Sharp
Colorado River Indian Tribes (Mohave)

- Arizona State University
- Hometown: Parker, Arizona
- Dual Degree: Master of Social Work and Public Administration
- Expected Graduation Date: December 2011
- Internship: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Social Services

Working Groups and Advisory Councils

The ITCA Working Groups and Advisory Councils provide a forum for Tribes to share information and new initiatives, address areas of common concern and provide input on policy decisions made by state and federal agencies.

Health

- Community Tobacco Advisory Council
- Dental Center Liaison Group
- Epidemiology Working Group
- HIV/AIDS Task Force
- Involuntary Commitment Working Group
- Tribal Health Directors Working Group
- Tribal Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partners Working Group
- WIC Breastfeeding Working Group
- WIC Local Agency Directors' Working Group

Human Services

- Arizona Indian Council on Aging Working Group
- Education Working Group
- Electric Utilities Working Group
- Housing Working Group
- Social Services Working Group
- Tribal Early Childhood Working Group

Policy Development

- Cultural Resources Working Group
- Environmental Policy Working Group
- Indian Country Intelligence Network
- Tribal Bureau of Indian Affairs Phoenix Area Task Force
- Tribal Health Steering Committee for the Phoenix Area IHS

Transportation

- Transportation Working Group
- Tribal Leaders' Transportation Working Group
- Tribal Traffic Safety Working Group
- Tribal Injury Prevention Working Group

Environmental

- Response and Public Health Preparedness Working Group
- Tribal Water/Wastewater Operators Working Group
- Tribal Solid Waste Working Group
- Tribal Air Quality Working Group
- Tribal Environmental Managers Working Group
- Tribal Underground Storage Tank Working Group



Statement of Activities

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

Grants and Awards	\$17,064,403
Infant Formula Rebate Revenue	\$2,534,418
Donated Facilities and Supplies	\$268,301
Contributions	\$56,752
Investment Revenue/Rental Income	\$1,298
Total Revenue and Support	\$19,925,172

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$19,012,657
Supporting Activities	
Management and General	\$1,164,519
Fundraising/Grant Solicitation	\$16,687
Total Expenses	\$20,193,863

Interest	(\$268,691)
Minority Interest in Subsidiary's Earnings	(\$15,062)
Increase in Net Assets	(\$283,753)
Net Assets-Beginning of Year	\$2,451,347

Net Assets-End of Year \$2,167,594

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$1,189,110
Grants and Awards Receivable	\$2,593,853
Infant Formula Rebates Receivable	\$464,893
Prepaid Expenses	\$15,602
Other Receivables	\$23,212
Total Current Assets	\$4,286,670

Property and Equipment, Net \$2,479,529

Total Assets \$6,766,199

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$2,906,204
Accrued Expenses	\$185,668
Grants & Awards Payable to Tribes	\$433,328
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	\$44,423
Total Current Liability	\$3,569,623

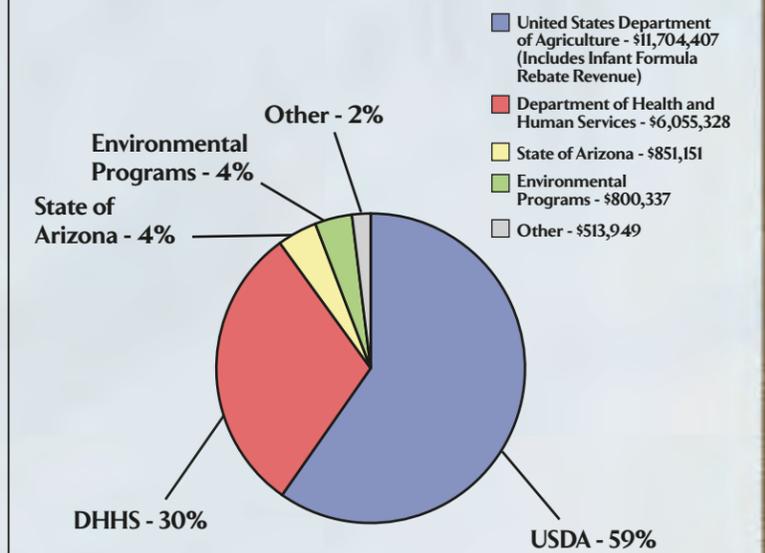
Long-term Debt, Net of Current Portion \$521,123

