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The Office of Indian Elder Affairs

Mission: To uphold endeavors that empower American Indian elders to live healthy with joy, respect and dignity in their tribal communities.



The OIEA Program

- Provides support to senior programs serving native elders in all 21 New Mexico Tribes, Pueblos and Nations.
- Utilizes the Indian Area Agency on Aging (IAAA) and the Navajo Area Agency on Aging (NAAA)
- State General Fund Contracts, program compliance monitoring, technical assistance, advocacy and training



OIEA Contracted Programs

- **58 Tribal Senior Centers-** Services include Nutrition Services, Access Services, In-Home Services, Community Services, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, and Caregiver Support
- **3 Tribal Adult Day Care Centers** (with 4th opening soon)



Primary Contracted Services

- **Congregate Meals** - A hot or other appropriate meal provided in a congregate setting.
- **Home Delivered Meals** - A hot or other appropriate meal provided in a client's place of residence.
- **Transportation Services** - Transporting a person from one location to another and may include door-to-door escort to a person who has physical or cognitive difficulties.
- **Adult Day Care** - A supervised, protective, congregate setting in which social services, recreational activities, meals, personal care, rehabilitative therapies and/or nursing care are provided to dependent adults.



Goals of OIEA

Goal 1—Comply with all federal and state statutes, rules, policies.

Goal 2 – Develop and administer a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for American Indian elders who reside in rural and frontier areas.

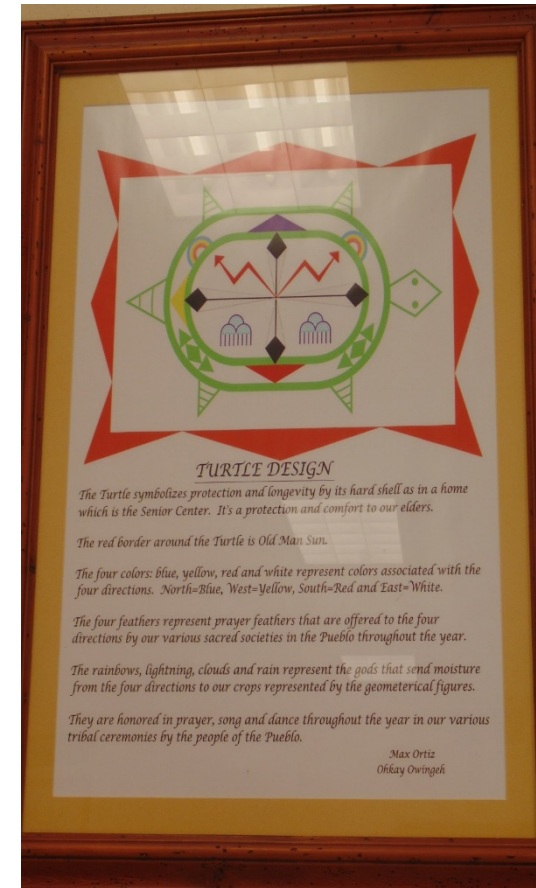
Goal 3—Set strategic priorities for the delivery of contracted tribal aging services to elders, spouses, adults with disabilities and caregivers.

Goal 4– Provide program monitoring, technical assistance capacity building and trainings to ensure continuous improvement.

Goal 5 –Advocate for public policies and programs which meet the needs of American Indian elders, adults with disabilities and caregivers.

FY19 Allocation

- OIEA allocated \$3,457,000 to tribal contractors.
- With these funds over 7,000 tribal elders were served.
- Services provided included:
 - 319,615 congregate meals
 - 258,583 home delivered meals
 - 199,174 units of transportation
 - 29,408 hours of Adult Day Care



Outreach and Site Visits to Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations

- 16 Site visits
- Advocacy Meeting for Legislative funding: October 2nd San Felipe Casino
- APCG Elders Committee Meeting: September 18th San Felipe Administrative Conference Room
- National Indian Council on Aging

Feedback From Site Visits

- In need of Mental Health Interventions and services
- In need of more Substance Use Disorder services
- Requesting more collaboration between health secretaries at the state
- Providing more physical visits and technical assistance to tribes, pueblos, and nations in New Mexico
- In need of more funding for meals and more transportation



Addressing Feedback

- Hired an OIEA Director
- Requested 4 additional OIEA FTE's for 290k
- Addition of non-reverting language to the budget
- Partnered with OIEA and other health secretaries at the state
- Providing support and plan for accessing Title III Funding

Accomplishments



Implementation of OIEA trainings on

- Connecting to services
- Mental health needs
- Database utilization
- Accessing and eating healthy foods

Accomplishments

Community Partner Initiatives

- Savvy Caregiver Healthy Brain
- Initiative: Roadmap for Indian Country
- Sovereign Food
- Farm to Senior Center Community
- Feeding Initiative



Questions?