NET ASSETS-UNRESTRICTED

Controlling Interest	\$2,167,594
Minority Interest	\$507,859

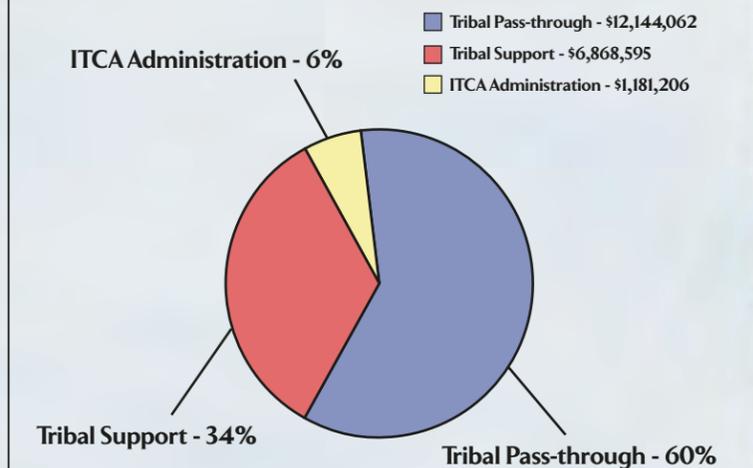
Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$6,766,199

REVENUE SOURCES



ITCA revenue totaled \$19,925,172 for fiscal year ending 9/30/09. The majority of revenue was obtained from federal sources (93%). State sources were (4%) and other funding sources, including contributions, accounted for 3% of revenue.

FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES

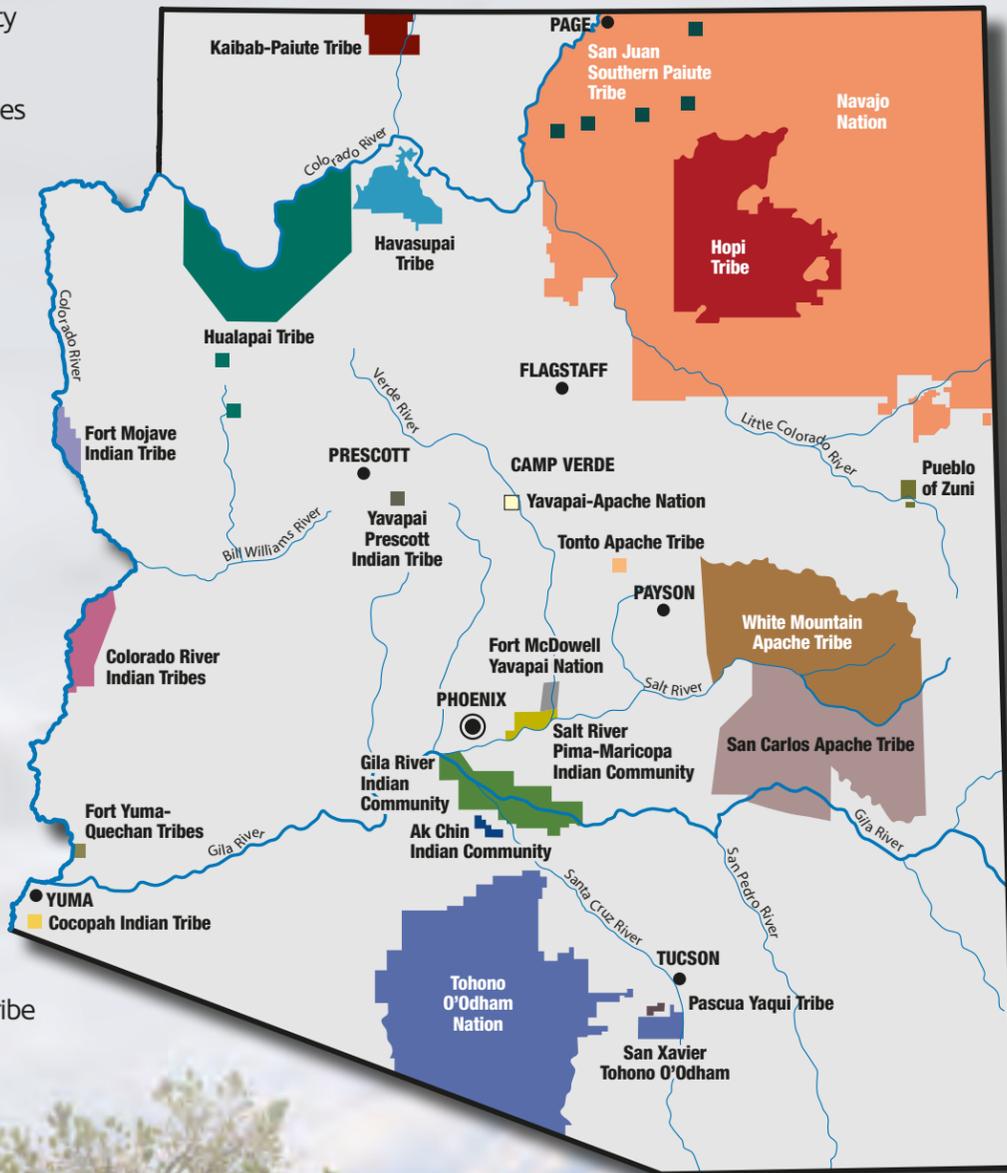


The functional expenses totaled \$20,193,863. The majority of ITCA funds (94%) support the Tribal programs via the pass-through of funding to member Tribal governments or through the provision of training and technical assistance to Tribes. The balance of funds (6%) supports administration of the organization.

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Member Tribes

- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Gila River Indian Community
- Havasupai Tribe
- Hopi Tribe
- Hualapai Tribe
- Kaibab-Paiute Tribe
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Quechan Tribe
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe



ITCA STAFF LISTING

EXECUTIVE STAFF

John R. Lewis, *Executive Director*
 Alberta Tippeconnic, *Assistant Director*

FINANCE

Alice Morgan, *Finance Officer*
 Karen Primmer, *Finance Manager*
 Elva Yazzie, *Accounts Payable Clerk*

SUPPORT STAFF

Verna Monenerkit, *Office Manager*
 Crystal Wyaco-Little, *Administrative Assistant*
 Bette Hartsfield, *Human Resources Specialist*
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 Bernadette Guy, *Clerk Typist*
 Rafaella Contreras, *Clerk Typist*
 Felisa Scott, *Receptionist/Clerk Typist*
 Marilyn Vaughn, *Receptionist/Clerk Typist*
 April Wesley, *Design Specialist*
 Bridget Buchanan, *Physical Facilities Coordinator*
 Gary Shupla, *Facilities Maintenance Coordinator*

HEALTH PROGRAMS

Gwenda Gorman, *Health Promotion Program Director*
 Glenda Lumpmouth, *Health Promotion Coordinator*
 Alida Montiel, *Health Systems Analyst*
 Melva Zerkoune, *MS, RD, Diabetes Nutrition Coordinator*
 Travis Lane, *INMED Outreach Coordinator*
 Kenton Laffoon, *MSW, SAICN Director*
 Naomi Lane, *Health Program Specialist*
 Michael Trujillo, *MPH, MD, Health Research Director*

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Mindy Josséfides, *RD, WIC Director*
 Brandy Warwick-Thier, *RD, WIC Nutrition Coordinator*
 Crystalina Rodriguez, *WIC Vendor Coordinator*
 Claesa Bedonie, *WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator*
 Serene Mazhar, *MPH, RD, WIC Nutritionist*
 Rich Burch, *WIC Information Systems Coordinator*
 Les Spangler, *WIC Information Systems Specialist II*

DENTAL SUPPORT CENTER

Alyssa York, *DDS, Dental Support Center Director*

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Esther Corbett, *Transportation Project Coordinator*

AMERICAN INDIAN RESEARCH CENTER FOR HEALTH (AIRCH)

Warren Kontz, *MSW, Interim AIRCH Director*

EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER

Zeenat Mahal, *MBBS, MS, Epidemiology Center Director*
 Norm Petersen, *SM, Senior Epidemiologist*
 Carmon Greene, *MPH, Epidemiologist*
 Raysenia James, *MPH, Epidemiologist*
 Quannee Oosahwe, *Administrative Coordinator*

HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS

Warren Kontz, *MSW, Human Services Systems Director*
 Kim Russell, *Human Services Coordinator*
 Kathy Davis, *Workforce Investment Act Management Information Systems Specialist*
 Patrick McMullen, *PhD, Community Development Director*
 Delono Ashley, *Community Development Specialist*

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROGRAMS

Elaine H. Wilson, *Environmental Programs Director*
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 Adrian Hendricks, *MA, Public Health Preparedness Program Coordinator*
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 Dewayne Thomas, *Tribal Water Systems Environmental Specialist*
 Elaina Curley, *Solid Waste Program Coordinator*
 Maureen King, *MS, Tribal Air Quality Program Coordinator*
 Africa Dorame-Avalos, *Environmental Specialist*

AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)

Lee Begay, *AAA Program Director*
 Laurai Atcitty, *AAA Program Specialist*
 Archie Mariano, *AAA Caregiver Support Program Specialist*
 Desiree Firlle, *AAA Project Specialist*
 Janell Hardy, *AAA Public Benefits Specialist*
 Tiffany Yazzie, *AAA Independent Living Support Program Specialist*

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